



Rita Troshynski

October 2, 1939 - May 22, 2017

Rita Troshynski, nee Lydon, of Stamford, CT, passed away on Monday, May 22, 2017 at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Ewing, Nebraska on October 2, 1939 and was the daughter of the late Leo and Mary Ellen (McCaffery) Lydon. Rita was 77 years old. Rita was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Hugh Troshynski in 2013, her sister, Joan Pofahl, a brother in infancy, and brother-in-law Martin Pofahl. Left to cherish her memory are her children, Ted and daughter-in-law Diane Troshynski of Lincoln, NE; Marty and son-in-law, Dennis Paglialunga of Fairfield, CT; and Jean Bianco of Naugatuck, CT; eight grandchildren, Meagan Asher (Chuck), Sam and Madison Troshynski, Megan, Dan, and Anna Paglialunga, Karissa Tuccio (Pete) and Jaime Bianco; great grandchild, Briggs Asher; her sister and brother-in-law, Connie and Ron Park of Omaha, NE; and several nieces, nephews and extended family. The youngest daughter of Leo and Mary Ellen Lydon, Rita was raised on a farm in Ewing, Nebraska. She taught in a one room schoolhouse, and continued teaching for a few years after junior college. Once married, Rita, and her husband Hugh, moved to Lincoln, NE where Rita took a job selling furniture at Miller and Paine, which planted the seed for her designer skills. Successful in sales, she was then offered a job in NYC at Stetson Hats. This is the job that moved her and her family to CT. She went on to have a flourishing career in New York as a Marketing Specialist for artists and designers. Rita was creative with her work, and expanded into interior design and color consulting, working for many popular retailers in the

CT area, including United Housewrecking, Bassett Furniture, and Rings End. She only stopped working when her illness prevented her from doing so. It was her absolute passion. A creative person, with a giving heart, Rita volunteered around CT contributing in many ways. She helped at Sound Waters (Stamford), she was a Eucharistic minister and taught religious education for many years at her parish, St Bridget's in Stamford, CT. Rita touched many people in many different ways. She was a cherished soul who will be missed by several. She was known around Fairfield County as the "hat lady", never going anywhere without a beautiful hat and matching outfits that stopped people in their tracks. She had requested that if you are planning on attending her funeral services that you avoid dressing in black only. She'd much rather see her family and friends dressed in festive colors, with pink being her favorite, in celebration of a life well lived. Rita's family will receive the condolences of friends and relatives on Friday, May 26, 2017 from 4pm to 8pm at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10am on Saturday, May 27th at St. Bridget of Ireland R.C. Church, 278 Strawberry Hill Avenue, in Stamford. The interment will immediately follow mass at St. John R.C. Cemetery in Darien. The family has entrusted the funeral arrangements to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue in Stamford, CT. If you would like to leave an expression of sympathy for the family online you may sign the guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.

Tribute Wall

JK

“ My condolences to the entire family on the loss of Rita. Over the years I heard stories about her children and extended family and realize how important they all were to her. I had the pleasure of first meeting Rita years ago when working on our first house and continued to seek her expertise, wisdom and guidance with each project. I will miss her humor, great stories, armchair psychology and great kindness. Rita was probably one of the best teachers of all things color I have ever met. Rita was gracious with sharing her expertise and at heart I think she was teacher. She was a beautiful kind soul and will be missed by many. Rita was one is a million!

j k - July 28, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ We are sorry for your loss but do celebrate Rita's life. After we read her life story we had to contact you as my husband is Chuck Asher with a Grandson named Briggs also. We live in Atkinson Nebraska. Chuck's parents were from Page NE. It's a small world.

Belinda Asher - June 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Such an amazing smile. Rita could light up a room. I will always remember her smile and her kindness, and she was my aunt! Take care, cousins! Thinking of you during this time.

Nancy Clayborne - June 02, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Rita was magnificent! I was blessed to have known her, and my sympathy and prayers to her family for the loss of this remarkable woman!

Karen Couture - June 01, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Mrs.rita was my teacher who was helping me do my first communion and I was the last student she taught I will always remember her feathered hats, and how sweet she was. I know now she is in a better place. So I did my first communion yesterday may 28 and she was there in spirit and in my heart. I know I will see her again one day. Rest In Peace Mrs.Rita!

Danielle Martinez - May 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

OM

“ Someone as special as Mrs Rita will never be forgotten. She will remain in our hearts forever.

Oscar and Yadira Martinez - May 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ My deepest sympathies to all of Rita's relatives for her passing. I had the pleasure of meeting Rita at Ring's End when she gave a colorful seminar on decorating. I later joined Ring's End as a Color Consultant, filling in for Rita when she became ill. Her many customers would always ask if she was coming back and shared their wonderful experiences of working on their homes with Rita. She was a fan of Benjamin Moore's Affinity Color Collection and I was able to spot her customers when they went straight to the Affinity colors!! Rita was loved for her bright and colorful ways and will be missed by so many. She will certainly bring joy to the heavens! With my deepest sympathy, Denise Baliotti

Denise Baliotti - May 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ RITA WAS AN INSPIRATION! A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH.MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES.JO ANN

May 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Rita was a special lady! Creative, friendly, imaginative and full of energy. Met her at St. Benedict's Church and was blessed to be able to work with her on many projects. Peace be with you, Rita.

Sandie DeLeo - May 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ She will be missed dearly. We love you Rita, from your Wilton Ring's End crew!

Benjamin Goss - May 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Rita was incredibly gifted in many ways. She helped my husband and me choose colors for every room in our home; fabrics for reupholstering, making pillows, cushions, window treatments, etc. She helped us bring us out in her work. We love our home and people admire it all the time. We had a special friendship, too. She was a very talented person; so glad our paths crossed. Rest in peace precious friend, the pain is gone now. Blessings, Lynn & Bob Dennis

Lynn Dennis - May 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ Our deepest sympathies in the loss of this truly, amazing lady! She was a jewel! RIP my friend.....loved your many stories, and the poems you wrote for my family.

Sue Kipphut - May 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ *what a wonderful woman. I had the wonderful pleasure of working with Rita and she truly will be missed! The world should have more women like Rita.*

Linda Ryan - May 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *My deepest sympathy to the whole family of Rita. "Mrs T" which was how she had my children call her, was a lady in every sense of the word. She was a delight to be around, to hear her stories, to learn from her was perfect. I cannot say enough wonderful things about Rita. Mrs T taught all of my children in religious education, and to this day they all speak fondly of her. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. With Love, the Corpolongo Family*

Bonnie Corpolongo - May 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Rita was such a wonderful, giving person. I know she will be gratefully missed. My deepest condolences to her entire family. Heaven has definitely gained another angel.*

Rita Conte - May 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ *Our deepest sympathies to the family of Rita! She was such a wonderful woman and we will always remember the stories of life she shared with us! I will especially remember the special HATS!!! Hats off to you Rita - May you rest in Peace!*

Lee - May 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ *Bright lady in heaven; the world has lost a great brain. Say hi to Hugh and of course my mom. Ginny Pags*

Ginny Pags - May 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *So many fun and happy memories... So happy you and Mr. T are together again, especially on his birthday! WHAT A TEAM!! Rest in Peace Mrs. T .. Love Mare*

Mary Ann Palazzi - May 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Special lady, heaven's aglow. My deepest sympathy to family and friends.*

Pam Stevens - May 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM