



Rita Dorothy Starbuck

April 3, 1927 - September 24, 2014

STARBUCK, Rita D.

age 87,
of Bangor

was welcomed home to The Lord, and joined her husband, son and daughter, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014 at her home. Rita was born April 3, 1927 in Peoria, IL, the daughter of Vincent F. and Bertha E. (Schierer) Waldschmidt, and has lived the majority of her life in the Bangor area. She was a member of Right to Life of MI, Sacred Heart Church and Daughters of Mary. Her children and grandchildren were her life. She is survived by her 13 children, Harold "Jim" (Starr) Starbuck of Niles, Sharon (Marvin) Sears of Stevensville, Betty (Robert) Huffman of Bangor, Richard (Susan) Starbuck of Grand Haven, William (Melissa) Starbuck of Mattawan, Kathleen Anderson of Paw Paw, Sandy (Darryl) Doan of Stevensville, John (Michelle) Starbuck of Bloomingdale, Steven (Teresa) Starbuck of Paw Paw, Mary Starbuck of Bangor, Joanie Starbuck of Gobles, Janet (John Richard) Lancaster of Vardaman, MS, Lori (Richard) Reo of Paw Paw; 70 grandchildren; 47 great grandchildren; 4 great great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded by her husband, Harold J who passed away in 1986; son, Dennis in 1966; daughter, Susan in 2013; 3 brothers, Paul, Ben, and Vincent Waldschmidt; 5 sisters, Agnes Herman, Eva Culver, Susan Bulat, Frances Piggott, and Teresa Waldschmidt. The family will meet friends Thursday 2-4

and 6-8 PM at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home with a rosary service at 7:30 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 AM Friday at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. John Peter celebrant. Internment will follow in Arlington Hill Cemetery. The family suggests memorials be made to Right to Life of Michigan, or masses to be said for Harold, Dennis, Susan Mossing or Rita Starbuck. www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Arlington Hill Cemetery

56838 - 28th Avenue
Bangor, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 25. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Visitation

SEP 25. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Service

SEP 26. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
201 S. Walnut
Bangor, MI

Tribute Wall

AL

“ our thoughts and prayers to the family of Rita Starbuck....she was always kind to us ,, a good example of how to love God and your country , actively prolife , involved in Van Buren county RTL and generous to God's call in life ,raising a family...May she rest in Peace.

Anne Langlois - October 02, 2014 at 12:56 PM

JQ

“ Julia Quinn lit a candle in memory of Rita Dorothy Starbuck



Julia Quinn - October 01, 2014 at 06:40 AM



“ I remember as a very young girl living in Lawrence, MI my Great Aunt Rita coming over to our place with all of my cousins and it feeling like it was recess time at school! So fun! I remember her strong love for God and her Catholic faith. Her love in general was so giving, such a sweet heart. We have so many family members in Heaven waiting to embrace you! So thankful to have visited the day before your passing. I wish I would not of had to work Friday. I hear the service was as beautiful as you! Much Love to all my cousins, Rebecca Lyn (Waldschmidt) Newman



Rebecca Newman - September 27, 2014 at 10:00 PM

DB

“ *Mrs. Starbuck was such a great example of a true catholic! Still don't know how she ever slept as she was always- always busy! What a great mom you had AND I bet she is so proud of every one of one! Sincere sympathy Dianne (Wiacek) Bachman*

dianne bachman - September 26, 2014 at 04:49 PM

VO

“ *Rita was the first person after my husband and even before our own parents I told that I was expecting my first child. 29 years later with all the children in her world she still asked about mine. I saw her recently and even in her decline she managed a bright smile. This was part of her specialness. Mary provided her wonderful care. Wonderful. What a legacy.*

Vanessa Overhiser - September 26, 2014 at 12:08 PM

LY

“ *My deepest condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one. When we lose someone we love in death, the pain, grief, and feelings of helplessness can seem unbearable. But remember that the Almighty God sees your tears, he feels your pain. He also promises by means of his kingdom (Dan 2:44) there will be time when "death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore" (Rev 21:3,4) So until then, he will continue with you to comfort and sustain you through this very difficult time. (Psalms 55:22)*

Lynn - September 26, 2014 at 11:57 AM

MB

“ Mike & Diane Berry lit a candle in memory of Rita Dorothy Starbuck



Mike & Diane Berry - September 26, 2014 at 08:12 AM

KH

“ Dear Family:

I remember meeting Rita after she had the twins. The Madonna Guild had me take over diapers as a gift. I had just had my first baby, Sue, and it took me an hour to get her ready, packed, and out the door to go see Rita (new mother). Here Rita was with her hair in curlers, all her children, twins, and so much work to do everyday, smiling and as sweet a person you'd ever want to me. I found her to be an amazing, awesome, saintly, loving mother and friend as long as I knew her.

She will be missed so much. What a blessing to have such a dear mother. Let's call her now St. Rita.

Kathleen E. Hutchins - September 26, 2014 at 06:57 AM

JS

“ To all of my siblings, I love you all very much and I hope we stay connected. Even with just a phone call. We know mom is happier with dad, Denny and Sue. Lots of love to you all.



Jo Starbuck - September 25, 2014 at 09:28 PM

PH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole Starbuck family. We are sorry for the loss of such a dear woman. Although we will be unable to attend the services for Rita, please know that we extend to all of you our deepest sympathy. May God bless you, comfort you, and give you strength in the days ahead. Most sincerely, Ron & Pat Henry

Pat Henry - September 25, 2014 at 04:14 PM



“ Margaret Brown lit a candle in memory of Rita Dorothy Starbuck



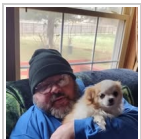
Margaret Brown - September 25, 2014 at 03:50 PM

DB

“ Mary, & Family. I am so sorry for your loss. Know that your Mother is in a better place, and out of pain and sickness. Mary you are in my prayers, I know what you and your Mom have gone through, and she is at peace now. My prayers are with you.

Deb Bollwahn

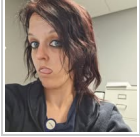
Debra Bollwahn - September 25, 2014 at 02:08 PM



“ Howard Ford lit a candle in memory of Rita Dorothy Starbuck



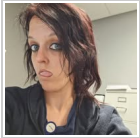
Howard Ford - September 25, 2014 at 12:06 PM



“ *Breanna Hankins lit a candle in memory of Rita Dorothy Starbuck*



Breanna Hankins - September 25, 2014 at 10:19 AM



“ *Rita was such a loving giving person I cared greatly for her and she was a big part of my life for five yrs..I love u rita I wish I would of got to say good bye u will always be in my heart.
Love, Breanna hankins*

Breanna Hankins - September 25, 2014 at 10:18 AM



“ *The Paquette's and The Burch's purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Rita Dorothy Starbuck.*



The Paquette's and The Burch's - September 25, 2014 at 09:50 AM



“ *Your Friends at Bloomingdale Schools purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rita Dorothy Starbuck.*



Your Friends at Bloomingdale Schools - September 25, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Rita Dorothy Starbuck.*



September 25, 2014 at 08:57 AM



“ *Chris Rigozzi-Solano lit a candle in memory of Rita Dorothy Starbuck*



Chris Rigozzi-Solano - September 25, 2014 at 08:48 AM



“ *Rita and Harold were my God parents. The kids were extended branches of our family. Lots of time at their house and ours was spent laughing, hearing stories, playing in the Christmas trees, being down in the pond and even chasing chickens. I know that the Starbucks and Rigozzi's will be playing poker up in Heaven and having a wonderful time, because the pain is gone. Starbuck family - She was an amazing woman right to the end - and I am truly blessed to have made her happy with something as simple as homemade potato soup and root beer floats. God Bless!*

Chris Rigozzi-Solano - September 25, 2014 at 08:48 AM



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Dorothy Starbuck.*



September 25, 2014 at 08:30 AM



“ *Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Rita Dorothy Starbuck.*



September 25, 2014 at 08:23 AM



“ *My family's prayers and love go out to the Starbuck Family. Mary, you are loved. If there's anything I can do, you know where to find me.*

Jessica Eberhart - September 25, 2014 at 07:46 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. We all know how much she meant to you. Prayers sent your way. Lisa Miller*

lisamiller - September 25, 2014 at 07:09 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Dorothy Starbuck.*



September 25, 2014 at 06:52 AM



“ *Debra S. Barry lit a candle in memory of Rita Dorothy Starbuck*



Debra S. Barry - September 25, 2014 at 05:53 AM



You will be missed. Say hello to everyone for me.

Debra S. Barry - September 25, 2014 at 05:54 AM



“ *To the Starbuck family. I am so sorry for your loss. Cherish your memories of your mom and know she is now smiling with your dad. May you feel the warmth of God's love during this difficult time....Fran Morehead*

Fran Morehead - September 25, 2014 at 05:48 AM

LR

“ Rita was my neighbor "mom". Always had a hug for us when we came over and was a very kind and loving person. Fondest memories are making dandelion wine with Rick and just playing with all the Starbuck kids when we were little. May your memories never cease and much faith and love to the family. Luanne (Bregger)Reeves

Luanne Reeves - September 25, 2014 at 05:27 AM

DL

“ To a wonderful Aunt who will truly be missed by all who were touched by her. She as the last one of my fathers sibling's to past and an end to a chapter in our life. Rest in peace and you are now finally home with your parents, brothers and sisters . God bless you and to the ones you left behind. As your brother Bud would have said, " you carried your cross all enough."

Deb (Waldschmidt) Loveridge - September 25, 2014 at 05:07 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Dorothy Starbuck.



September 24, 2014 at 10:12 PM

GP

“ To the Starbuck family,
I always enjoyed talking with Rita. She had something positive to say every time I saw her. We used to meet often at the stop sign down the road simply because we were both out walking. We stood and chatted awhile and went our own ways. And this was all before my son married her granddaughter. I know she will be missed by all whose lives she has touched in one way or another.
God be with you all,
Georgette Peterson

Georgette Peterson - September 24, 2014 at 09:06 PM

LP

“ Rita was one of the founding members of the Van Buren Co. Right to Life Org. and will be greatly missed by those of us who have to continue to carry on the mission of saving human life from a "culture of death." May God hug her into glory.
Larry

Larry Mc Phillips - September 24, 2014 at 09:05 PM

TB

“ To the Starbuck family,
I am so sorry to hear of the loss of such a great woman. I hope the many memories you have of her will give you comfort in the days to come.



Tara Johnson and boys - September 24, 2014 at 07:31 PM

BF

“ *Brittany Moore, Marilyn Moore, Kim Kelly and family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rita Dorothy Starbuck.*



Brittany Moore, Marilyn Moore, Kim Kelly and family -
September 24, 2014 at 06:45 PM

SJ

“ *Dear Starbuck family,
I just heard of Rita's passing. I grew up down the street from your family and shared a friendship with Sue in high school. Rita was a beautiful example of Catholic faith in action. I remember reading her pro-life letters to the editor in the Gazette. May God bless all of you. What a beautiful legacy she has left with all of you.
Sue (Bregger) Juzwiak Kalamazoo*

Sue Juzwiak - September 24, 2014 at 06:01 PM

BS

“ *Sorry for Ritas passing. Prayers and sympathy and peace for all the Starbuck familys hope Mary will have peace and rest.*



Barb Starbuck - September 24, 2014 at 05:38 PM

AM

“ *Dear Starbuck Family, Rita was a very wonderful lady. Always loved visiting and talking with Rita. She will be missed by so many people. God Bless Amber Armstrong*



amber - September 24, 2014 at 05:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita Dorothy Starbuck.*



September 24, 2014 at 05:30 PM



“ *Judy Rainey lit a candle in memory of Rita Dorothy Starbuck*



Judy Rainey - September 24, 2014 at 04:55 PM



“ *Susan S. purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Rita Dorothy Starbuck.*



Susan S. - September 24, 2014 at 04:13 PM



“ *Susan G. purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Rita Dorothy Starbuck.*



Susan G. - September 24, 2014 at 04:04 PM

DH

“ Sandy, Sharon, Jamie, thinking of you and your family in this time of sorrow. Hoping that all of the wonderful memories you've shared bring you comfort as you celebrate your mom/grandma's life this week. She brought you into the world (well not Jamie directly - :o)), and I for one, am thankful for her for that. Take care and hold each other close. God Bless, Dawn Hetfield



Dawn Hetfield - September 24, 2014 at 02:48 PM

RB

“ Sandy and Family - Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Renee Buchele - September 24, 2014 at 02:32 PM

SS

“ I love you Mom!

Steve Starbuck - September 24, 2014 at 02:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Dorothy Starbuck.



September 24, 2014 at 02:07 PM

SW

“ *Dear Starbuck Family,
You were so blessed to have Rita as your Mother. I have such great memories of the fun we had at the Starbuck 'ranch'. Swinging from grapevines, running through the woods. Our folks playing penny ante poker and visiting and sharing. We will all miss her and we are all better people having known such a wonderful, giving woman.
Shirley (Rigozzi) Wagoner*

Shirley Wagoner - September 24, 2014 at 01:01 PM