



## Rita Mae (CaJacob) Mack

February 1, 1928 - September 24, 2020

Rita Mack, 92, passed away peacefully on September 24th at home. Rita was born in Toledo to Martin and Beata CaJacob. Growing up, she was a proud member of the St. Mary's community. She attended Central Catholic High School graduating in 1946. She married James Mack in September of 1953. Together they had 5 children. She was a long-time member of St. Catherine's Church working on the funeral luncheon committee and was a member of the Marion Society. She also volunteered at St. Catherine's in other capacities including making sure the nativity set was up each Christmas. She also volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House, The American Cancer Society, the American Red Cross (aphaeresis donor), St. Louis Helping Hands, and Hospice of Northwest Ohio. She also helped those in her community who were sick or home bound. Her goal was to volunteer until she was 90 and she succeeded. Her volunteer efforts earned her the honor of being a Jefferson Award finalist. She was retired from the Toledo Public Schools where she worked as a secretary. She enjoyed spending time with family at her cottage on Marr Lake. Rita was known for her ability to light up a room with her smile and spunk. She had a new best friend around every corner.

She is preceded in death by her husband James, her parents and sisters, Elizabeth and Mary Lou.

Rita is survived by her children Laura (Marty), Beth, Terri, Connie, and Joe (Paige) and honorary son Jim. She had 13 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A special thanks to all of Rita's caregivers especially her BFF Kay whose kindness and compassion were a blessing to Rita and a godsend to her family. Also, thanks to Jamie and her team from Hospice of Northwest Ohio for an outstanding job caring for Rita.

The Mass of the Resurrection will begin at 11:00AM on Friday, October 2nd 2020 at St. Catherine of Sienna Church, 4555 N. Haven Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43612. A visitation will be held at the church prior to the service at 10:00AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Catherine of Sienna Church or to Hospice of Northwest Ohio. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Ansberg-West Funeral Directors, 419-472-7633. To send her family online condolences, please visit [www.ansberg-west.com](http://www.ansberg-west.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Catherine of Siena  
4555 N Haven Ave  
Toledo, OH 43612

# Tribute Wall

PR

“ Hello all you Macks!  
No matter what your last names are now, you will always be Macks to me.  
This is Paula Petersen. I am sorry for the sorrow you may be feeling now not having Aunt Rita here but I got A LOT of joy when I got the news thinking of her in heaven with my dad, mom, your dad, and all those other Petersen's shaking up the heavens as they shook up things here.  
I will certainly miss seeing her on my visits home!  
I will keep you all in my prayers in the days to come!  
May God Bless you and give you peace!  
Love,  
Paula

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**Paula Roze-Petersen** - October 04, 2020 at 02:26 PM



“ Joe,  
  
I would like to express my condolences to you and your family. Although I never met your Mom, I just read her obituary and all I can say is "What a lady." May you find comfort in knowing how dedicated she was to your family and to the community.  
  
Sincerely,  
John Shea,  
'79 CCHS Classmate  
North Palm Beach, Florida

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**John Shea** - October 03, 2020 at 06:51 PM

BS

“ Our deepest condolences to family and friends of Rita. Bob and I were so very sad to hear of her passing. She was a wonderful woman that could make anyone smile. She will surely be missed. RIH Rita. Prayers for her family. Bod and Carol Shull.

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**Bob and Carol Shull** - October 02, 2020 at 06:26 PM

JD

“ Sending my sympathy and prayers for Rita's family. She was always a bright light to be around. At Mass she always had cheerful and kind words to say to my grandchildren which they greatly appreciated. RIP Rita, you will be missed.

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**Jane Davis** - October 02, 2020 at 12:59 PM

MM

“ My deepest sympathy to all of you - Aunt Rita will truly be missed. I appreciate her for putting up with me when I stayed at your house (especially after my Mom passed away) and at Bear Lake. I always admired that she didn't know a stranger, She won my hubby's heart right away! Seriously, she was good hearted person who followed through by helping people. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Molly McCormick

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**Molly McCormick** - October 01, 2020 at 11:49 PM

MS

“ Aunt Rita will truly be missed by everyone who knew her. With Rita, the good times were always more fun and the bad times, not quite so bad. At a bad time many years ago, when my husband died, my 2 small children stayed with Aunt Rita and Uncle Jim until after the funeral. This meant a lot to me and was incredibly kind and generous of them. While trying to express my gratitude, Aunt Rita said she "hardly noticed" the 2 "extra" kids around the house. They were no problem at all! I really loved her for that! She will always be in my heart and in my thoughts and prayers. With my deepest sympathy,  
Mary Kay ( McCormick ) Shimman

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**Mary Shimman** - September 29, 2020 at 02:55 AM

MW

“ I have many fond memories of Rita and all the good times our families had together, especially at the lake and Christmas time. Rita was so witty and a truly generous person, she and Jim were dear friends of my parents. .My sincere condolences to everyone in the family.  
Mary Wassermann

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**Mary Wassermann** - September 27, 2020 at 05:36 PM

JM

“ I will always remember Aunt Rita's sense of humor. One time she said, "I didn't have a hope chest, instead I had a despair barrel." I didn't realize how much volunteer work she has done. The world needs more caring souls such as Aunt Rita. My thoughts are with her loved ones. Love. Janice McCormick, daughter of Jeanne (nee Mack) and Paul McCormick

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**Janice McCormick** - September 27, 2020 at 11:47 AM

CM

“ So sorry to read of Rita's passing. Can still see her sitting on the porch with my Mom at the lake talking. Will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Chris & Julie McCarthy

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**Chris & Julie McCarthy** - September 27, 2020 at 11:32 AM