



Catherine Elizabeth Riley

October 4, 1931 - September 1, 2021

Heaven gained another angel when the Lord called Catherine Elizabeth "Rena" Riley, 89, into His loving arms. Rena peacefully passed away at War Memorial Hospital on Wednesday September 1, 2021. Rena was born to Umberto and Ines Morettin in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario Canada on October 4, 1931. She met and was married to her husband Don on November 3, 1951. Don and Rena were married for 50 years until his death in 2001. Rena was primarily a homemaker but also provided child day care in her home for over 40 years, the last being her beloved grandson Dale. Many of those now grown children stayed in contact and visited "Grandma Rena" through the years. She will be especially missed by Charlie, Jeffrey, and Annie Claxton and Abel, Emily, and Eric Bulson. Rena loved to cook and especially bake. She loved making treats for her Saturday coffee clutch group at Avery Square Apartments where she resided for the last 13 years. She loved living at Avery Square being active in all the activities such as cards, bingo, dinner dances, and residents association. Rena made so many wonderful friends there. Rena is survived by her two sons, Donn Riley of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan and Kevin (Lori) Riley of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan; brother, Mario Morettin of Kitchener, Ontario; grandchildren, Dale Riley, David (Stacie) Daley, Alyce (Mike) Jones, Joshua (Heather) Daley, and Justin Daley; eight great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews including, Len (Brenda) Fera, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and Barry (Rita) Fera of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario. Rena is preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Don; brother, Delano

Morettin; sister, Nevis Fera; and her parents. The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful care given by the staff of War Memorial Hospital. Thank you for your care and compassion in making Rena comfortable in her time of need. Visitation will be Thursday September 9, 2021 from 10:00am until time of the Memorial Mass at 11:00am at the Holy Name of Mary Pro Cathedral Catholic Church, 337 Maple St, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, with Father Nicholas Thompson officiating. Final resting place will be Oaklawn Chapel Gardens. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Community Action Meals on Wheels Program in Rena's name. Clark Hovie Galer Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **9**. 10:00 AM.

Holy Name of Mary Pro Cathedral Catholic Church

Tribute Wall



“ Catherine Elizabeth Riley

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ Catherine Elizabeth Riley

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ Catherine Elizabeth Riley

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ Donnie and Kevin, I was away most of the summer and upon returning home was catching up o Papers and saw that your mom hah passed. Oh Rena, what a gal. Of course I got to know her through my Buddy and your dad Don(or better known to all of us at the store as just “Riley”. She could hold her own with him, that was both sweet and amazing. They both wii be missed and remembered by many. Least of not Me. So sorry for your loss, but rest assured, as our Faith promises, they are together again. With sadness, fondness and love to all, Donna McLean

Donna Enstrom-McLean - September 22, 2021 at 04:04 AM



“ Donn, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that hugs and prayers are being sent to you. I remember your mom as being a sweetheart 🙏🌸

Deb Michaels Cain - September 08, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ *Donn and Kevin and family. Brenda and I are very saddened by Auntie Rena's passing. She was always there and we always so enjoyed our many visits. She and uncle Don always make me feel so welcome and I loved staying over when I was younger. We will miss her and keep her in our hearts. She is reunited with her sister.*

Brenda and Len Fera

Len Fera - September 07, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ *Donn and Kevin, I did not have the honor of meeting your mother. But from many conversations with my sister Patty about your sweet mother I wish I would have met her. From what I heard about her you and everyone that knew her were blessed beyond measure, but I know you already know that :) Fly high Mrs. Riley..I know you have angel wings!*

Charlene Slewidge - September 07, 2021 at 01:41 PM