



Mary Rita Devine

November 5, 1941 - June 15, 2018

Mary Rita Devine, 76, of Tequesta, FL, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 15, 2018, after a lengthy illness. Known as Rita to her family and close friends, she was born in Jersey City, NJ, to Rita and William Devine. The Devine family lived in Flushing, NY, and spent summers in Spring Lake at the Jersey Shore.

Rita was a graduate of St. Mary's High School, Manhasset, NY. She spent the early part of her working career as an executive secretary for a large advertising company in Manhattan. Rita eventually moved to Spring Lake full time in the 1970s, and became the secretary for the superintendent of the Marlboro, NJ, School System. Rita retired from that position in July 2003 after 25 years of service.

Shortly thereafter, Rita moved to Tequesta, FL, where she developed many close friendships and enjoyed life in her condominium community. Rita will be remembered for her compassion to others, her sense of humor and feisty personality as well as her impeccable style. She will be very missed and forever loved by many.

Rita was predeceased by her parents Rita and William Devine, and her twin brother Thomas. She is survived by her brother W. Robert Devine and wife Karen, Spring Lake, NJ, and brother Lawrence and wife Cassandra, Spring Lake Heights, NJ.

Rita's Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 am on Tuesday, June 26, at St. Jude Catholic Church, 204 US Highway One, Tequesta, FL 33469. Burial will

be with family members near her former home in New Jersey. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Taylor and Modeen Funeral Home, Jupiter, FL.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Rita Devine*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *The lovely, Miss Rita Devine (Divine Rita) crossed my mind this morning. Now I see she has gone to heaven. Her bright, uplifting smile and her exquisite style impressed me when I was a waitress at Pat's Tavern in Belmar and she would regularly come in for lunch with her mother, Rita. I think she called her mother "Maeve". Always pleasant and laughing, it was easy to talk to Rita. She told me she would be moving to Florida and I hoped to see her there one day. Until we meet again..... God Bless you, Rita, in heaven.*

Nancy Morris Califano

Nancy Califano - June 08, 2021 at 06:20 AM

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“ July 29, 2018



Dear Bob and other loved ones of Rita,

Joann and I just heard of Rita's death a few days ago, and it shocked and saddened us deeply, even though we haven't seen her in years. My condolences to you all.

Lovely Rita - one of my favorite people of all. I admired her so. And she was exactly how you describe her: kind, impeccable in appearance, and with a great sense of humor. We had so many laughs together. I also thought of her as one of the most beautiful women I've ever known.

My strongest memory of Rita is that at one point when we were still pretty young, we talked (fantasized?) about quitting our jobs in NJ and riding down to Florida in her convertible, top-down and care-free, for year-round sun and fun. It didn't materialize, but I know we'd have had a ball. So, I was glad to learn that she had many happy years in Florida. And of course, she had loads of friends. That was Rita.

Sincerely,

*Adele (MacGowan) Gilhooly
Morristown, NJ*

Adele M. Gilhooly - July 29, 2018 at 07:26 PM