



Rita Mae Smith Miedl

May 3, 1928 - March 29, 2022

Rita M. Miedl passed away on March 29, 2022. She was 93.

Rita was born on May 3, 1928, in Altoona, PA to the late Edward T. Smith and Marie Trexler Smith. She attended Altoona Catholic High School, graduating class of 1945. On August 7, 1948, she married Robert "Bob" O. Miedl and they resided in Altoona. In 1953, they moved to Greensboro, Maryland. She and her husband owned and operated a local restaurant until 1967 when they closed the doors, and she began working at Electrotherm as a Quality Control Inspector. Mrs. Miedl then began working at the Denton Button shop, where she was a button cutter for 20 years. After the button shop went out of business, she worked at Black and Decker as a laborer until 2003. Rita was a caregiver to many women in the area until 2015.

Mrs. Miedl was a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the VFW #7937 Ladies Auxiliary, Solidarity, and an usher at St. Benedicts Catholic Church. Prior to her husband's passing in 2005, she and her husband enjoyed fishing together in Pennsylvania and the Chesapeake Bay estuaries.

Mrs. Miedl is survived by one daughter, Donna Murphy-Miedl; two grandchildren, Heather Murphy Keller and Wade A. Murphy; siblings Ruth Novack, George Smith, William Smith, Philip Smith, Dolores Perkins; many nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband, her siblings, Charles Smith, Mildred Stafford, James Smith, Thomas Smith, Dorothy Smith, Raymond Smith, and Mary Snowberger predecease her.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, April 6, 2022, from 6-8 pm at Fleegle and

Helpfenbein Funeral Home in Greensboro, Maryland. Services will start at 10:30 am on Thursday, April 7, 2022, at St. Benedicts in Ridgely, Maryland. Interment will take place Friday, April 8, 2022, at 10 am at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery located in Hurlock, Maryland.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fleegle & Helfenbein Funeral Home
106 W. Sunset Ave.
Greensboro, MD 21639

Mass

APR 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Benedicts Catholic Church
408 Central Avenue/ PO Box 459
Ridgely, MD 21660

Graveside Service

APR 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Eastern Shore Veteran's Cemetery
6827 East New Market Ellwood Road
Hurlock, MD 21643

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Mae Smith Miedl*

October 08, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ *Rita Mae Smith Miedl*

October 06, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *Every day living in front of Aunt Rita is a wonderful memory. She was a huge part of our every day lives and brought lots of smiles, laughter and sunshine to each of us. I will forever cherish those memories. Sending love and hugs to all of her family and friends. Love you Aunt Rita, Cindy Meeks*

Cindy Meeks - May 16, 2022 at 04:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Smith Miedl.*



April 05, 2022 at 03:48 PM

SP

“ Stephanie Simpson Potter lit a candle in memory of Rita Mae Smith Miedl



Stephanie Simpson Potter - April 04, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Smith Miedl.



April 04, 2022 at 11:47 AM

KS

“ Kathryn Stranahan purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rita Mae Smith Miedl.



Kathryn Stranahan - April 03, 2022 at 07:29 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Smith Miedl.



April 03, 2022 at 07:23 PM

FC

“ *What a blessing she was! She was the welcoming face at St Benedicts with a genuine care for its people and priests. United once again with Bob they are there to welcome us!*
Fr Carroll

Fr Norm Carroll - April 03, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Smith Miedl.*



April 02, 2022 at 01:00 PM

KL

“ *So very sad to hear this. Praying for your family.*

kay and dan laratonda - April 02, 2022 at 10:39 AM



“ *I haven't seen Rita for years, but what I remember she was a "hoot"!! Sending hugs and prayers to Donna and her family!!!*

Marcia Rostien

Marcia Rostien - April 01, 2022 at 04:24 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Smith Miedl.*



April 01, 2022 at 04:04 PM



“ *Dan Towers lit a candle in memory of Rita Mae Smith Miedl*



Dan Towers - April 01, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ *I love this beautiful photo of Rita and her wonderful smile. She was such a dependable monitor for the St. Benedict/St. Elizabeth Parish religious education children for so many years. Her faithfulness and love for our parish family was very evident. We will miss her greatly. Our condolences to her family. Ms. Rita, pray for us! <3*

Maureen & Mark Cassidy - April 01, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Smith Miedl.*



March 31, 2022 at 06:24 PM