



Mrs. Rita Garry(nee Reger)

August 21, 2017

Rita Garry (nee Reger) succumbed with grace and dignity to cancer on August 21, 2017.

Rita leaves behind her soul mate, best friend and beloved husband Brian, cared for and loved mother Ellie Klein, cherished daughters Tamara Herman (Susi) and Corinne Herman (David), adored step-children Jennifer Cardillo (Mike) and David Garry (Kasandra), and greatly loved grand children Nicholas, Colin, Serena and Emil. Rita was a dedicated educator who will be remembered for her commitment to students, their families and staff. She will be deeply missed by family and friends. Rita was known for her impish sense of humour, playfulness, storytelling, generosity, passion, kindness, love for her husband, and devotion to family and friends. A celebration of her loves and life will be held in the future. Friends and colleagues will be notified.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre or your favourite charity.

Tribute Wall

TJ

“*Sad news. Rita hired me to work as a teacher and P.O.R. at Humewood. We always enjoyed sharing stories about family, religion, history, books, television shows, and movies. She took genuine delight in seeing other people succeed and faced the inevitable school conflicts with tact and empathy. I had a student who was upset because of the death of her father and she would often go down to Rita's office just to sit quietly and think. Why? Well, just being near Rita was a comfort to this student. Rita always did announcements with a great sense of humour--you never knew what zany one-liners would come out, but they always made announcements all that more exciting. She had so many interesting stories about coming to Canada from Hungary, about her childhood, and about her present life. Rita was an unforgettable woman and I count it a privilege to have known her and to have worked for her. May God comfort her family with happy memories of a wonderful wife, mother, educator, and human being.*

*God bless,
Tom James*

Tom James - September 28, 2017 at 12:58 PM

LB

“ Very sad today, just learned the best Principal I ever worked for has passed away. She was my mentor and made working at Humewood the best place to be. She made me a better person. She is one of the few people that spoke of team work and actually did it. Rita, Marissa and me worked as a team and were the best of friends. She valued our input and respected us as women and as support staff. All the trades loved her as she always offered them coffee and peak freans but above all, she respected them and welcomed them to our school and thanked them for the work they did. She made sure no support staff was treated with disrespect. She valued everybody. When Rita left Humewood, my supervisor said to me "Linda, you have been to Paris and now you are back on the farm". I knew I would never work with such a wonderful caring Principal again. May she rest in peace. My deepest condolences to the family.

Linda Beatty

Linda Beatty - September 27, 2017 at 11:18 AM

JR

“ Rita was my sister in law and my friend and someone to draw inspiration from. I never heard her complain about her failing health or illness. Instead I heard about what she was grateful for and the things she looked forward to. She was silly and funny and so warm and caring. Rita I will miss having you in my life yet I can still hear your voice. My deep deep condolences to the family

Judie Rosenberg

judie rosenberg - September 12, 2017 at 09:25 PM

CN

“ Rita was an extremely kind and caring person. I had the privilege of being a teacher at Humwood when she was the principal. Rita made every effort to ensure that everyone felt at home. Her staff became her family. Rita's smile and laughter could light up a room. She will be greatly missed. My deepest condolences to the family.
Carmelo Nanfara

Carmelo Nanfara - September 10, 2017 at 07:40 AM

JA

“ Rita was a real 'mensch', always available to listen, think, analyze and guide. We shared so much over a lifetime, starting with our Shakespeare class at York University, to her recent health challenges. In spite of any challenge, Rita always had a twinkle in her eye, and a funny comment or aside to bring a chuckle or smile. She is truly missed. May she rest in peace.
With my sincerest condolences and love,
Julia

Julia Arnold - September 09, 2017 at 06:41 PM