



Rita B. Thickpenny

March 9, 1927 - February 11, 2018

Rita was born on March 9, 1927 and passed away on Sunday, February 11, 2018.

Tribute Wall

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“ We didn't know Rita personally, but we found her through a research project. We cried at her picture because she was so darn cute. It's nice to see she was as sweet as she looked in the photo. We wish the best fo her and her family. Peace and love.



4th Hour Journalism - November 08, 2019 at 01:36 PM

KL

“ My role model, my Mom, my friend. My heart already aches from missing your laugh, your wit, your spunk, your zest for life. You taught us that our hearts can have an endless capacity for love, if we let them and that a spirit can only be broken if you let it be broken. You taught us how to make good gravy and crunchy cookies, how to look for bargains and shop for deals! How to cherish your kids with all you've got and care for others before yourself. You also taught us how to live like you're never going to say goodbye. I love you Mom, always & forever. "airport"

Kris Fleming Lukas - April 27, 2018 at 03:48 AM

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“ How do I describe Aunt Rita? Despite the miles that separated us, she had a profound influence on me growing up. She had her own special brand of tough love. I must admit, through a child's eyes, she was a little scary, extremely talented and such a devoted mother. Her special brand of love and inclusion helped me more than she ever knew. I so admired her spunk, her devotion, her tenacity and her love of life and family. How lucky are those who she took under her wing. I suspect there's an army. Thoughts and prayers. No doubt she is laughing and dancing on the other side.

Peg Eitl - April 27, 2018 at 03:48 AM

BC

“ Sorry for your loss, family of Rita. I knew her from the Saturday morning breakfast for seniors that started out at the IN Laws restaurant in Gurnee and went to the Avalon next door. I liked Rita and would joke around with her and we were friends, she was cute and funny! I knew her hubby Bob. Lost touch with them after awhile but I remember her well. Rest in peace our spunky friend!! Keep all the good memories and stories!!

Bobbi Cogan - April 27, 2018 at 03:48 AM

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“ I still think of her every day. Miss our chats and visits. I miss picking something up to surprise you with. There is a hollow empty feeling in my life now, an emptiness that nothing but your smile, your laugh and the twinkle in your eye can replace. I gave you hell Mom, and you gave it right back. Thank you for teaching me to be strong. To be independent. To be compassionate and extend a hand. To give selflessly. To understand that in this world you may get hurt, but you will heal. I will miss you terribly, but I have no regrets because one day we will be together again.

Patty Strickland - April 27, 2018 at 03:48 AM