



## Rita Marie (Opsatnic) Janicki

December 19, 1949 - April 21, 2022

Rita Marie Janicki, 72 of Aliquippa passed away April 21, 2022, after a valiant battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

She was born December 19, 1949, in Rochester, PA and was the daughter of the late Andrew and Adriana (Lattanzi) Opsatnic. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a niece Vanessa Michael.

Rita graduated from Edinboro University and retired from Center Area School District after 38 years of service as a dedicated teacher. Rita enjoyed the outdoors - from gardening, to biking, hiking, sailing and most recently kayaking. She had a great artistic eye and took great pride in decorating and maintaining her home. Rita enjoyed cooking her late mother's recipes with her family, especially the Italian Feast of the Seven Fishes on Christmas Eve.

Rita will be dearly missed by her beloved husband of 43 years, Richard Janicki and their son, Brad Janicki, who truly was her pride and joy. She is also survived by her loving siblings: Andrew and Lorraine Opsatnic, Alida Michael and Jeffrey Opsatnic. She is also survived by a nephew Jason Michael, many cherished friends, and her canine buddy, Fitz.

A memorial visitation will be held on Wednesday from 3-7 pm in the Anthony Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home Inc. 2026 McMinn Street, Aliquippa, PA 15001. A Mass of Christian burial will be held Thursday at 10:00 am in Our Lady of Fatima Church. Everyone is asked to meet in church.

The family extends their sincere appreciation to the doctors and nurses at West Penn Hospital for the exceptional care that was given to Rita.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

# Cemetery Details

**Cemetery of the Alleghenies**

## Previous Events

### Memorial visitation

APR **27**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anthony Mastrofrancesco Funeral Home, Inc.  
2026 McMinn Street  
Aliquippa, PA 15001  
(724) 375-0496  
mastrofrancescofh@gmail.com  
<https://www.mastrofrancescofuneralhome.com>

### A celebration of life Mass

APR **28**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Fatima Church  
3005 Fatima Drive  
Aliquippa, PA 15001

# Tribute Wall

MA

“ We are so saddened by Rita’s passing. Our thoughts and prayers to Rick and Brad with love and hugs.



Meg and Chris Adams - April 28, 2022 at 01:08 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rita Marie (Opsatnic) Janicki.



April 26, 2022 at 01:34 PM

MH

“ Rich,  
I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful wife. You and your son are in my prayers. May Our Lord give you peace and comfort in this difficult time.  
Mary Horzempa

Mary Horzempa - April 26, 2022 at 11:02 AM

WT

“ With much Love from Chip & Sue Torres purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rita Marie (Opsatnic) Janicki.



With much Love from Chip & Sue Torres - April 25, 2022 at 10:44 PM

CS

“ Condolences to Rick and Brad. Steve and I have known Rita for almost 40 years! We took aerobics together and always had the best time. She had a wonderful fun filled spirit and her energy will be missed by so many people. I pray God brings peace and comfort to her family as they navigate through this loss.

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**Connie Sluzynsky** - April 25, 2022 at 10:43 PM

CG

“ You have been my friend since I was 20!!!! You were in my wedding, and I was your maid of honor!!!! I'm so glad that I knew someone who loved me in spite of myself!! I will have you in my heart Rita!! Rest in peace my friend, you fought hard!!

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**Cathy Gula** - April 25, 2022 at 09:29 PM

KB

“ Our deepest condolences not only to Rich and Brad, but also to Rita's family and many friends most touched by the loss of such a wonderful person. I will always remember and cherish her displays of kindness at each time our paths would cross over the years. Rest In Peace beautiful lady.  
*Kevin/Susan Bick*

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**Kevin Bick** - April 24, 2022 at 10:26 PM

MG

“ I exercised with Rita at least 3x/week for years. She was a lovely person-always interested in people and willing to share herself with others.

*Michele Gillespie*

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**Michele Gillespie** - April 24, 2022 at 08:31 PM

LO

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Rita and of the many special times spent with her. I am heartbroken for her family and friends because she left such a huge impact on all the lives she touched. I will miss her terribly and I will continue to pray fir Rich, Brad and the other family and friends who will be grieving this loss. I love you, Rita, and I am glad your battle is over and you are whole again and at peace.

Loretta Orr - April 24, 2022 at 06:13 PM

JM

“ Jack and Sandy (Augustine) McFadden purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rita Marie (Opsatnic) Janicki.



Jack and Sandy (Augustine) McFadden - April 24, 2022 at 03:41 PM



“ I met Rita at Summer Recreation at Vankirk Park in Stobo. I saw her a million times in School, as a student and as a parent. She always had a smile and asked how I was doing. Rest in Peace until we meet again. Friend.

Delbert Zeiber - April 24, 2022 at 03:20 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Rita Marie (Opsatnic) Janicki.



April 24, 2022 at 03:01 PM

PG

“ My deepest condolences and prayers go out to your family during this most difficult time. Rita taught both my daughters Alayna and Adrianna and was an exceptional role model and teacher. Whenever I would run into Rita she always had a kind word and a beautiful smile. She will be missed by many.

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**Patt Gradisek** - April 24, 2022 at 02:09 PM

LN

“ Sincere sympathy to Rick and Brad and Rita’s family ..... many happy memories remain of a courageous , talented and spirited woman who enjoyed life to the fullest. She had the ability to inspire me with all her talents and zest for life. She was a strong warrior and gave her all to everything she did.I. She will be greatly missed by those who loved her. May she Rest In Peace. I will miss her very much.

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**LouAnn Nudi** - April 23, 2022 at 11:11 AM

CC

“ Dear Rick, Brad, and cousins Alida, Andy, Jeffrey, we are very saddened with the loss of Rita. We send our deepest condolences, and sympathy. May God send his love and comfort to you all during this sad time.

You are in our prayers,  
Chuck and Caron Campbell  
Wilmington, N.C.

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**Charles V. Campbell** - April 23, 2022 at 11:08 AM

LN

“ 3 files added to the album *Memories Album*



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**LouAnn Nudi** - April 23, 2022 at 11:01 AM