



Rita M. Velloff

March 24, 1937 - February 16, 2021

Rita M. Velloff, 83, died at 2:26 p.m. Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at Alton Memorial Hospital. Born March 24, 1937 in Alton, she was the daughter of John Louis and Rosella Catherine (Broemmel) Terlisner. On November 24, 1960 she married James Marion Velloff in Alton. He preceded her in death on April 18, 2017. Mrs. Velloff was a member of SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Alton and was an avid Bridge player. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Dennis Young of Carlinville, IL, and three sons and daughters-in-law, James and Christine Velloff of Alton, Michael and Beverly Velloff of Alton, and Richard and Heather Velloff of Milton, GA. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, Joe Young, Brian (Samantha) Young, Renee Young and fiancé Keith Rehkemper, Ellen (Zach) Etter, Erin Velloff, Kylee Velloff, Clara Velloff, Cain Velloff, RJ Velloff, Patrick Velloff, and Clayton Velloff, two great grandchildren, Wyatt Young and Raymond Etter, a sister, Ruth Croxton, a sister-in-law, Patricia Terlisner and numerous nieces and nephews. Along with her parents and husband she was preceded in death by two brothers, John "Jack" (Veronica) Terlisner, and Richard "Dick" Terlisner, and two sisters, Rosemary (Jay) Murphy, and Lois (Roger) Riordan, and a brother-in-law, Buzz Croxton. Visitation will be 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 25, 2021 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton followed by memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Father Jeff Holtman will officiate. Burial will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church, The Oasis Women's Center or The Crisis Food Center.

Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Cemetery

Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

FEB **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita M. Velloff*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Rita M. Velloff*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *U City C&I Team purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rita M. Velloff.*



U City C&I Team - February 23, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita M. Velloff.*



February 22, 2021 at 11:36 AM



“ *So Sorry for Your Loss*

nancy brakeville - February 21, 2021 at 07:08 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita M. Velloff.*



February 21, 2021 at 06:06 PM



“ *“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation...” My condolences to you cousins-I’m so sorry for your loss. I pray that you find God’s comfort rest upon you mightily during this time of grief-may you truly find Him there.*

Michael - February 20, 2021 at 05:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita M. Velloff.*



February 20, 2021 at 05:23 PM

JL

“ Aunt Rita was a special aunt to me. I loved her famous "Aunt Rita rolls" for Christmas as I was growing up. She spoiled me by continuing to send them throughout most of my adult life. She made beautiful dishcloths, I believe they were knitted. Because she made them herself I couldn't bring myself to use them. She laughed at me and sent me more "to be used" but I still have a couple that I have saved and will never be used. We kept in touch by letter for a while. When that was no longer practical we turned to phone calls. I was lucky enough to have spoken to her just before she went into the hospital after her last fall. I loved Aunt Rita with all of my heart. She will be greatly missed and forever in my heart. Jeanne

Jeanne M Luly - February 20, 2021 at 03:59 PM

CH

“ So sorry to hear of aunt Rita's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Ed Rathgeb and Cheryl Patterson

cheryl - February 20, 2021 at 07:20 AM

KD

“ I was saddened to hear of Rita's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time. I pray the emptiness you are feeling today will soon be replaced with the happy and loving memories that you all shared with her.

I will remember the good times I shared with her during our Nautilus Water Aerobics Classes. Her sweet smile and sense of humor will be missed. She was a special lady.

Karen Dickson - February 19, 2021 at 05:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita M. Velloff.*



February 19, 2021 at 05:09 PM



“ *Heartfelt sympathy!!* ❤️ 🙏 ❤️ 🙏 😊 😊



Rick and Jill Trudell - February 19, 2021 at 04:16 PM



“ *Sending love, hugs, and prayers to the Velloff family! May God give you comfort and peace at this sad time!*



Andy and Karen Freehill - February 19, 2021 at 04:04 PM



“ *Joe, Cathy, Nicole, and Anthony Luciano purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Rita M. Velloff.*



Joe, Cathy, Nicole, and Anthony Luciano - February 19, 2021 at 04:00 PM

JE

“ Aunt Rita showed me kindness, taught me some life skills and shared her delicious sugar cookie recipe. Her laugh was joyful and contagious. She inspired me.

Jeanne - February 19, 2021 at 03:49 PM

CA

“ So sorry to hear about the sudden loss of dear Rita. She was truly a sweet and caring individual. You and your families are in our thoughts and prayers. She will truly be missed by all who were privileged to know her.

Cara (Paulda) & Marty Armstead - February 19, 2021 at 03:28 PM

FC

“ I will miss Rita's laugh and positive attitude. Through our water exercise class we found that we had gone to the same grade school and that she had known a couple of my uncles. Rita also kindly gave me a copy of the "yip yip" recipe. What a fun memory.

frances cain - February 19, 2021 at 12:53 PM

MD

Rita was a loyal volunteer at Crisis Food Center for many years. She was truly dedicated, and is greatly missed by all who knew her. Our condolences go out to all of her friends and loved ones. Sincerely,
Mary Droste, Board President

Mary Droste - February 19, 2021 at 03:35 PM

CS

“ Rita and I had been friends since high school. We shared a special bond since we both had married into the Velloff family. We also spent some time doing water exercises and would see each other at Senior Services playing cards with other friends. We graduated from Alton High School together and shared other activities there. She will be sadly missed but know she is no longer in pain or suffering. GOD Bless YOU ALL!

Sincerely,
Carole Velloff-Springer

Carole Springer - February 19, 2021 at 11:49 AM

KR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Velloff family.



Kris & Theresa Rosentreter - February 19, 2021 at 11:36 AM

PF

If you were on Aunt Rita's Christmas Stollen list, you were sure to enjoy a little taste of heaven! Prayers and love from your family in Texas.

Paul Rathgeb and family - February 19, 2021 at 04:06 PM

SH

So sorry for the Velloff family's great loss, with prayers and thoughts of you all.

The House Family

Susan House - February 20, 2021 at 01:45 PM