



Rita Patricia Joseph

August 28, 1929 - March 9, 2010

Rita P. Joseph, 80, of Potterville, MI died Tuesday, March 9, 2010. Mrs. Joseph was born August 28, 1929 in Pontiac, MI the daughter of Ernest and Clara (Ruth) French. Mrs. Joseph married her late husband, Charles Joseph Jr. in 1947 becoming co-owner of Carl's Supermarket in Potterville. She was a member of the Potterville United Methodist Church where she served as Sunday School Superintendent, on the Board of Trustee's, was Finance Committee Chairman, President, Vice President and Secretary of United Methodist Women's, Sunday School Teacher, Organist and several other committee's. Mrs. Joseph was the Benton Township Clerk from 1959–1963, involved in Band Boosters from 1962-1972, a charter member of the Potterville Area Chamber of Businesses, Gizzard Fest Committee as Chairman of "Sidewalk Café" and Parade, Camp Fire Girls, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. She also was involved in the Benton Township/Potterville Fire Department being on the Fire Board beginning in 2002, she was a licensed E.M.T. with the National Registry & Fire Fighter, CPR and Red Cross Instructor for 40 years ending in 1997. Mrs. Joseph was a past President and Treasure of the Eaton County Humane Society and Potterville Downtown Development Committee. She is survived by her daughter, Julie (Jim) Robertson; son, Charles Joseph; daughter, Kathy Joseph; grandchildren, James (Jean) Robertson, Jeromy (Kimberly) Robertson, Jacob (Coty) Robertson and Melanie and Samuel Joseph; great grandchildren, Alexander Robertson; Eric Robertson, Kyle Robertson, Brett Robertson, Ian Robertson,

Hayden Robertson, Lillian Irene Robertson; sisters-in-law, Jeanette Joseph, Yvonne Chapman and Janice French; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Joseph, Jr. in 1999. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI with Pastor Rebecca Morrison officiating. Interment will be in Benton Township Cemetery, Potterville, MI. Visitation will be Friday, March 12, 2010 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Potterville United Methodist Church, Potterville Benton Fireman's Association or Advantage Hospice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita Patricia Joseph*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *To Honor Rita we would like to donate to the Potterville Benton Fireman Assoc. We know she would want to keep her legacy alive in giving back to the community. She was very committed to the Potterville Community for here many years of service. Thank You Rita.*

March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear about Rita's passing. She and Chuck were wonderful neighbors for many years. We wish to offer our deepest sympathy to the family at this sad time.*

Sandy & Stacy Sipes - March 23, 2010 at 08:38 PM



“ *My sympathy and prayers are with you and your family at this time of your loss.*

Barb Mather - March 12, 2010 at 10:18 PM

DO

“ *Chuck, Julie & Kathy*”
We are so sorry to hear the sad news about your Mother. She was a family.
Dick & Jean Osborne

Dick & Jean Osborne - March 12, 2010 at 12:04 PM

CL

“ *Dear Joseph family- please accept my deepest condolences. I have fond memories of working for the Joseph family in the early 70's at the grocery store, and indoor swimming at the Joseph pool for Boy Scouts. May your memories provide comfort during your time of loss of your mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother.*
Claude Leblanc.

claude leblanc - March 11, 2010 at 11:07 PM

JC

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Rita's passing. We grew to know and love her as we lived next to her mother for over 30 years. Such a special lady--so strong in her faith--so caring and compassionate. When I heard that she had passed, it brought tears to my eyes and the first thing I thought was, oh what a joyous reunion in Heaven it will be for our dear Clara.*

Jerry and Jan Casarez - March 11, 2010 at 07:55 PM

BW

“ *It is difficult to know what to say at a time like this. Rita will be greatly missed by the community of Potterville and Potterville United Methodist Church. My condolences to all of the family.*
Barb Reed Wambold

Barbara Reed Wambold - March 11, 2010 at 07:11 PM

RB

“ My heart goes out to the Joseph Family today. You will be in our prayers during this time of sorrow. I fondly remember my years working for Rita at Jo's Luncheonette back in the mid 70's. She was an exceptional woman. I learned a great deal from her. She was one that always took the time out for the younger generation. We should all learn from her giving nature. She was a very giving person, not only in time, talent but her friendship. She will be greatly missed.

Rita Bristol-Dunham - March 11, 2010 at 04:53 PM

BW

“ Julie and family, I am so sorry about your mom. I have met her a few times as she seemed like an amazing woman!!!! My heart goes out to all of you in this difficult time. Lots of love to you all! Brenda and family!

Brenda Willing - March 11, 2010 at 08:44 AM

MM

“ My heart goes out to the Joseph Family. I fondly remember my years serving with Rita on the Fire Department. She was a leader with heart and I learned a great deal from her and Julie. I always refer to her as my "Fire-Mom" and will continue to serve the medical community with the care and love I inherited from Rita. We should all learn from her giving nature.

Margaret (Ireland) McKenzie - March 10, 2010 at 09:39 PM

TY

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Your mother was a very special lady and we have always been very fond of her. Our prayers are with all of you at this time.

Ted & Karen Younts - March 10, 2010 at 07:06 PM

AH

“ Julie & Family, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I know from reading your mother's history that she led a full & wonderful life. We should all be so lucky to have a life as wonderful as your mother's.

Anita Houghton - March 10, 2010 at 05:37 PM

MS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Joseph was a great person. She would always greet you with a smile when she passed you by. She will be greatly missed by everyone in the Potterville Community. It was an honor to know her.

Mary (Gray) Shaw - March 10, 2010 at 04:59 PM

KA

“ So sorry for your loss. Rita was a treasure. She will be greatly missed. I feel blessed that I got the priveledge to know her (somewhat) in my younger days. She will make a wonderful angel. I know that words can not heal the pain and loss that you are feeling right now, but please know that she will be greatly missed by many many people. May she Rest In Peace. God Bless each of you.

Kathy - March 10, 2010 at 04:54 PM