



## Rita Smith Jordan

September 16, 1925 - July 25, 2021

Rita Smith Jordan of West Haven, CT passed away peacefully at Connecticut Hospice on July 25th, 2021. She was a proud New Haven native, born on September 16th, 1925, to John and Alice Smith. Rita graduated from Hillhouse High School and the Hospital of St. Raphael School of Nursing with many of her lifelong friends. She married Harold M. Jordan on June 5th, 1948, and lived for a short time in Providence, RI before moving back to the New Haven area. They moved to Woodbridge, CT in 1960, where they lived until Harold's death in 1990. Together they lovingly raised four children there: Michael (Wellesley, MA), Nancy (North Haven, CT), Carol Nesel (Stephen) of Virginia, and Peter (Jane) of Jupiter, Florida. She had four grandchildren (Carrie, Geoffrey and Garrett Jordan, and Alexandra Nesel), and one great grandchild (Morgan Jane Barad). They will all miss her very much. Rita was pre-deceased by two brothers, John and James Smith of New Haven, and sister Alice Smith Linnane. She is survived by many nieces and nephews. Rita was a homemaker in the truest sense of the word. She took great pride in her home and being present for her family and friends. Her caring nature and warm smile charmed everyone around her. Her Catholic faith was very important to her. She was a member of Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Woodbridge for over 60 years, and volunteered actively for many causes, including Connecticut Hospice, the Red Cross, and the Woodbridge Library. The family would like to thank Dr. Eric Fan, Visiting Angels and CT. Hospice for their care and compassion.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Wednesday at 11 am at Our Lady of Assumption Church, 81 Center Road, Woodbridge, CT. Friends are asked to go directly to church. Burial will follow at St. Lawrence Cemetery 280 Derby Avenue, West Haven. Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Avenue, Hamden is in care of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Our Lady of Assumption Church, 81 Center Road, Woodbridge, CT 06525. To leave an online condolence please visit [www.siskbrothers.com](http://www.siskbrothers.com)

## Cemetery Details

### St. Lawrence

280 Derby Ave.  
West Haven, CT

## Previous Events

### Funeral service

JUL 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Assumption Church  
81 Center Rd  
Woodbridge, CT 06525-1632  
(203) 387-7119

# Tribute Wall



“ Prayers and God's blessings to Rita and her family. May she rest in peace.

*Martha Davidson*

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**Martha Davidson** - August 04, 2021 at 12:56 AM



“ My sincere condolences to all of Rita's family members. May she rest in peace.



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**Janet Nesel** - August 03, 2021 at 11:34 AM



“ Rita was our neighbor on Wedgewood Drive. We were lucky to see her at church every week even after she had moved. I will miss catching up with her after Mass to hear what she had been up to. She was always so kind and cared how the kids were doing in our house and speaking so proudly of her grandchildren. My sincere sympathies to her wonderful family.  
*Rita Krodel and family*

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**Rita Krodel** - August 01, 2021 at 12:59 PM

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“ TO ; MICHAEL , CAROL, NANCY , & PETER , WE ARE SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. AUNT RITA WAS FULL OF LIFE , OUR CONNECTION THESE YEARS TO MY PARENTS , OUR FAMILY. WE FULLY ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH AUNT RITA, SHE ALWAYS HAD A GOOD STORY TO SHARE , ALWAYS PROVIDED LINKS TO THE PAST. ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO AUNT RITA ATTENDED OUR CHRISTMAS BRUNCH. AT THE GATHERING I ASKED HER , 'WHERE IN IRELAND DID HER FATHER LIVE?' - SHE REMINDED ME , COUNTY CAVAN . HER INFORMATION INSPIRED ME TO VISIT COUNTY CAVAN AND GUIDED BY PATRICE, JANIS AND JOHN WE LOCATED AND WALKED THE REMAINS OF HER FATHERS HUMBLE ROCK COTTAGE IN COUNTY CAVAN. BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE. WE WILL MISS AUNT RITA. IT IS GOOD TO KNOW SHE IS REUNITED WITH HER HUSBAND , AND ALL SHE KNEW AND LOVED . Rest In Peace. GOD BLESS RITA SMITH JORDAN. - JONATHAN , FRANCISCA & MELANIE.

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**JONATHAN SMITH** - July 27, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Smith Jordan.



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July 27, 2021 at 02:39 PM

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“ Rita was such a lovely person and neighbor, always took time to hear about the goings on in my life and to celebrate the happy occasions of babies being born and children enjoying Christmas and summer. She was a thoughtful, smart, beautiful person, so glad to have known her, and offer her family, whom she was so proud of, my deepest condolences.

*Julie Kennedy Lesch*

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**Julie** - July 27, 2021 at 09:34 AM

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“ Rita was a wonderful neighbor on Wedgewood Drive. We were new comers to the street with young children. she was very welcoming to us. Her two children , Nancy and Peter were our baby sitters. We offer our deepest sympathies to the family.

*Mal and Dale Chodos*

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**Dale Chodos** - July 27, 2021 at 08:00 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Smith Jordan.



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July 26, 2021 at 08:55 PM

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“ Heartfelt condolences to the Jordan and Smith family. Rita was a wonderful woman and I am so lucky to have had the pleasure of knowing her. It was always a joy to visit her whenever I was stateside. She was the most welcoming and warm person, always ready to feed you! We will miss you very much. Love Jennifer, Matthew, Harry & Alice Kehoe



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**jennifer kehoe** - July 26, 2021 at 03:18 PM