



Rita Patricia Jespersen

September 23, 1934 - November 16, 2022

Rita Jespersen, 88, died Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Rita was born September 23, 1934 in Wilmington, NC, the second of three children of Henry and Dorothy (Long) Miller. Due to her Dad's work relocation, the family moved to Rutherford NJ in 1937.

After finishing school, Rita worked for Flintkote where she encountered the IBM field engineer who fixed the company's machines. Thirteen months later, she and Otto Jespersen were married.

Rita and Otto began their family in Wayne, NJ, where they lived for 35 years and raised their three children. Rita was very involved in her children's schooling and was an avid bowler. After Otto's retirement, they moved to Cary NC. Rita enjoyed her bunko games, get-togethers and outings with the neighborhood ladies; her weekly Saturday lunches and shopping with daughter Doreen; the monthly hair and chit-chat sessions with her friends, and her enthusiasm and talent for jigsaw puzzles.

After almost 63 years of marriage, Otto predeceased her in February, 2019. Also predeceasing Rita were her two brothers, James and Henry Jr.

Surviving are her daughter Doreen Burke (Pete) of Cary NC and sons Henry

of Detroit, MI and John (Joy) of Towaco, NJ; grandsons Daniel (Kristen) Burke of Apex NC, Matthew (Samantha) Burke of Apex NC, John (Kaitlin) Jespersen of Newton NJ and Graham Jespersen of Towaco NJ, and great-grandchildren Miller Burke and Maren Burke.

According to her wishes, Rita will be laid to rest with Otto in the columbarium of St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, Apex NC after a private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, Apex, NC.

Cemetery Details

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church Columbarium

3008 Old Raleigh Rd
Apex, NC 27502

Tribute Wall

HJ

“ Mom, it's September and with your birthday approaching I've been thinking of you more. I so miss you and Dad. I miss visiting you, going to Food Lion together, watching TV, talking, and laughing! (the simple things in life) You and Dad were amazing parents! I'm glad I could keep my promise to help you and Dad stay in your house as long as safely possible. Love always, Hank 😞💔

Henry Jespersen - September 04, 2023 at 09:25 PM

KD

“ My wife and our three kids moved in next door to Rita about 7 years ago, so we had the honor of meeting both Rita and Otto. To our eyes, they personified that generation of women and men who were made of iron! That generation of people knew how to endure; how to make do with what they had; how to sacrifice their own desires for the needs of their families, and how to set an example of keeping their promise to each other. My wife and I are thankful for an example such as Rita and Otto! We rejoice that God does not forget an example like this, and that He will take care of those who have taken care of what they have been given. Until we meet again Rita and Otto, we will try to be an example as well. Aloha, Ke Alii, Dawn, Nani, Ella and Liam. 104 Daleshire Drive, 2015-2022.

Ke Alii and Dawn - November 25, 2022 at 07:00 PM

JJ

“ Joy Jespersen lit a candle in memory of Rita Patricia Jespersen



Joy Jespersen - November 23, 2022 at 10:10 AM

JJ

She will be remembered well. A gentle way about her and someone who appreciated the simple pleasures of life. We will see you in paradise one day!

Joy Jespersen - November 23, 2022 at 10:15 AM

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Joy Jespersen - November 23, 2022 at 10:18 AM

LR

“ *Dan and Kristen and the entire family, we are so sorry for your loss and will be praying for God's comfort and peace for you all. On behalf of all your team members,
The Care Team at Bob Barker Company*



Laura R. - November 21, 2022 at 03:11 PM

HJ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Henry Jespersen - November 21, 2022 at 10:47 AM

HJ

Love You Mom ❤️

Henry Jespersen - November 21, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Thinking of your family during this difficult time. -
Amanda P*

Amanda Planiczki - November 20, 2022 at 05:39 PM