



## Rita Irene Lesniak Pariseau

April 13, 1932 - May 23, 2019

Hampton - Rita Irene (nee Beaudette) Lesniak Pariseau died peacefully surrounded by her family on May 23, 2019. She is survived by her children John (Patty) Lesniak, of Falmouth, ME; Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF, of Manchester, NH; Carol Lesniak, of Portland, ME; Christine (George) Fox, of Gorham, ME; Joseph Lesniak, of Cumberland, ME; Catherine (Bob) Adelman, of St. Louis, MO. Step daughter Cyndi Pariseau of Hampton, NH. Sisters Alice Rattigan, Florence Cimon, both of Manchester, NH, brothers Bertrand (Georgette) Beaudette, of Manchester, NH, and George (Elaine) Beaudette of Hampton, NH. Preceded in death by her beloved husband of 42 years, Frederick Lesniak, beloved husband of 10 years, Philip Pariseau, daughter Cheryl Ann, brothers Lucien, Paul, sisters Theresa, Simonne, and Lucille. She was a loving, proud, and cherished "Babci" to Joseph, Kryisia, and Thomas Lesniak, James Fox, Maria, Anna, Max, J.D., and John Adelman. She was a loved and cherished aunt, cousin, good neighbor, and great friend to many.

Rita was born in April, 1932 in Manchester, NH, the fifth child of ten of George and Hedwidge Beaudette. She shared many, many happy times growing up and throughout their lives with her brothers and sisters. She attended St. Joseph High School for Girls in Manchester, NH where she continued her love of writing and English. She went on to graduate from Notre Dame College in NH where she was the first graduating class of the College's history and was President of her Class. She became a school teacher and taught elementary

students in several schools in New Hampshire. She moved to Portland, Maine in 1969 with her late husband, Fred Lesniak and children where they lived for 36 years. In 2005, she married Phil Pariseau and moved to Hampton Beach, NH.

She would always devote her time and attention to her greatest passion - her family, which she happily pursued for the rest of her life. Rita loved being a wife and mother, and cherished her time with her family. She was a devout Catholic, an avid volunteer for those in need, Parish council member, and held a special devotion to the Virgin Mary, which provided her a source of great comfort and strength throughout her life. Her hobbies included gardening; especially growing prize winning roses, and was a member of the Rose Society, reading, volunteering, she taught English to immigrants, was an Ombudsman for a Nursing home, was an avid Red Sox fan, and loved to watch college basketball ("Duke" was her favorite college team and she knew every stat about the players and the team). She loved to play tennis and played until she was 78 years old, and enjoyed travelling. She most enjoyed spending New England winters in sunny Florida with family and friends. She often mentioned how truly blessed she was having such wonderful family and friends throughout her life. Their company always brought her such joy and happiness. She had a tremendous compassion for the less fortunate, a humble nature, a love of laughter, a generous, thoughtful spirit, and a true recognition of her life's blessings. Her life, well lived, is her legacy which will continue to provide a shining example to her family and friends. Without a doubt it can be said of her, she left the world a little bit better than when she arrived. She will be greatly missed by all of the people whose lives she touched.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 AM on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Catholic Church, 289 Lafayette Road, Hampton, NH 03842. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM following the visitation.

Burial will be private in the Calvary Cemetery, South Portland, ME. Those who so desire may make memorial donations in memory of Rita to EWTN 5817 Old Leeds Road Irondale, AL 35210.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church  
289 Lafayette Road  
Hampton, NH

## Funeral Mass

MAY **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church  
289 Lafayette Road  
Hampton, NH

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Irene Lesniak Pariseau*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Mrs. Rita is a gem. She never made me (Tom) feel unwelcome at her home when I popped in unannounced. She always greeted me with a big smile, she was interested our family and shared those precious events happening with her family. She is a true Matriarch. RIP Mrs. Rita.*

*To the Lesniak family: The Lamy kids have often prodded our parents to tell us more of those carefree times we spent together on Parkview Street. Some of us have fantastic memories of my Dad lighting off a cherry bomb close by to Fred when he was napping at 89 and Fred coming out with a 38 revolver loaded firing at us with blanks. And the dueling stereos blasting jazz! We really missed you when you moved and have been in our thoughts throughout the years right to today.*

*God bless you all, and may God assuage your grief and make you stronger by the loving memories of life of your dearly departed mother Mrs. Rita.*

*Sincerely,  
Betty, Tom & Karen Lamy*

Tom Lamy - June 11, 2019 at 06:57 PM

SJ

“ *Sr. Thomas, your mom and best friend went to a better place, however, your memories of her will stay with you forever.*

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**Sister Julia Janas** - May 30, 2019 at 09:27 AM

CK

“ *Sister Thomas and your family, Dan and I share the sorrow of your loss of your Mother. She will be remembered by her kindness of giving all the teachers of St. Casimir kitchen towels and dish scrubbers at Christmastime, and for her support of St. Casimir at the Penney Sales! She reached out to say hello and to show support by being with us in so many ways! Our sympathy to you, Sr. Thomas and your family. With love, Carol and Dan Kelly*

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**Carol Kelly** - May 29, 2019 at 07:51 PM

PK

“ *"Mom Rita" I will miss your smiling warm and friendly face and personality. I always felt at home when I came for a visit. Blessings to you, Sister Mary Patricia Kennedy, CSSF*

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**Patricia Kennedy** - May 28, 2019 at 11:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita Irene Lesniak Pariseau.*



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May 28, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ *Dahl-Chase Cytology: Leanne, Joelle, Sue and Carol purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rita Irene Lesniak Pariseau.*



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**Dahl-Chase Cytology: Leanne, Joelle, Sue and Carol - May 28, 2019 at 09:58 AM**



“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Mary Thomas - May 27, 2019 at 10:47 PM**

CP

“ *Many thanks to Rita for all of the Love, Joy and Happiness she brought to his life! She made the last 10 years of his life extremely special. Rita, I know that Fred, my Dad and Mom are all hanging out with you in Heaven. Rest in Peace.*

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**Cyndi Pariseau** - May 27, 2019 at 07:22 PM

CP

*I meant to say all of the Love, Joy and Happiness she brought to my Dad's life, Phil Pariseau.*

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**Cyndi Pariseau** - May 27, 2019 at 07:24 PM

CP

“ *4 files added to the album Rita*



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**Cyndi Pariseau** - May 27, 2019 at 05:59 PM

NS

“ *A VERY sweet lady.*

*Nancy Stiles*

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**Nancy Stiles** - May 27, 2019 at 09:30 AM



“ Alice

*God be with you and your family at this time. Rita was a blessing to all and wonderful memories of her will live forever.*

*Lorraine*

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**Lorraine Guyette** - May 26, 2019 at 10:02 PM

SS

“ *TO RITA'S FAMILY: My husband and I enjoyed our time with Gerry (Phil) and her when we would do things together in Florida. Gerry was my cousin. And one of the things I remember, was when Gerry brought his boat to Florida with him. We enjoyed many boat rides and some of them were most memorable. Like having our lunch on the intracoastal, and Gerry was one that loved to snoop and there was a gorgeous yacht was anchored down at Port of Palm Beach. All of a sudden the alarms went off and we were asked to leave the area. The Yacht was off limits. Rita, John, and I laughed as Gerry proceeded to get us out of the area. And one afternoon, (If any of you know this area) Gerry decided the open ocean was calm enough for Rita, Mocha, John and I to go out of Singer Island and travel to WPB. We had visions of not returning and after Gerry decided it wasn't a great idea going out into the open ocean, we headed back in to the intracoastal waterway where it was calmer. The times with the both of them were precious to us, Just being with Rita was a pleasure and her love for everyone showed through. She will be missed. She is in my prayers Rest in God's peace sweet lady. Sue Sibley*



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**Susan Sibley** - May 26, 2019 at 09:08 PM

CP

*Sue, I had never heard the story about the alarm going off on the yacht. That is hilarious!*

Cyndi Pariseau - May 27, 2019 at 07:18 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Irene Lesniak Pariseau.



May 26, 2019 at 07:46 PM

AF

“ We loved Rita’s competitive twinkling eyes on the tennis court and in card games.  
We loved that when she beat us to Florida in the Winters she would have wonderful vegetable salad or home made soup ready for us when we arrived from NC  
Most of all, we just loved Rita 💕  
John Farrell & Ann Jolly

ann Jolly & John Farrell - May 26, 2019 at 06:49 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rita Irene Lesniak Pariseau.



May 26, 2019 at 06:39 PM

GP

“ *John, Joe, my deepest condolences. Greg Poulos*

Gregory Poulos - May 26, 2019 at 08:07 AM

MD

“ *Mike DeLuca purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rita Irene Lesniak Pariseau.*



Mike DeLuca - May 26, 2019 at 05:38 AM

AF

“ *Our annual family photo on Babci's back porch.*



adelman family - May 25, 2019 at 03:21 PM

MA

“ *I love you forever Babci* ❤️



maria adelman - May 25, 2019 at 03:19 PM

CA

“ 18 files added to the album Babci



Catherine Adelman - May 25, 2019 at 02:58 PM

AD

“ 10 files added to the album Babci



Adelmans - May 25, 2019 at 02:37 PM