



Rita Marie Doody

January 26, 1926 - January 30, 2024

Rita Marie Dawn Doody, formerly of St. Paul, MN, and Naples, FL passed away peacefully on January 30 in The Villages, FL. Rita was born on January 26, 1926. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert M. Doody. She and her husband retired to Naples, FL in 1985, eventually relocating to The Villages to be near family members.

Rita was a former Teaching Assistant along with her dear friend, Emma, at Drew Elementary School in St. Paul. She enjoyed a lifetime of active pursuits with her husband and family including golf, skiing, fishing, camping, boating, and snowmobiling. She also travelled the world with her husband visiting tourist destinations and remote locations on every continent.

Rita led an exemplary life of faith and commitment to her family and to countless individuals less fortunate than herself. She was a founding member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Naples Park where she and her late husband helped build the parish through their generosity and fundraising efforts.

Respected as a mentor and champion of the less fortunate, Rita was an inspiration to everyone who she came into contact with. She was admired for her ability to face opportunities and challenges with patience, wit, and empathy.

Rita is survived by her children Dawn (Steve) Theiler, Mary (Bill Linstroth) Doody, Jim (Christine) Doody and Joanne (Jim) Fallon. She is the cherished grandmother of seven grandchildren, Peter (Tracee) Theiler, Sam (Denise) Theiler, Sean (Andrea) Doody, Patrick (Jessica) Doody, Martin (Maureen) Fallon, Rita (James) Kerrigan and Maureen (Derek) Cwik, and eighteen great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, February 5, 2024, at 10:00 am at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 111th Avenue, Naples, FL, 34108. Visitation for family and friends will be in the church beginning at 9:30 AM. For those unable to attend the Mass will be live-streamed at <https://sjecc.org/funeral-mass/>

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church.

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

St. John the Evangelist Memorial Garden

625 111th Ave. No.
Naples, FL 34108

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
625 111th Ave N
Naples, FL 34108

Tribute Wall

BD

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to Dawn, Mary, Jimmy and Joanne. We all know Rita was a special Lady. She will be missed along with her devoted husband Bob. May Aunt Rita and Uncle Bob rest in peace together.

Bob Doody - February 22, 2024 at 07:15 PM

JH

“ Beautiful service. I am so blessed to have so many fond memories of Rita, Bob and the Doody family. Their cabin, snowmobiling, skiing, the St Croix River so many fun adventures. RIP Rita. Now you and Bob can join John, Emma, Maxine and Joe. Continue to look over all of us as you all did.

Judy Filiowich Hall - February 05, 2024 at 05:22 PM

LD

“ Linda D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Marie Doody.

Linda D. - February 04, 2024 at 05:11 PM

LD

“ I will always think of Aunt Rita as the saint of our family. I treasure her memory. With much love, Linda Dawn

Linda Dawn - February 04, 2024 at 04:34 PM

DD

“ *Don, Patty and Brooke Dawn purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Rita Marie Doody.*



Don, Patty and Brooke Dawn - February 03, 2024 at 02:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rita Marie Doody.*



February 01, 2024 at 06:52 PM