



Rita Ann Safey

November 30, 2015

Rita Ann (McGivney) Safey, 77, passed away on November 30, 2015 after a long illness. Rita was predeceased by her husband David Lee Safey, parents Alice (San Dominick) and John McGivney Sr., sister Eva Probst and brother John McGivney Jr.. She is survived by her daughter Marie Molese (Michael and his daughters Haley and Paige), brother-in-law Gus (Wanda) Probst, niece Robin Maderich, nephews Bob (Roberta) Probst and Ron (Linda) Probst, grand-nephews Derek, Michael and Mark Maderich, grand-nieces Andrea Probst Alicea and Rachel Probst-Carlson (Jason), a great grand-nephew Cohen, as well as cousins, friends and extended family. Any discussion of family would be incomplete without mention of her three surrogate sons: Paul (Irene) Hubbard, Bob (Liz) Papesca, and Dan Heintz. As testimony to their nature, Rita and Dave opened their home to "the boys" when he was their supervising officer in the Coast Guard and thought they deserved bedrooms, not barracks. They quickly became part of the family forever.

The middle child of a longshoreman and a homemaker/playground supervisor for NYC, Rita was born and raised in Red Hook, Brooklyn. She met Dave on a blind date when his ship was in port in NY and they quickly fell in love. Rita worked as a telephone operator, manager of Majors Department Store in downtown Brooklyn, and then for many years as head cashier for Rainbow/O'Neill Dairies which merged with Tuscan Milk. The family moved to

Maspeth, Queens in the early 60's and spent 36 years there before moving to the Kissena Park section of Flushing, and then to New Hyde Park.

A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015, at 10 am at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, 57-15 61st Street (corner of Maspeth Avenue), Maspeth, NY 11378. Cremation Services were Private.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Coast Guard Foundation would be greatly appreciated (<http://www.coastguardfoundation.org>)

Tribute Wall



“ Provide comfort for the family by sending flowers or planting a tree in memory of Rita Safey. Show Your Care By Sending Flowers
Guaranteed hand delivery by a local florist

November 12, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ Kathleen Ventrella posted a symbolic gesture

Kathleen Ventrella - December 07, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Gail Harman posted a condolence Marie - deepest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. I pray your Mom is at peace now.

Gail Harman - December 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM



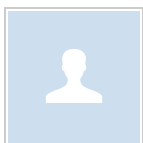
“ Gail Harman lit a candle

Gail Harman - December 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Kelly Haidet posted a condolence Wishing peace to the family during this difficult time. Thoughts are with you, Marie.

Kelly Haidet - December 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ The family of Rita Ann Safey uploaded a photo

December 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Ron and Linda Probst posted a condolence We are both very sorry for your loss.
We were so very glad that we were able to see her, although perhaps not under the best of circumstances, before her passing. She is now in a far better place.
I think she is probably giving a smack in your Dad's arm for some little quip he has been storing up, waiting upon her arrival in heaven.
All our love,
xo*

Ron and Linda Probst - December 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Ron and Linda Probst lit a candle*

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“ *Marjorie Laryea posted a symbolic gesture*

Marjorie Laryea - December 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Oswaldo and Edith Marti posted a condolence Dear Marie,
We are so sorry to hear about the lost of your Mom. It is a very difficult thing to lose a parent. Even though we did not know them well they sound like they were amazing people. You probably have lots of good memories of them to give you some comfort in the years ahead.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Edith and Oswaldo*

Oswaldo and Edith Marti - December 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM