



Mrs. Rita Hope Steinback

April 9, 1929 - February 3, 2014

Rita Hope Steinback, 84, died Monday, February 3, 2014 at Mission Hospital in Asheville, NC surrounded by her family. Born April 9, 1929, she was a longtime resident and native of the Chicago area, she was born the sixth daughter to the late Louis and Lena Batkin. Upon her retirement, she lived in Delray Beach Florida and most recently, Asheville NC. She is preceded in death by her parents, first husband and five sisters. She is survived by her husband, Sidney Wolk; sons, Jeffrey (Patti), Michael (Cathy), Richard (Sue), grandchildren, John Coleman (Tracy), Judson (Joy), Kimmy, Matthew (engaged to Brie), Abbie, Zachary, Ryan, Joshua and Megan and five great-granddaughters Ava, Julia, Mya, Cidney and Jayda.

Rita possessed an unrelenting passion to serve the aged, spending 40 + years of her life in professional senior nursing home administration. She was recognized throughout her industry for her exceptional leadership and advocacy for the very highest quality standards in care and service to the aged. Even during her retirement she served and volunteered unselfishly as an Ombudsman in south Florida as she continued to champion the rights of nursing home patients, and was appropriately recognized and honored with the "Ombudsman of the Year" award in 2012. One of her most admirable qualities was her belief in the good of people and her underlying commitment to the social good, for which she proudly committed her life's work. Ultimately, her passion in life was her family and her true legacy lies within the many lives

she touched on both a personal and professional level. Rita was a proud and noble person with an indomitable soul who lived her life with great strength in both spirit and conviction. While her physical presence will be missed, she will live on forever in the loving memories of her family, friends and others she so richly touched and influenced during her amazing life.

A funeral service will be held 10:30 AM, Friday, February 7, 2014 in the chapel of Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue. Interment will be held privately in IL. A memorial service will be held 11:00 AM, Wednesday, February 12, 2014 at Lakeside Congregation, Lake Cook Road in Highland Park, IL.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the City of Hope, the Leukemia Lymphoma Society or the American Cancer Society.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home
304 Merrimon Ave.
Asheville, NC 28801
(828) 252-1821
info@morrisfamilycare.com
<http://morrisfamilycare.com>

Memorial Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lakeside Congregation
Lake Cook Road
Highland Park, IL 60035
<http://www.lakesidecongregation.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Morris Funeral & Cremation Care created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Rita Hope Steinback*



Morris Funeral Home - February 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Rita Hope Steinback*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *1Corinthians15:26, tells us that:THE LAST ENEMY DEATH WILL BE BROUGHT TO NOTHING.Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss.*

Frances - March 13, 2014 at 07:39 PM



“ *Dear Steinback family, I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Rita's passing. I was one of her nurses at the Cancer Center. She was such a sweet, positive lady; always with a smile and the kindest of words. She was a blessing to get to know and she will be missed. My prayers are with you all!*

Renea Hawkins

Renea Hawkins - February 15, 2014 at 11:18 AM

JQ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of Rita's family and loved ones. I met Rita in 2009 when I came to work for the ombudsman program. From the very first time I met her, she always had a warm and beautiful smile and such a caring spirit. A true advocate at heart and I feel honored and blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know such an amazing and exceptional human being. Rita often spoke of her sons, grandchildren and family, and each and every time, her eyes would light up with so much love. Rita was and will continue to be an inspiration to us all.



On behalf of the Florida Ombudsman Program, her fellow ombudsmen and Jo-Ann Quiles, May God Bless you all.

Jo-Ann Quiles - February 13, 2014 at 01:31 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sue Steinback - February 07, 2014 at 06:25 PM

BD

“ Cathy and Mike,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Tim and Becky Davidson

Becky Davidson - February 07, 2014 at 10:35 AM

RS

“ Mike, Jeff, Rick and Family

So sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Please except our Swanson Family condolences. Needless to say, your Mom was such a Great Lady and we were so lucky to have known her for so many years. We couldn't "Thank" your Mom enough during my Mom's declining health, but Rita was always one to help others..... A True Blessing to all the people she touched. I have many fond memories of our Steinback/Swanson fun and will continue to treasure them forever.

God Bless and hope our paths cross soon.

Rich, Vicki and Swanson Family

Rich Swanson - February 07, 2014 at 09:57 AM

AR

“ Dear Mike and Cathy,

How very sorry I am for your great loss! Indeed your mother did have a lovely smile and I'm so truly sorry not to have had the pleasure of knowing her; however, knowing you both so well -- it's easy, for me, to appreciate your mother's great accomplishments and understand how proud she must have been of all of her family. May she rest in peace and may your lives be filled with many wonderful memories of your mother --my prayers and thoughts are with you all during this sad time in your lives.

Fondly, Alice Roess

Alice Roess - February 06, 2014 at 08:31 PM

MA

“ While I did not know Ms. Steinback personally, her legacy lives on for me in the lives of her son, Mike, his beautiful wife, Cathy, and her wonderful grandchildren. Knowing this family, she must have been amazing woman. God Bless to all of you.
Mike Adams

Mike Adams - February 06, 2014 at 04:01 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rita Hope Steinback.



February 06, 2014 at 12:16 PM

NM

“ Cathy & Mike,

We pray that God's peace and grace be with you as you grieve the loss of your dear mother. We shall continue to keep you and all of your family in our prayers.

Love,

Nan & Gene May

Nan May - February 06, 2014 at 10:54 AM

HF

“ Dear Mike,

Knowing you, I can understand why you are the person you are after reading your mother's life story. She gave of herself for her family and others throughout her. She had a beautiful smile that radiated warmth. The same could be said about you. May many wonderful memories remind you of all the blessings you have shared with your parents and family and friends. We hold you and your family in our prayers.

Most Sincerely,

Hughlene and Bill

Hughlene Frank - February 05, 2014 at 09:52 PM

CC

Thank you Hughlene, for saying so beautifully what I, too, thought after reading this beautiful life story. Many prayers to you and your family, Mike. Truly, the best of your mother lives on in you.
Cathy Cole

Cathy Cole - February 06, 2014 at 11:23 AM

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“ *Sue Steinback lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Rita Hope Steinback*



Sue Steinback - February 05, 2014 at 09:21 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Sue Steinback - February 05, 2014 at 09:03 PM



“ *Love's Journey* was purchased for the family of
Mrs. Rita Hope Steinback.



February 05, 2014 at 10:03 AM