



Miss. Rita Amelia Novitt

July 12, 1921 - April 27, 2022

Rita A. Novitt born on July 12, 1921 passed away peacefully on April 27, 2022 at the incredible age of 100. She will be remembered for the amazing life she lived on her own terms. She was preceded in death by her parents Adam and Victoria Novitt, her siblings Ceifert “Duke” Novitt, Charles Novitt, Anna White and Marie Minwegen. Surviving her are several nieces and nephews as well as many great nieces and nephews and their children. In fact, because Rita never had children of her own, she became the beloved “Gigi” to the May, Stevens and White families and the surrogate great grandmother for Katie, Noah, Haley, Emily and Joshua.

Rita was born in Spotswood, NJ and lived the first 88 years of her life in New Jersey. Rita graduated with her Bachelors Degree from Douglass College in New Brunswick, NJ. Rita spent most of her adult life working for Johnson & Johnson and was a trailblazer for women in the workplace. She was one of the highest-ranking women at J&J when women were not able to become executives. In retirement she tended to be even more active and influential as she served on the boards of the Fielding Institute, Kellogg Foundation, Thomas Edison State College, and Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences. She was also a member of the Douglass Society and featured in the book, Who’s Who of American Women 1991-1992.

Rita will be buried at St. Gertrude Cemetery in Woodbridge, NJ next to her

Father and Mother. A memorial mass will be held in her honor on Wednesday, July 6 at 10 a.m. at the St. Paul Parish, 216 Nassau Street in Princeton, NJ. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Parish Library at St. Paul Parish.

Cemetery Details

Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Parish
216 Nassau Street
Princeton, NJ

Tribute Wall



“ *Miss. Rita Amelia Novitt*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *To the family of Ms. Novitt,
On behalf of the Thomas Edison State University family, we send our deepest sympathies to you on the passing of Rita. I know that she has several nieces and nephews, who she spoke of often with me, but unfortunately, I do not have any contact information, so I am hoping this message reaches you. Rita was an amazing woman and I enjoyed knowing her. Rita was a proud supporter of Thomas Edison State University, sharing so many of her talents with us over the years and she will be missed.*

*With sympathy,
Leanne Kochy*

Leanne Kochy - July 25, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ *The Cramer Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Miss. Rita Amelia Novitt.*



The Cramer Family - June 24, 2022 at 05:03 PM

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“ Aunt Rita was a phenomenal woman...so far ahead of her time. But I knew her best when she came to visit my dad, her cousin, Alec Novitt. They loved each other and loved sharing stories about when they were young. I am sure that she is up there sharing a Manhattan with him and my mom, right now at a big family reunion. Cheers to them all!!

Linda Cook - April 29, 2022 at 08:53 PM

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Rita it was a pleasure taking care of you in your final months of life you was a joy, I remember giving you your treats in the morning after getting you ready for the day, your eyes use to light up with joy you will be missed your hospice Cna rest in paradise.

Naieema - May 05, 2022 at 12:52 PM