



## Rita Irene Frankiewicz

December 23, 1935 - May 6, 2019

Rita Irene (Feit) Frankiewicz, 83 of Butternut WI, was called home to rest on May 6th, 2019 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire, WI. Rita was born on Dec. 23rd, 1935 in Park Falls, WI. She was the daughter of Peter and Arlene Feit and sibling of Nancy (Eddie) Miller and Joan (Jerry) Gruber. Rita was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Joseph Frankiewicz, parents, Peter and Arlene Feit, sister and brother-in-law Joan and Jerry Gruber, her brother-in-law Eddie Miller, and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Millie and Leon Podrez.

Rita graduated from Lincoln High School, Park Falls, WI in 1953 and married Raymond Frankiewicz on October 30th, 1953 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Park Falls, WI. Rita and Ray moved to Chicago and were employed at GM until their first son, Gary, was born in 1956. They moved to Butternut, WI in 1957 and began farming the family farm where they raised 8 amazing children and 5 step children.

Rita had dedicated her life to her family of 8 children; Gary (Jane) Frankiewicz of Spooner, WI, Karen (Jack) Sellek of Eastport, NY, Linda (Jeff) Hill, Glidden, WI, Duane (Patti) Frankiewicz, Spooner, WI, Brian (Donna) Frankiewicz, Butternut, WI, Cindy Frankiewicz, Blanchardville, WI, Ellen (Robb) Rebne, Plymouth, MN, Ramie (Jenny) Frankiewicz, Hammond WI, and 5 step children Kim (Kurt) Kirsten, Park Falls, Jeff (Jessie), Gruber, Lakeville, MN, Jerry

(Dina) Gruber of Mascoutah, IL, Peter Gruber, Marshall, WI, Robbie (Lisa) Gruber, 17 Grandchildren and 11 Great Grandchildren.

Rita loved attending various school and sporting events of her children and grandchildren over a span of 58 years, from 1963 until Thursday, May 2nd, 2019, when she watched her great granddaughter hit 2 homeruns in honor of Grandma's attendance.

Anyone who has had the privilege to cross paths with Rita, knows she loved nothing more than being on-the-go and helping people. It was not unusual for Rita to hold 2-3 jobs at any one time, even into her 60's and 70's. Some of her many accomplishments include farming, owning and operating Ray's Fairlane Grocery, driving "elderly" people (while she herself was 83) to their various appointments, participating in various church responsibilities (catechist, communion giver, reader and singer), catering, school bus driving and her biggest dream, owning Dream Maker Bridal Shoppe.

Rita lived life in a way that made everyone feel like family; there were no bounds to her love. She will be truly missed by her large family and many friends.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday May 11, 2019 at 10:00am at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Butternut. Fr. Shaji Pazhukkathara and Deacon Chet Ball will co-officiate.

A visitation will be held at the church on Friday from 4:00pm until 8:00pm with a Parish Prayer at 7:00pm and on Saturday at the church from 9:00am until the hour of the service.

Interment will take place at a later date at St. Cecelia Catholic Cemetery in Butternut.

The Novitzke Funeral Home is assisting the family.

[www.novitzkefuneralhome.com](http://www.novitzkefuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Saint Cecelia Catholic Cemetery

Butternut, WI 54514

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
410 Michigan St  
Butternut, WI 54514

## Parish Prayer Vigil

MAY 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
410 Michigan St  
Butternut, WI 54514

## Visitation

MAY 11. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
410 Michigan St  
Butternut, WI 54514

## Funeral Mass

MAY 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
410 Michigan St  
Butternut, WI 54514

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Irene Frankiewicz*

October 05, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Infinite Love Pendant was purchased for the family of Rita Irene Frankiewicz.*



May 13, 2019 at 10:21 AM



“ *Endless Hope Pendant was purchased for the family of Rita Irene Frankiewicz.*



May 13, 2019 at 09:49 AM



“ *Broken Wing Pendant was purchased for the family of Rita Irene Frankiewicz.*



May 13, 2019 at 09:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Irene Frankiewicz.*



May 10, 2019 at 02:37 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Irene Frankiewicz.*



May 10, 2019 at 09:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita Irene Frankiewicz.*



May 09, 2019 at 10:51 PM



“ *I've known Rita for longer than I care to remember and she's always been great to me. Even when I was coaching against her kids or grandkids, she was always a classy person. I'm glad I was working behind the plate at that last game and got to talk to her. Sorry I can't make her funeral as my daughter is graduating from college, but I know she'd understand. She'd rather be at a game, cheering on one of her great grandkids.*

**Steve Gustafson** - May 09, 2019 at 09:07 AM



“ *She was my host grandma.... She used to come to school just to see me.... Love you grandma.... You will be always in my heart.... Love you.*

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**Muddasir Islam** - May 09, 2019 at 07:13 AM



“ *Lori Glaeser lit a candle in memory of Rita Irene Frankiewicz*



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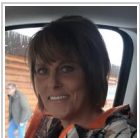
**Lori Glaeser** - May 09, 2019 at 02:55 AM

CM

*Always busy, busy but not enough for a smile, a laugh. Compassion always for everyone. Such a loving part of our area. She will never be forgotten ❤️*

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**Cathy Melby** - May 11, 2019 at 01:58 AM



“ *What a beautiful & an amazing lady she was!! She catered Tony & I's wedding back in Sept 29th 1990...My deepest & sincerest sympathies to the whole entire family(ies)!! Heaven has gained yet another sweet Angel!! Soar High On Eagles Wings & Sing Ever So Beautifully In The Choir Of Angels You Dear, Sweet Lady!! You will be GREATLY & DEARLY missed!! Rest In Peace Rita...God Bless You For Every Single Thing You Have Done & Every Life You Have Ever So Kindly & Sweetly Touched!!*

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**Lori Glaeser** - May 09, 2019 at 02:54 AM

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“ *The Staff Members of Spooner High School purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita Irene Frankiewicz.*



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**The Staff Members of Spooner High School** - May 08, 2019 at 08:00 PM

DN

“ *DataStrait Networks purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rita Irene Frankiewicz.*



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**DataStrait Networks** - May 08, 2019 at 04:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Irene Frankiewicz.*



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May 08, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rita Irene Frankiewicz.*



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May 08, 2019 at 03:22 PM

Sally  
Teeters  
Szymik

“ I have known Rita for most of my life. Rita always had a smile on her face and a sweet hello. She was one of the kindest women in our little town of Butternut and I will always remember her for that. My deepest condolences to all her family, she will truly be missed.

Sally Teeters Szymik - May 08, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ Rita was our neighbor and friend. She always had a smile and hug whenever I came back into town. Rita was a sweet lady. My condolences to her family. Margaret (Rybak) Heath

Margaret Heath - May 08, 2019 at 12:52 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Rita Irene Frankiewicz.



May 08, 2019 at 11:22 AM



“ Barbara Brizendine, Ken and Anna, Leisa and Frank purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rita Irene Frankiewicz.



Barbara Brizendine, Ken and Anna, Leisa and Frank - May 08, 2019 at 08:09 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Rita Irene Frankiewicz.



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May 08, 2019 at 07:52 AM



“ I remember Rita since I was a little girl, especially hearing her sing in church. She was a wonderful, kind woman. She sang at my mom's funeral, (Lillian Kadrlík) and I will never forget her sweet voice singing How Great Thou Art. Rest in peace, sweet lady, and for her family, blessed are you to have had her in your lives. Sincerely, Louise Kadrlík Smith

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**Louise Smith** - May 08, 2019 at 07:13 AM



“ Condolences to the entire family, will always remember her for the wonderful Lady she is. Happy to have known her, Stephen Kundingler.

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**STEPHEN KUNDINGER** - May 07, 2019 at 11:39 PM



“ Oh my goodness, Rita made the BEST dinner rolls ever! She made the pickled eggs for the guys at the hunting camp, she could cook and bake better than Betty Crocker! Rita was a gem! What a glorious celebration it must have been when she arrived at the doors of Heaven!  
We feel privileged to have had Rita in our lives!  
With sincere sympathy,  
Rocky and Kris 🤗🤗🤗

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**kristin** - May 07, 2019 at 04:57 PM

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“ Rita was a very very dear friend. She helped me many times by being my driver to doctor appointment especially our trips to mMarshfield and here were many. She always had a way of cheering you up and making you feel good to be around. Truly I would like tatted the funeral but my place in life rightnow only allows me tone part of the service inspirit and thanksgiving/ Her family can be really proud od their mother and also be thankful that her wish was that she not leave this world by being in a vegetative state and suffering. She and I prayed one trip to Marshfield for that way of leaving and she did get her wish. Godis great and she really appreciated him in all ways.. Blessing

*With all my love and concern  
Fr Ron Levra*

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**Fr Ron Levra** - May 07, 2019 at 01:21 PM

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*Rita taught me to stand proud and sing loud when we were classmates at Lincoln High 'way back when. Many great memories of times we shared. Arnold and I were sad to learn of her passing. Our sympathy to her much loved family. A;ice an Arnold Tucker.*

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**Alice Tucker** - May 10, 2019 at 06:44 PM