



Rita Matthes

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Rita Matthes, (nee Minarik) age 93, went home to her Savior God and was reunited with her husband Charles on December 8, 2022. Loving mother of Margie Shaffer (Don), Chuck, Jim (deceased), (Eileen), and Barb.

Cherished grandmother of Heidi (Kelly), Meri (the late Mike), Dan (Jackie), Dave (Christina), Gretchen (Jeff), and Duane. Great grandmother of Justin (Jenn), Dena (deceased), Nik, Katie, Amanda, Elayna, Maddy, Emily, Ellie, Mikayla, Jackson, Aria, and Gunner. Auntie of many and friend to all.

Dear sister of Barb Oravec (Ken) and the following deceased siblings, Robert (Ginger), Laurene (Fred, deceased), and Gene (Harry, deceased).

Rita was an avid fan of all sports Cleveland, especially baseball, whose goal in life was to make those around her smile. The family would like to thank all her "earth angels" who provided such excellent care.

FRIENDS MAY CALL AT VODRAZKA FUNERAL HOME, 6505 Brecksville Rd., Independence (1/2 mile south of Rockside Rd.) on Sunday, December 18 from 5-8 PM. Mass of Christian Burial on Monday, December 19, at 10 AM at St. Michael Catholic Church. Interment at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery with Charles.






Events

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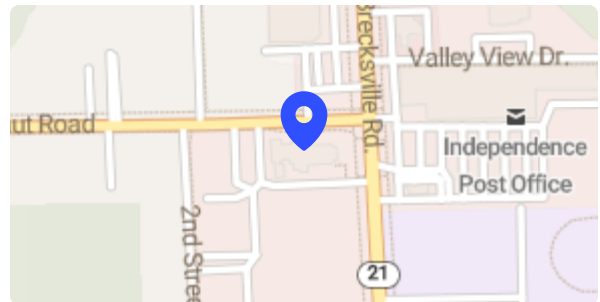
Public Viewing

-  **Sunday**, December 18, 2022
-  5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET
-  **Vodrazka Funeral Home**
6505 Brecksville Rd., Independence OH 44133






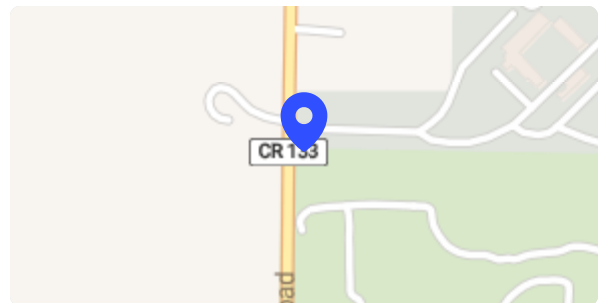
Mass

-  **Monday**, December 19, 2022
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET
-  **St. Michael Catholic Church**
6912 Chestnut Rd., Independence OH 44131



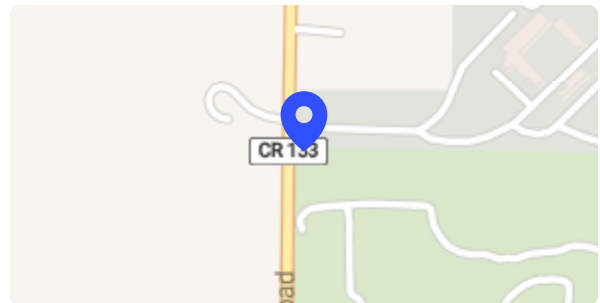
Graveside Service

-  **Monday**, December 19, 2022
-  12:30 PM - 12:45 PM ET
-  **Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery**
10175 Rawiga Road, Seville OH 44273



Cemetery Details

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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Matthes family.



December 13 at 3:00 AM



Michael Sanders posted:

Rita was "Parma Mama" to me. Sitting around her kitchen table, she would serve up potato pancakes to Chuck, Barb and I. She never ate any for herself, until she finished serving us. Rita was closer than my own mother, hence "Pama Mama." She loved beautiful things and the most beautiful of all was my "Bug" (Barbara Ann Matthes). Barb and I met of AOL and soon I was taken in like family. Such hospitality... Rita fixed me the nicest room, in their basement. Spent many Christmases with their family. Can't forget Champ (aw, he wagged his tail). The three of them were the only family to ever take me into their home. With ALL my Love to "Parma Mama."

December 12 at 4:37 PM



Barb Matthes December 23 at 12:47 AM

Thank you ,Mike. I'm positive mom is sending her love to you, too, from heaven tonight, resting in the palm of God's hand---- but only after serving my dad, Champ and Jesus some potato pancakes. 🍷 God bless, Love, Barb



Rita Brennan posted:

Many memories.. Cherishing moments we had talking on the porch. Deepest Sympathy to your Family.. So sad for you.. Barb & Margie..

December 12 at 3:33 PM



Barb A. Matthes December 23 at 1:09 AM

Thank you so much Rita. She felt so safe and taken care of with your helpfulness as our Parma neighbor. She loved talking with you. I could never get a word in edgewise. 😞 Thank you for your time and friendship. I hope somehow from up there she and dad can blow the snow from your driveway and sidewalk like you did for us and kick your full rubbish cans to the curb for you. ❄️ ☐



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rita by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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