



Mrs. Rita E. Welch

September 1, 1938 - July 28, 2025

Rita Elizabeth Murphy Welch, 86, passed peacefully Monday, July 28, 2025. Born on September 1, 1938, Rita was a lifelong resident of Pittsfield, graduating from Pittsfield Public Schools. She worked for many years at Adams Supermarket and then Price Chopper, retiring in 2014. Rita also ran a cleaning business, CPR Cleaners, with her sisters Catherine and Patsy for approximately seven years.

Rita is survived by her sons, Theodore Bruce Hiser (Lark), Charleston SC, David Hiser (Heidi), Westland MI, and Mark Welch (Patrice) of Pittsfield, her daughters Darline Daniels and Mary Welch of Pittsfield. Rita leaves her grandsons, Jason Daniels, Bret and Kort Hiser, and her granddaughters, Kristina Marley, Alicia Welch and Jenna Wood, Emily, Natalie, and Olivia Hiser, , and 14 great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brothers, Tommy, Jimmy, Patrick and Mark Murphy and her sister, Patsy Jarvis. Rita is also survived by her stepdaughter, Cheryl Bolton of Florida and step grandchildren, Angie Raccioppi, Talia Bolton, Jesse Bolton and Bonnie Berry, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Rita was predeceased by her first husband, Theodore B. Hiser, Sr., whom she married May 14, 1956, and her second husband, Ralph Welch, whom she married on January 27, 1962. She was also predeceased by her siblings, Maryellen "Bodie" Goodnow, Peg Gregory, Anne Carroll, Billie Murphy,

Catherine Higgins, Bernie Murphy and Michael Murphy, as well as her stepsons, Rocky Welch Sr. and Dennis Burke and a step grandson, Rocky Welch Jr.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Rita will be Saturday, August 2, 2025, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9am at St. Joseph Church, celebrated by the Msgr. Michael A. Shershanovich, Pastor. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery.

Friends are also invited to join the family on Friday, August 1, 2025, from 4pm to 6pm at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street Pittsfield MA 01201.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

AUG 2. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Church
414 North St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall



“ Tammie, Lyndsie and Lauren purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Rita E. Welch.



Tammie, Lyndsie and Lauren - July 31, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ Remembering Aunt Rita and Mom sitting on the porch sharing stories with myself, Lyndsie and Lauren when we would come up from Connecticut. We will miss those days always but will cherish all the happy memories! We love you Aunt Rita, you will always be in our thoughts and prayers ☐💜🙏. Bruce, David, Darlene, Mary, Mark, and all extended family we are heartbroken for your loss☐💜🙏. Love always Tammie, Lyndsie, Lauren, and Koata our beloved dog that always came for the visit and loved seeing the dogs at Aunt Rita's☐☐☐☐☐🙏🙏🙏🙏💜💜💜



Tammie Carroll - July 30, 2025 at 06:54 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Rita E. Welch.



July 30, 2025 at 10:13 AM

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“ Aunt Rita, I will miss your smile and your laughter. But most of all I will always remember you for helping me get my driver's license. I enjoyed living on Orchard Street and stopping over to sit with you and Nana on the porch. Good times. Rest in Peace.

Margaret Gregory - July 29, 2025 at 03:59 PM

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Very sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with your family.

Patti Isenhart - August 01, 2025 at 09:10 AM