

Rita Mae LaFianza

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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Rita Mae LaFianza, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. Rita departed this life on January 18, 2025, at the age of 86, surrounded by the love and warmth of her family in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania, where she had lived for many years.

Born on May 19, 1938, in Pennsylvania, Rita was a proud graduate and valedictorian of Clairton High School. She went on to have a remarkable career in banking that spanned over three decades, during which she managed multiple branches with grace and dedication. Rita's professional accomplishments were matched only by her commitment to her family and her passions.

Rita was a talented seamstress whose love for sewing flourished throughout her life. She took great joy in crafting beautiful garments, including the stunning wedding dress she made for her daughter, Elizabeth. This spirit of creativity reflected her nurturing and caring nature, which touched many lives.

Throughout her life, Rita shared many cherished memories with her husband, Howard LaFianza. They met while Rita worked at Bettis, and their bond grew stronger as they traveled together, exploring new places and creating lasting memories. Their love was an inspiration to those around them.

Rita's legacy will live on through her beloved family: her son, James LaFianza and his wife, Karen Seitz-LaFianza; her daughter, Elizabeth O'Rorke and her husband, Michael; her cherished granddaughter, Teresa O'Rorke; her sister, Mary Ann Petrella and her brother-in-law, John Petrella. Rita is also survived by her cherished nieces and nephew, Jackie (Doug), John (Kim), and the Late Lynn (Rick), and their children, who were more like her grandchildren. Each held a special place in her heart.

Family and friends are invited to celebrate Rita's remarkable life during a visitation on January 22, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00PM to 7:30PM. Funeral Services are private.



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In this time of mourning, we celebrate Rita Mae LaFianza - a woman of strength, love, and creativity whose spirit will continue to guide us. Her dedication to her family, her passions, and her work will be profoundly missed and forever cherished.

In Lieu of flowers please made memorial contributions to Clariton High School's Clubs. To add condolences please visit www.jeffersonmemorial.com



Events


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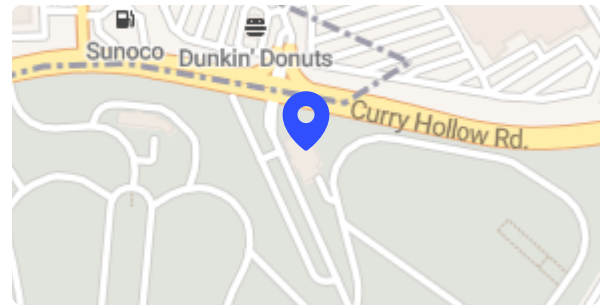
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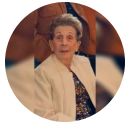
Family and Friends

 **Wednesday**, January 22, 2025

 2:00 PM ET

 **Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, Inc.**
301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh PA 15236





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B

Patricia Workman lit a candle in honor of Rita.

Howard and family, We were very sorry to hear of Rita's passing. Know that she will be held forever in the hearts of all of us who loved her. May she rest in peace. Keeping the family in our thoughts and prayers. Love Bob and Patti Workman

January 24 at 12:28 PM



Lisa Norman Hoffman posted:

Spending Wednesday evenings and early Sat mornings with Rita was such a privilege. Rita gave many hours to us here at Jefferson Hospital . Our guest services just loved her. I loved talking about her families and their trips. Loved her crafts and all her outfits she made. I will hold onto my crafts from her. Especially my little purses with the venetian blinds enclosures! We loved loved loved our volunteer Rita and Howard!!! Please give Howie a big bear hug for us. Rest easy now Rita. Your life and love was an inspiration. Love, Lisa Hoffman Guest Services

January 23 at 4:44 PM

EH

Erin Hadrian sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the LaFianza family.

January 22 at 12:41 PM



EH

Erin Hadrian planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Rita.

January 22 at 12:41 PM



RB

Rich, Nikki, And Boys sent a Medium Dish Garden to the LaFianza family.

January 21 at 10:18 PM





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The Holdsworth Family sent a Country Basket Blooms to the LaFianza family.

January 21 at 8:17 PM



The Holdsworth Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Rita.

January 21 at 8:17 PM



Anonymous sent a Love's Journey to the LaFianza family.

January 21 at 3:18 PM



Bauer, Morley, Reed & Bowen Families sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the LaFianza family.

January 20 at 10:09 PM



Thomas&Terilyn Ororke And Family sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the LaFianza family.

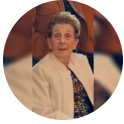
January 20 at 7:57 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the LaFianza family.

January 20 at 3:51 PM





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Love, The Reed Family sent an Arrive in Style to the LaFianza family.



January 20 at 11:49 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rita by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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