



## STOTT, Rita Mae

Rita Mae Stott (nee Riordan) slipped away quietly on Friday, May 18th at Lakeridge Health in Oshawa with her daughter Julie MacIver by her side after having all of her children and many of her grandchildren with her throughout the day.

Born September 5, 1926 at Oshawa, Ontario, Rita grew up in Oshawa and attended St. Gregory's School and Oshawa Collegiate High School then going on to work at the Bank of Commerce before marrying the love of her life Harold Ross Stott in January of 1948. Rita and Harold celebrated 61 years of marriage before he predeceased her in 2009. They raised 5 children together and she is survived by all of them as well as 25 grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Paul and his wife Kelly; Teresa Barlow; Daniel and his wife Carol; Anne Marie Stott Lander; Julie MacIver and her husband David; as well as all of their children and grandchildren will feel the loss of their Mother and Nana terribly and remember her tears every time they parted.

Rita came from a big Oshawa Family. She was predeceased by her parents Joseph Leo (1979) and Mariam Helen Riordan (1993) as well as two brothers Joseph and Dr. Peter Riordan and her sister Teresa Wiley. She is survived by her beloved younger brother Daniel Riordan and her sister Mariam Price. Rita will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Rita was an outstanding homemaker and mother believing that the success of her beloved husband and her children's success in life flowed from the warmth and security of the home she made. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and family events were all made special by wonderful family meals. A tradition carried on.

Rita loved to cook, bake (her collection of Christmas cookies was legendary), make jam and preserves. She played bridge, square danced, did quilting and crafts, sailed and enjoyed travel and entertaining. Most of all she enjoyed her time at the family cottage...the place where she first met her beloved husband and where every summer she was surrounded by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It was at the cottage that Rita's love of entertaining came to the fore and countless family get-togethers were celebrated including one "Big Birthday" in honour of all of the grandchildren's birthdays. Nothing gave Mom more pleasure than being with the family.

Rita was a deeply religious Roman Catholic and was very happy when she went to the Vatican. She took great inspiration from the Blessed Mother Mary and it was fitting that she passed in the month of May. Rita attended St. Gregory's Church as a child and as an adult.

The Family would like to thank the staff at Amica Whitby, especially the second floor staff for their patient help and care during a difficult period. Also wish to extend our thanks to the Dr's and staff at Lakeridge Health in Oshawa. Special thanks to the Acute Care and Palliative Care areas for their outstanding, thoughtful efforts in easing Rita and family through Rita's last days. The family wishes to further express its gratitude to Dr. Pubben, Rita's long-time family doctor.

Family and friends are invited to attend for visitation at  
**McINTOSH-ANDERSON-KELLAM FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 152 King Street East,

Oshawa (905-433-5558) on Friday, May 25, 2018 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Gregory the Great Parish, 214 Simcoe Street North, Oshawa on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Rita to Lakeridge Health Foundation Cancer Centre would be appreciated. Online condolences may be shared at [makfuneralhome.com](http://makfuneralhome.com).

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## Condolences

May 23, 2018

**Pat Smallwood**

Dear Dan and family

As a volunteer at LHO, I am sorry to hear of your loss. Dan is a cherished volunteer in Oncology. My thoughts are with you.

May 23, 2018

**Karina & Ashleigh**

Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. We will continue to keep you in our prayers.

May 23, 2018

**Patty Wiley**

Rest in peace Aunt Rita. You were lovely, kind and the most amazing Aunt. I will forever keep you in my heart.

May 24, 2018

**Jo-Ann Rowe**

Dear Teresa and Family

I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of your amazing Mother Rita.

I smile when I think of how gracious she was. She was kind considerate gentle and always with a big welcoming smile for everyone who embarked on her door. I felt so comfortable when greeted by your Mom.

She was also an astounding hostess. Your Mother hosted so many wonderful parties with an incredible assortment of scrumptious homemade food served in all the appropriate serving dishes. I have yet to meet anyone who could outdo her ability.

My condolences to you, Teresa, and to your family.

My heart and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.

Sincerely

Jo-Ann Rowe

May 26, 2018

**Daniel B Burns**

Dear Stott Family,

What a great legacy Aunt Rita and Uncle Harold left their family. The Burns clan, all seven of us, have only fond memories of Harold and Rita- they touched many lives. My mother also gives her express condolences to your families. The times we all had up at Lake Simcoe were magical and so charming, that it is hard to express. Aunt Rita is one of a kind, irreplaceable but the grace and good times she gave others, especially her family, is eternal. We all mourn with you and give our sincere and express condolences. God Bless.

Dan Burns and family

May 26, 2018

**Jane & Jack Rowberry**

To the entire Stott family, Jane and I are very saddened by your loss but we can be heartened by such a great life she has lived. She was the true Matriarch of the Stott clan. Aunt Rita has now been reunited with Uncle Harold, how great is that?

We regret we could not be there to see you all and share all the fabulous memories of Aunt Rita's life.

Paul, Teresa, Anne Marie, Danny, and Julie, your parents were the BEST!

With Love,

Jane & Jack

May 30, 2018

**Brenda Leering**

Dear Danny and members of the Riordan & Stott families,

My condolences on the loss of Rita.

May she rest in peace.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers,

Sincerely,  
Brenda.