



Rita Hawkins

August 15, 2008

Rita A. Hawkins, (nee Menei) of Long Branch, passed away peacefully Friday, August 15, at St. Barnabus Hospice and Palliative Care Center, Long Branch with her family at her side.

Born in Harrisburg, PA., she grew up in Shrewsbury and settled in Long Branch for 55 years. Rita was a homemaker who was very energetic, an avid skier, world traveler, Bruce Springsteen fan and yoga enthusiast. She enjoyed her life to the fullest and dedicated her life to her husband and making her children's dreams into realities.

Rita was predeceased by her sister Doris Shaw. She is survived by her husband Robert; her three daughters; Diane Conser and her husband Howard; Patty Hawkins and her husband Joe Reiff; Joanne Hawkins and her husband Dave Speziali, and her older brother James Menei .

At the family's request all services for Rita will be private.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 1. 12:00 AM.

All other services will be Private

Tribute Wall



“ We miss you dearly. With our heartfelt condolences and sympathy to Bob and your loving family. Our prayers are with you.

Love

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September 14, 2008 at 12:11 PM



“ Dear Diane and Family,

My Mom, dad and brothers would like to express our sympathy to you. Although it has been years since we talked or seen each other those White Sands years has united all of us with a common past that we all remember fondly.

Sincerely,

Michael Fuschetti##imported-begin##Michael Fuschetti ##imported-end##

August 28, 2008 at 02:24 PM



“ *Bob and family,
Lou & I are very sad to hear of Rita's passing. We have been thinking of you both. She was such a positive force and made our trips to the Ski house like coming home! Of course, we have her to partially thank for bringing us together! Lou was remembering his 2nd trip to the house, as a 28 year old bachelor with Rita as his co-pilot in a 1982, red, Mazda convertible!! What were they thinking???* Please know we are thinking of you with fond memories and praying for your family. With deepest sympathy,
Terri & Lou###imported-begin##Terri & Lou Franco###imported-end##

August 22, 2008 at 05:06 PM



“ *Bob, Diane, Patty & Joanne,*

We were deeply saddened when we learned about Rita's passing. Please accept our heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. We know Rita will be missed but will always live on in your memories.

Our deepest sympathy

Joe & Kelly Leo###imported-begin##Joe & Kelly Leo###imported-end##

August 20, 2008 at 10:56 AM



“ *i am so sorry for your loss. rita was a fun ski buddy. dottie binder###imported-begin##dorothy binder###imported-end##*

August 20, 2008 at 09:30 AM



“ *Bob, Diane, Patty & Joanne,*
We were very sorry to hear of your loss. We both know from experience what you are feeling. Many people will tell you that it will get better, and it will. Try to help each other through this, and remember that she will always be there in your memories. Take care of yourselves.
Joe & Karen Leo###imported-begin##Joe & Karen Leo###imported-end##

August 19, 2008 at 07:09 PM



“ *Bob & Girls:*

I was saddened to read this morning the passing of Rita last Friday. Although it has been some time since I have seen her all of my memories are of someone who loved every minute of her life and made life interesting for everyone around her. Bob - I know you will miss her and just wanted you to know that I was thinking of you all and Rita is in my prayers.

Ang###imported-begin##Angelo Massaro###imported-end##

August 19, 2008 at 10:22 AM



“ *Patty, Dianne & Joanne*

I am so sorry for your loss. My Mom passed away in 2004. I know its not easy. Take care.

I have lost contact w/ Patty--Patty, please give me a call. 732 223 2461 or my cell 732 513 3675.

Best regards to all

Karen##imported-begin##Karen Van Hise-Gunthner##imported-end##

August 19, 2008 at 07:51 AM