



Rita Louise Cunningham

November 21, 1926 - November 12, 2022

On Saturday, November 12, 2022, Rita Louise Cunningham, beloved wife and mother, went to be with The Lord at the age of 95.

Rita was born on November 21, 1926, in Philadelphia, Pa. to Anthony & Jean DiVito.

She married Don Cunningham in 1957 and they raised 3 wonderful Sons - Don, Dave, and Dennis.

She is survived by Her Husband, Capt. Don Cunningham, USCG (ret.), 3 children, 11 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.

Rita lived her life as a committed wife & mother. She was a firm believer in The Lord Jesus Christ and now resides in Heaven with Him. She had sweet, loving ways that will be remembered by all who knew and loved her.

A pre-service viewing will be held at Toale Brothers Chapel, 40 North Orange Ave, Sarasota, Fl. 34236 at 10 - 11:00 AM, Tuesday, 29 November, followed by a service there at 11:00 AM.

Then, a burial service will be held at 1:30 PM, at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, Fl 34241.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be sent to Lakewood Ranch Baptist Church,
5600 Deer Drive, Sarasota, FL 34240.

Tribute Wall

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“ *i think Dan said it all in his comments. I am glad Dan, Redd, Scott, Donna, Eva and I had the opportunity to meet with the Captain and Rita a couple of times in the past few years.*

Thomas a Sanchez - November 30, 2022 at 04:33 PM

DA

“ *With movie-star good looks and a beautiful soul to match, Rita was the picture of grace and graciousness. We will always treasure our visits with Rita and the Captain, and we mourn her loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in this difficult time. Dan & Redd Slyker*

Dan - November 20, 2022 at 02:32 PM

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Dan & Redd Slyker - November 20, 2022 at 02:18 PM

DA

The photo is of Rita and the Captain at dinner on 10/18/2018 with their Coast Guard Cutter STEADFAST Shipmates.

Dan - November 20, 2022 at 02:37 PM

SO

It was a pleasure and the summer is fun to reunite with shipmates from the steadfast Don and Rita were great hosts as we got together to reminisce about our shipboard time together Donna and I enjoyed our time spent with them and we're sorry to hear the news of Rita's passing Blessings to the family may she rest in peace

Scott Oldham - November 28, 2022 at 10:01 AM

JZ

“ *Sending my deepest condolences Dennis. May you find peace and comfort in the presence of family and friends and in the memories you will always carry of her.* ”



John Zeitler - November 15, 2022 at 10:30 PM