



Rita Parker

August 30, 1942 - February 8, 2026

Rita M. Parker, 83, of Alton, IL died at 9:21 pm on Saturday, February 7 in St. Louis, MO. She was born August 30, 1942 in Alton, the daughter of the late Frank Peters and Marie (Huber) Peters. She was a member of SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church. She spent her life devoted to faith, family and home. She loved to spend time with family, especially her four grandchildren, as well as spending time outdoors gardening and tending to the details of the home. On December 5, 1964, in Alton, she married William Parker, who preceded her in death. Surviving are her three sons, Brian Parker (Richelle) of Sun Prairie, WI, Peter Parker (Peggy) of Glendale, MO, and Tim Parker of Palm Desert, CA; four grandchildren, Drake Parker, Jack Parker, Luisa Parker, Emma Parker; sister Doris (Peters) Cress; and her beloved dog, Sadie. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her three brothers Walter, Harold, and Frank Peters. Visitation will be from 3:00 PM to 6:00PM on Sunday February 15th, 2026 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton, IL. A Mass of Christian burial will be Monday February 16th 2026 at 10:00 AM SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Alton, followed by burial at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Father Jeff Holtman will officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, The Friends of the PBC Foundation or the American Cancer Society. Additional information and online guestbook may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **15**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Mass

FEB **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church
717 State Street
Alton, IL 62002

Tribute Wall

ME

“ Brian, I wish I could be at the services but we are in Florida. Your Mom was a lovely person and I always enjoyed talking with her. I think of you often and sorry I will not get to see you. Please know your family is in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏❤️

Mary Eckhouse - February 13 at 06:33 PM

BP

Thank you Mary. Appreciate the kind words and thoughts. We know you were there in spirit.

Brian Parker - March 06 at 09:20 PM

TE

“ The Erwins, Fishers, Martha & Ethan purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Rita Parker.



The Erwins, Fishers, Martha & Ethan - February 12 at 07:31 PM

JT

“ Rita was a very strong woman. She was a great wife, mother, grandmother and friend! I've been friends with the Parker family for a long time. Rita had an abundance of faith. †. Rest in Peace, Rita!! ☮️. You deserve to!



Rick and Jill (Fowler) Trudell

Jill Trudell - February 12 at 03:23 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Parker.*



February 10 at 01:07 PM



“ *Judi Romano Peck purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rita Parker.*



Judi Romano Peck - February 10 at 12:58 PM



“ *Judi Romano Peck planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Parker.*

Judi Romano Peck - February 10 at 12:58 PM



“ *Although I no longer live in the area we have stayed in touch through the years by calls, cards and my visits home. I enjoyed our lunches and catching . We both attended the recent Marquette reunion and shared table with other buddies we hung with in school. So glad i made that one and spent time with her.*

Judi Peck - February 10 at 12:52 PM



Thank for the flowers and memorial tree. Mom spoke of you often. And always had kind words to say about your long tenured friendship.

Brian Parker - March 06 at 09:04 PM

MU

“ Just now I am recalling all the nights the neighborhood kids played kick the can under the street light by your parents garden. We all represented many different schools but came home to common ground. You told me that you would eventually be in St. Louis and that we would get together, sorry that we did not make that happen. You were a wonderful person.

Marilyn Stobbs Ulrich - February 10 at 09:33 AM

TV

“ Rita and I shared many memories from playing scrabble with friends, walking our dogs, out to shop and having lunch or dinner, and going on field trips. One of the most fun we had was riding the chair lift in Grafton. Rita wanted to ride the sled ride too. I told her I didn't think that was a good idea we sure had a lot of good times together. I will really miss her!

Terrah Velloff - February 09 at 08:51 PM

BP

Thank you for the flowers and the kindness you showed mom over the life of your friendship. Mom was very appreciative of your company through the years. Thank you!

Brian Parker - March 06 at 09:12 PM