



Rita Lea Leccese

August 5, 1932 - October 11, 2021

Rita Lea (Corrado) Leccese, age 89, died peacefully at home surrounded by family on October 11, 2021. Born on August 5, 1932, in Utica, NY, she was the eldest daughter of the late Peter V. and Nelda (Rosa) Corrado. She was a graduate of Sauquoit Valley Central High School and Mohawk Valley Community College. After graduation Mrs. Leccese enjoyed her work in the drafting department of General Electric in Utica, NY where she met her husband, Frank. She was very active in the Phoenixville YMCA teaching yoga for nearly 50 years. Mrs. Leccese was also an active member of St. Ann Church. She was a devoted mother and volunteered at her children's schools and, for many years, with the Girl Scouts. Mrs. Leccese especially enjoyed skiing, swimming, walking the beach, camping, listening to music, sewing, knitting, and a good laugh. Her lifelong mission was to spread peace, health, and love for all and to all.

Mrs. Leccese is survived by five children, Michael (Klaudia) Leccese of Sitka, AK, Katherine (Brian) Haslip of Troutdale, OR, Gloria Leccese of Phoenixville, PA, Davina (Robert) Gill of Beaver creek, OH, and Jeanne (Eric) Beiter of East Aurora, NY; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and her two sisters Carol J. Corrado and Vivien P. Corrado of Beaver creek, OH. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Leccese was pre-deceased by her husband of 58 years Frank M. Leccese.

Funeral services will be held at St. Ann Church, Main Street at Third Avenue, Phoenixville, PA 19460 on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at 10am. A mask will be requested to be worn when entering the Church. Burial will follow in the St. Ann Cemetery, Phoenixville. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to St. Ann Church, 502 South Main Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460; Phoenixville YMCA, 400 East Pothouse Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460; or to Brandywine Valley SPCA, 1212 Phoenixville Pike, West Chester, PA 19380.

Condolences may be made by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA.

Cemetery Details

St. Ann Cemetery

502 Main St
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Previous Events

Mass

OCT **23**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Ann Church
Main Street at Third Avenue
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Tribute Wall



“ I just heard about the passing of your mother. I'm so very sorry and am sorry that I'm hearing about it just now.

I have wonderful memories of her and your family. She was very active in the girl scouts and had a zest for life! She was such an interesting person and always had a sense of calm about her. You children were always so polite and respectful.

Thanks for all the great girl scout memories, Mrs. Leccese! I'm sure your yoga class in heaven is the bomb!

Aj Solomon - April 30, 2022 at 05:11 PM

MO

“ I first met Rita in Girl Scouts over 50 years ago. We reconnected years later as fairly close neighbors and also again in St Ann's Church What a truly amazing person she was not only in all that she did and accomplished, but in her beautiful faith and belief in God that she shared with me. Rest well my friend; you have earned it. My deepest sympathy to all of her family.



mary j. osisek - October 18, 2021 at 08:01 PM

DP

“ Rest in peace, Aunt Rita. The great memories of when we were young, visiting in Phoenixville, Cove Ski Village, and of course Brooklyn, will always be with us. Thank you for connecting with us, and caring. You will be missed by many.

We have made a donation to Brandywine Valley SPCA in your honor.

Dom and Bonnie Patterino

Dom and Bonnie Patterino - October 18, 2021 at 11:00 AM

KO

“ Rita was way ahead of her time with play groups, yoga, recycling and even organic foods. She taught the girls so much in scouting, always volunteered at school and in the community. She was also devoted to her family and her Lord. She was an all around amazing woman.

My love and prayers are with the entire Leccese family especially with Davina and Jeanne. Kathy O'Grady and family

Kathy O'Grady - October 15, 2021 at 06:17 PM

EE

Davina, my prayers are with you and your family. Your mom was a wonderful woman and so welcoming and kind to any girl wanting to join scouts. I was lucky to go on many adventures with scouts, with your mom as a leader.

Elizabeth OGrady Emery - October 16, 2021 at 12:03 PM

MS

This is Margaret Szalay :

To all Rita's family Ferenc and I send our sympathy for your loss and prayers and love for you and for Rita. Unfortunately I was unable to attend today's mass due to health issues and the lack of handicapped access to the church. I hope to contact one of you by phone after the burial when friends are invited to Rita's house. I was blessed to have many conversations with Rita over the years about many topics especially our spiritual views, her deep Catholic faith and her strong belief in the importance of communicating with her family, those alive and those who have passed. I am especially grateful to Rita for helping me to recuperate physically and in spirit from Guillain Barre Syndrome. Each day she came to my house and walked with me, at first just to the mailbox, and then each day encouraged me to walk with her more and more increasing my strength. And we laughed along the way too. When Rita spoke with enthusiasm about the topic her whole face lit up and that illuminated whomever she was with. I will miss her but know she is with me still.

Margaret Szalay - October 23, 2021 at 11:57 AM

JH

“ *Rita taught me so many skills while we were Girl Scout Leaders together. I think of her whenever I use them. Hugs to all.*

Janet Hunter - October 15, 2021 at 01:36 PM

SP

“ *Syl and I share our finest condolences on the passing of this wonderful woman. Syl took yoga classes at the Y with Rita for years, and always enjoyed her welcoming spirit and delightful repartee. Rita was truly an angel on earth, and her passing is an occasion of sadness.*



May her memory be a blessing to her survivors.

Sal and Sylvia Katz of Phoenixville, PA - October 15, 2021 at 10:35 AM

CW

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your mom I have a lot of memories of your mom in Girl Scouts. Your mom was a great person .*

carol woloszyn - October 15, 2021 at 07:07 AM