



Mrs. Rita Josephine Blais Chaiser

July 24, 1922 - August 14, 2015

Chaiser, Rita Josephine Blais, 93, was born at St. Joseph's hospital in Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 1922 to Fred Louis and Lucille Marie Blais. She entered Heavens-gate on August 14, 2015. Rita had an unwavering faith in God and was deeply involved with Church activities throughout her life, principally at St. James parish in Arlington Heights, Illinois, and later at Resurrection Catholic Church upon retiring to Riverview , Florida, in 1983. At each parish Rita was involved in the choir and annual musicals, as a cast member or set designer, sometimes both. In 1961 Rita helped open the doors of St. Viator High School in Arlington Heights, Illinois where she worked for 20 years before retiring as assistant business manager. Rita loved her St. Viator family... She could be found at every Friday night football game rooting for her Lions, while her husband Bob was on the field running the yardage chains during games. When you're a Lion, you're a Lion for Life.

Rita enjoyed tending to a beautiful garden as well as creating beautiful miniature rooms in her Victorian dollhouse. Most of all, Rita enjoyed being surrounded by her family. Her love for her family was evident in everything she did. Her grace, love , kindness and devotion to God will continue to be an inspiration to her family forever. Rita was predeceased by her husband of 57 years, Robert L. Chaiser. She was also predeceased by her son Bruce V. Chaiser (2012) and great-grandson Blake A. Elrod (2013). Rita is survived by her son Jay L. Chaiser and his wife Rosemary, son Matthew D. Chaiser, daughter Marie E. Youngblood and husband Ed. Rita is also survived by 10

Grandchildren, Stacy Elrod, Margaret Clague, Zoe Chaiser, Alcid Chaiser, Robert Chaiser, Angelique Thomas, Justin Chaiser, Stephen Chaiser, Stephanie Chaiser and Bailey Youngblood. God also blessed Rita with 12 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Rita had numerous nieces, nephews and cousins with whom she remained close. Funeral services for Rita will be held on September 1, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S., Plant City, where the family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 P.M. Interment to follow at Hillsboro Memorial Gardens, Brandon. In lieu of flowers , the family asks that donations be made in her name to the Scholarship and Grants fund by mailing it to Saint Viator High School , Attn: Tom Ramsden, 1213 East Oakton Street, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004, or visit <https://www.saintviator.com/development/donate> to make your donation online.

Cemetery Details

Hillsboro Memorial Gardens

2323 W Brandon Blvd
Brandon, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
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Celebration of Life

SEP 1. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Jay and the Chaiser-Blais Family,

As I was growing up in Chicago, I will always cherish the memories of the Allain and Blais families at holidays and summer picnics. Our cousin, Rita, and her mother, my dad's sister, were always a big part of those happy celebrations. In later years I reconnected with Rita and she shared with me her research on the family's genealogy. I was amazed at the thoroughness of her work and honored that she was willing to share it with me. She has left us many wonderful memories that will be with us for as long as we live. May she rest in God's everlasting Love. Violet and I send our sincere wishes that you have comfort and consolation in remembering the amazing things she accomplished in her life here.

Mike Allain

Michael Allain - August 31, 2015 at 11:29 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rita Josephine Blais Chaiser.



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Stacy Elrod - August 30, 2015 at 01:32 PM

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“ I have a lot of warm thoughtful memories with Lola, she was a huge part of my life. I remember she would make these angels out of dolls for the lady's in the park: she would let me pick out my favorite one so I can play with it. She taught me that paper dolls can be more fun than my Barbie dolls, she was right!!! And, when the season was just right she would make wreaths out of sticks she would collect in the yard, I would help her gather them and clean the extra leaves off so she could make them into the most creative beautiful wreaths I've ever seen. She took something that would end up in the trash and made it into something useful and just so pretty to look at. When she would have me help in the garden I would get to eat the fresh mint she grew. Lola taught me how to swim, I would pretend I was a mermaid and try NOT to splash the other ladies in the pool. She nursed me to health on many occasions, even when I had the chicken pox in kindergarten. I would dress up in her silk nighties and put on her big church hats and shoes and dance around pretending we were in a castle, we both loved our tea time outside on the porch! Sometimes we would bird watch and she would whip out her bird books and let me try and find which one we spotted. As I grew older, Lola taught me how to stay positive and learn from my mistakes and, how to plan early and take life one day at a time. Everyday was a new day to make things right. Lola was never negative, judgmental or hateful, she was humble and sweet and could sing like an angel. She is signing with the angles right now, looking over our family.....I love you forever and always.

Stephanie Chaiser - August 30, 2015 at 09:47 AM