



Mrs. Rita T. Sheridan

July 26, 1927 - June 27, 2012

RITA T. SHERIDAN

Loving Wife, Mother, and Grandmother

Lowell- Rita T. (Laferriere) Sheridan, the beloved wife of Leo J. Sheridan, Sr., and the matriarch of a well known Lowell family, passed away on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 at Lowell General Hospital.

Rita was born in Lowell on July 26, 1927, a daughter of the late Alexander and Yvonne (Deschenes) Laferriere. She attended Tewksbury schools and then moved with her family to Lowell. Before marrying and starting her own family, she was employed at the former Heinz Electric Company. On September 13, 1952, Rita married Leo J. Sheridan at St. Jean Baptiste Church on Merrimack St. Rita and Leo settled in the Sacred Heart Parish where they raised four children. In September 2011, Rita and Leo celebrated 59 years of marriage. For many of those years, Rita was an active parishioner of the Sacred Heart Church, a member of the Holy Rosary Sodality, and an avid participant at the weekly Sacred Heart Bingo.

Rita enjoyed traveling to the mountains throughout New England and the beaches of New Hampshire and Maine, and especially enjoyed Old Orchard Beach in Maine. Rita was a card player, board game and puzzle enthusiast, and a lifelong Red Sox and Patriots fan, listening to or watching their games

religiously. Not the most avid cook, she greatly enjoyed dining out with her husband and extended family.

Rita's passion, though, was her family. As a daughter, she was dedicated to her mother, becoming her caretaker in her later years. She was a remarkably devoted and loving wife and mother. She doted on her nine grandchildren, as only a grandmother can, taking great interest and delight in their lives.

Rita is survived by her loving husband Leo J. Sheridan, Sr.; her three daughters and their husbands, Linda and Michael Gallagher of Lowell, Lisa and Shawn Slattery of Andover, and Debbie and William Gilligan of Lowell; her only son, Leo J. Sheridan, Jr. and his wife Cheryl of Lowell; nine grandchildren, Ryan, Rory, and Drew Gallagher, Kristen Laurin and her husband Brad, Leo Sheridan, Brendan and Michael Slattery, and Kaitlyn and Collin Gilligan; her sister, Lucille Boynton of Waltham; her godson, Matt Boynton; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends, including her dear friends Rita Simard and her late husband Omer.

Rita was the sister of the late Leo Laferriere and sister-in-law of the late Kay Laferriere, Matthias Boynton, Edward and Laura Sheridan, Thomas and Lillian Sheridan, William H. Sheridan, and daughter-in-law of the late Thomas and Alice Sheridan.

DEATH NOTICE

SHERIDAN—In Lowell, June 27, 2012, at Lowell General Hospital, Rita T. (Laferriere) Sheridan, beloved wife of Leo J. Sheridan, Sr..

Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE STREET, LOWELL, on SUNDAY from 4 until 8 P.M.

Mrs. Sheridan's Funeral will begin on MONDAY MORNING at 9 o'clock from the Funeral Home, followed by her Funeral Mass at 10 o'clock at HOLY

FAMILY PARISH – ST. MARIE’S CHURCH, corner of Chamberlain and Grafton Sts. Lowell. Her Burial will follow in St. Mary’s Cemetery, Tewksbury. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Rita’s memory may be made to The American Stroke Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241 www.strokeassociation.org or to the charity of your choice. ARRANGEMENTS BY THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS, 978-459-9222. www.faymccabe.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

90 River Road
North Tewksbury, MA 01876
(978) 851-2248
<http://www.stmarycemetary.com/>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fay McCabe Funeral Home
105 Moore Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 459-9222
sean@faymccabe.com
<https://www.faymccabe.com>

Funeral Mass

JUL 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Parish – St. Marie's Church
75 Chamberlain Street
at the corner of Grafton Street
Lowell, MA 01852
(978) 453-2134

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Rita T. Sheridan*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Mom, Gram One year has passed. We miss you and love you.! love All of us.*



deborah gilligan - June 26, 2013 at 11:13 PM



“ *Lisa, Shawn, Brendan & Michael*

I just hear the news of Rita. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. May your fond memories help you through this difficult time.



Gail Flaherty, Ryan & Ross Lafontaine

Gail Flaherty - July 18, 2012 at 01:50 PM



“ *Mom/ Gram we miss you!!*

deborah gilligan - July 07, 2012 at 10:51 PM



“ *Deborah Gilligan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rita T. Sheridan*



deborah gilligan - July 07, 2012 at 10:42 PM

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“ *Florence And Ed Sousa lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rita T. Sheridan*



Florence and Ed Sousa - July 01, 2012 at 05:13 PM

FS

So sorry to hear about the loss of your wife and mother. She was a wonderful woman and you were all so lucky to have had her in your lives.

Florence and Ed Sousa - July 01, 2012 at 05:15 PM

FO

“ *To all the Sheirdan's, you have my deepest sympathy and assurances of prayers. Rita so enjoyed Kirsten's wedding, and then she went home to God. What a beautiful ending of a wonderful life!*

Father John Hanley, OMI

Father John Hanley, OMI - July 01, 2012 at 03:32 PM

PK

“ *What a wonderful person. I have the fondest memories of her, her family and my family. She was a great part of my childhood. We love her.*

Pat (Simard) Kasila

Patricia Kasila - July 01, 2012 at 07:24 AM

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“ *We have only to look at her family, to know what a wonderful mother and, a beautiful person Rita was. Our love and deepest sympathy to Benny, Linda, Leo, Lisa, Debby and to our much loved Aunt Lucille and Mark.*

Patty, Patty Anne, Ken, Susan and Clarkie Boynton

Patty Boynton and family - June 30, 2012 at 05:47 PM

SR

“ *Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rita T. Sheridan*



Sean & Erin Rourke - June 29, 2012 at 07:40 PM