



Mrs. Rita Y. Wrenn

December 5, 1939 - May 18, 2019

Rita Y. Wrenn

Loving Mother and Grandmother

LOWELL—Rita Y. (Gorton) Wrenn, 79, a lifelong Lowell resident, passed away on Saturday, May 18, 2019 at D'Youville Senior Care, following a lengthy, valiantly fought battle with cancer. Rita was the beloved wife of Gerald D. Wrenn who passed away on May 9, 2002.

Rita was born in Lowell on December 5, 1939, a daughter of the late John and Delma (Gelineau) Gorton. She was a graduate of St. Marie's Grammar School and St. Louis Academy. Rita, along with three of her friends, entered the Convent in Petersham, MA where she studied for some time.

Rita married Gerald Wrenn on September 15, 1967, and together they celebrated 34 years of marriage. Prior to her retirement, Rita was employed as a secretary with Raytheon.

Church was very important to Rita. She was a parishioner of the former Sacred Heart Church, now Holy Family Parish at Ste. Marie's Church. She was a choir member at church because of her love of music. She also was an active member of the Le Cercle Jeanne Mance and enjoyed getting together with the group to preserve Franco American heritage and culture.

Rita loved to travel and took trips to Aruba, Bermuda, and Niagara Falls, and Europe. Her love of horseracing brought many trips to Rockingham Park and the Saratoga Race Track. Rita enjoyed all sports, especially golf and baseball.

She was a fan of all of her grandchildren's sporting events and school events. She also loved to play cards with her friends.

Family was most important to Rita. She loved spending time together with her daughters and their families, and her extended family.

Rita is survived by two daughters, Colleen J. Lagasse and her husband Martin J. Lagasse of Londonderry, NH, and Kim A. Wrenn of Tyngsborough; six grandchildren, Daniel M. Lagasse and his fiancée Kiersten Robert of Manchester, NH, Nicole C. Lagasse and Amy E. Lagasse both of Londonderry, NH, Emily C. Hall, Andrew S. Hall, and Audrey R. Hall, all of Tyngsborough; a sister, Doris Ouellette and her husband Richard of Gilmanton, NH; and a brother, Dennis Gorton and his wife Carol of Front Royal, VA. Rita leaves her companion of many years, Freeman Shepherd of Chelmsford, who was a very important part of her life. She also leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Rita's family would like to acknowledge the staff of Merrimack Valley Hospice and D'Youville for the loving care they provided.

FUNERAL NOTICE

WRENN—In Lowell, May 18, 2019 at D'Youville Senior Care, Rita Y. (Gorton) Wrenn, 79, wife of the late Gerald D. Wrenn. Family and friends may call at the FAY McCABE FUNERAL HOME, 105 MOORE ST. LOWELL, on TUESDAY from 4 until 8 PM. Rita's Funeral will begin on WEDNESDAY 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. Burial will follow in St. Joseph's Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations in Rita's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St. Framingham, MA 01701.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

THE FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS
978-459-9222 www.faymccabe.com

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

96 Rivverneck Road
Chelmsford, MA 01824

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY 21. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

MAY 22. 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

Burial

MAY **22**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Cemetery
96 Rivverneck Road
Chelmsford, MA 01824

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Rita Y. Wrenn*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Kristopher Langan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rita Y. Wrenn*



Kristopher Langan - May 21, 2019 at 08:35 AM



I will always remember Rita singing in Sacred Heart Choir. She had a beautiful voice and smile. I recall her singing 'O Holy Night' in French at Christmas Eve Mass. She will be missed.

Kristopher Langan - May 21, 2019 at 08:37 AM



“ *Very sorry for your Loss.*

Raymond Noel - May 20, 2019 at 10:24 PM



“ *Colleen and Kim (and families), I am so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I worked with her in the mid-90's when she was temping at my company. She made me a beautiful blanket when I got married. Loved hearing about you girls (as we grew up near each other in the early years). I am not able to make her services, but please know I am thinking of you all.*

Mindy K-P - May 20, 2019 at 03:44 PM

LK

“ Lorraine Kulik lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rita Y. Wrenn



Lorraine Kulik - May 20, 2019 at 03:17 PM

AP

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Anne Piekos - May 20, 2019 at 08:17 AM

AP

Sisters and Special friends.

Anne Piekos - May 20, 2019 at 09:18 AM

LK

Rest in peace, Rita & peace, blessings, and condolences to her entire family. From the Kulik Family

Lorraine Kulik - May 20, 2019 at 03:16 PM

JD

“ Jerry and Mary Dockett lite a candle in memory of our good friend Rita Wrenn.



Jerry & Mary Dockett - May 19, 2019 at 09:29 PM

MC

“ *Mike And Kim Colbert lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rita Y. Wrenn*



mike and kim colbert - May 19, 2019 at 08:49 PM

SR

“ *Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rita Y. Wrenn*



Sean & Erin Rourke - May 19, 2019 at 04:43 PM

JD

Jerry and Mary Dockett lite a candle in memory of our friend Rita Wrenn

Jerry & Mary Dockett - May 19, 2019 at 09:10 PM