



## Rita McCarren Sweeney

February 12, 1929 - July 31, 2018

Rita McCarren Sweeney has died in Orlando on the evening of July 31, 2018, after a bad set of Kidneys finally gave way – but her passing was peaceful, with no pain.

She was born on February 12, 1929 to Hugh Thomas & Elise (Carr) McCarren (Lenihan) in Brooklyn, NY. She spent most of her formative Years in Scarsdale, NY – and most of her child-rearing Years in Briarcliff Manor & Yorktown Heights, NY. She worked full-time whilst raising 5 Boys nearly single-handedly. She was a firm yet fair Mother, but always taught her boys that honey gets You a lot more than vinegar, and that a sense of humor goes a very long way in building & keeping strong relationships.

If You knew the Rita, we know that at some point (or many times) You were greeted with a little gift wrapped up for You in a paper towel – and most times it would be accompanied by a greeting card signed on a sticky note so You could re-use the card for another occasion. She never forgot a Birthday, or Anniversary, and would get so excited as the day approached. Some people are remembered for “never meeting a stranger”. The Rita met many strangers on her journey through life – but usually all it took was one topic for her to strike up a conversation – and in many instances this would be the basis for a life-long friendship. She was SO curious, and loved new experiences/travel, etc.. Her innocence was akin to a little kid – never wanting to miss out on

anything. “You can’t be 2 places at once”, she was famous for saying – but she did her darndest to come as close as possible to doing so. She was always there for family & friends with positive encouragement to coax us along to make the most of ourselves, and maximize the joy that we would get out of life.

She is survived by sons Joseph W. Sweeney III (Phyllis) – of Monterey, CA, Patrick T. Sweeney (No. Weymoth, MA), Sean K. Sweeney (Wayland, MA) & her Favorite Brian T. Sweeney (Kathryn) of Orlando, FL. She is also survived by Daughter-in-Law Peg (Clayton, SC), Sister Cathleen (Williamsburg, MA), StepBrother Thomas J. Lenihan Jr. (Palm Springs, CA), and StepSister Sister Terry Lenihan (Moroe, MI), as well as 8 Grandchildren & a number of Great-Grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son, Michael H. Sweeney, Brother H. Thomas McCarren Jr., Grandson Christopher J. Sweeney as well as the Frick to her Frack, Elenore C. Hyatt.

In lieu of Flowers, please make a donation in the Rita’s name to a favorite charity of Your choice.

GodSpeed, Mother – say hello to everyone up there for us.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

AUG 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations  
910 W. Michigan Street  
Orlando, FL 32805  
(407) 841-4424  
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Heartfelt Memories was purchased for the family of Rita McCarren Sweeney.*



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August 15, 2018 at 12:51 PM

DS

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*

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**Deb Skelly** - August 02, 2018 at 08:00 PM

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**Deb Skelly** - August 02, 2018 at 08:00 PM

MR

“ *We are so sorry for the loss of this dear, sweet lady. And we feel fortunate to have met her. The last time we were together, we were on our sailboat at New Smyrna Beach while she was at her condo. She was so curious about our life on the boat. She insisted we become friends on Facebook so she could follow our adventures. We always referred to her as “Sweeta Rita”. We will be thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Mary & Dave*

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**Mary & Dave Roth** - August 02, 2018 at 12:02 PM

FR

*I am sorry to hear of Rita's death. She was a lovely friend to our Mom. The last time I saw Rita, she came to our big fling to celebrate Mom's life in 2017. I enjoyed doing water aerobics, playing cards, and having a birthday picnic with a few friends like Rita and Marge at the park. Thanks for bringing us joy!*

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**Fran Raszmann** - August 02, 2018 at 09:42 PM

BB

*We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your beloved Mother Rita. We remember her smile, her laugh and her gentle and kind nature, but mostly we remember her deep love of you and Kathryn. We were fortunate to share a small part of the joy that she brought to so many. God Bless you during this very sad time.*

*Becky and Mike Benson*

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**Becky Benson** - August 05, 2018 at 07:08 AM

MH

*I am so sad to hear of the loss of your Mother, Rita. She was a kind and happy person and I had the pleasure of her friendship.*

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**Mary Hewitt** - August 11, 2018 at 05:37 PM