



Rita F. Lewis

December 20, 2016

Mrs. Rita F. Lewis died peacefully at a local hospital following a brief illness in Bradenton, Fla. on December 20, 2016 at the age of 92.

Rita is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Foster W. Lewis; her son, Foster A. Lewis of Bradenton; her daughter and son in law, Andrea and George Lewis Pearson; her grandson, George Foster all of Hialeah, Fl. And many family members in New Jersey. She was preceded in death by her daughters, Rose Ann and Mary Kay; her sisters, Marie Koning and Ann Quackenbush.

Rita was born on August 28, 1924 in Paterson, New Jersey to the late Joseph and Mary Feeney. She attended parochial school at St John Cathedral and graduated high school in 1942. After high school she worked at the phone company and then Wright Aeronautical Corporation as a bookkeeper. She enjoyed bus trips with her girlfriends to NYC for shows like Tommy or Jimmy Dorsey and Frank Sinatra.

Rita met her husband, Foster at the Y in Paterson at the dance for the Outing Club. They married in 1950 and lived in Paterson until 1962, they then moved to Little Falls, NJ to raise their family. After retirement, Rita and Foster moved to Leisure Village West in Manchester Township, NJ. They were snowbirds for several years and finally moved to Bradenton in 2003.

Rita will be remembered for her Irish sense of humor, quick wit and being a loving and caring mother and person. She loved dogs, art, coloring in her books, trips to the beach and parks.

The family would like to give a thank you to Dr. Satnam Singh and staff at Westside Medical Center also the nurses at Home Instead and Infinity.

A memorial mass will be held at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church at 10 am on January 28, 2017 followed by a celebration of life at O'Leary's Bayfront Park in Sarasota.

Toale Brothers Funeral Home is taking care of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *What a lovely lady whose faith was outstanding. She was faithful to her belief in Jesus and her church. Although home-bound, she maintained a prayer connection that strengthened us here at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. May she rest in peace.*

Fr. Joe Connolly, TOR - January 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM