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HUBER, Rita Salotti
b. 17 Aug 1924 d. 11 Jul 2007



Rita Salotti Huber

Rita was born August 17, 1924 in Calumet, MI. She passed away July 11, 2007 in Tucson, AZ surrounded by her family. She and her husband, Tom, moved to Tucson a year ago after 22 years in Green Valley. They married in Detroit, MI in 1946 and lived and raised their family in the Detroit area until 1984 when they retired to AZ. Rita never lost her love for the Upper Peninsula of MI -- "God's country" filled with the "purest most vitalizing air on earth" to her -- and her remains will be scattered there this summer by her loving family.

Rita was a woman of deep faith and shining intellect. She was a devout (but always questioning!) Catholic, and taught adult religious education classes for years at St. Thomas Moore Parish in Troy, MI. Rita and Tom were also longtime parishioners at Our Lady of the Valley in Green Valley, and are currently parishioners at St. Cyril of Alexandria in Tucson.

Rita devoted countless hours and endless energy the past 11 years to researching and writing two lengthy books on her Italian and Italian-American ancestors. Both volumes were meticulously researched and filled with historical documents from two continents and fascinating sociological commentary as well as heartwarming personal anecdotes. These volumes represent a treasured gift to her family.

A loving and dearly loved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and aunt, Rita is survived by her husband, Tom; her daughter, Rita Lowndes of Orlando, FL; her sons, Tom Huber of Brookfield, WI and Jim Huber of Orlando, FL; her daughter-in-law, Judi Huber of Roseville, MI; her grandchildren, Tom Huber of Farmington Hills, MI, Sara Jayne Gach of Dearborn, MI, Charlie Huber of Ann Arbor, MI, Jennifer Lowndes of Macon, GA, J. Luke Huber of Dearborn, MI and Michael Huber of Brookfield, WI; and four (soon to be five) great grandchildren. Rita was predeceased by her son, Charles Huber; and her brother, Charles Salotti.

A memorial mass will be held at St. Cyril of Alexandria on Saturday, July 14th at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions may be made to TMC Hospice, 5301 East Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85712.