



Lita B. (Soucy) Isabelle

July 19, 1923 - January 26, 2021

Lita B. (Soucy) Isabelle, 97

FITCHBURG - Lita Bernice (Soucy) Isabelle, 97, passed away on January 26, 2021, after a short illness and bout with Covid. Lita was born in Fitchburg July 19, 1923, the daughter of Hilda (Dumais) and Joseph B. Soucy. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Robert A. Isabelle who died in 2002. Lita was a graduate of Fitchburg High School class of 1941, where she was a Gold F student, champion tennis player and an avid sports enthusiast.

Lita had many interests and passions throughout her lifetime. She and her husband enjoyed golfing and travel. She was also a member of several different organizations including Friends of Coggshall; Laurelwood Garden Club, where she loved taking part in the annual Art in Bloom event; and trustee of the former Worcester North Savings Institution. In earlier days she was very involved in the St. Joseph Parish religious education program and was a lifelong communicant of St. Joseph Parish in Fitchburg. Lita was a scout leader and was very involved in supporting Notre Dame High School in Fitchburg, when her sons were students and athletes there. Later, when living on Cape Cod, she was a member of Bay to Sound Neighbors, an all-volunteer aging in place village for seniors in Dennis and Yarmouth.

Lita was best known for her role as co-owner of the former Rendezvous Restaurant of Fitchburg with her husband Bob along with son David and daughter-in-law Gale, as part of a long standing family business spanning over 60 years. Lita loved her role as hostess and greeting the many customers she came to know and befriend over the years. She also appreciated the many long-time employees and notable musicians who provided entertainment and made the dining out experience special. One of her proud moments was welcoming First Lady Rosalyn Carter, who briefly stopped by the Rendezvous when visiting Fitchburg in the late seventies.

While in high school, Lita was offered a job at Nathan's Jewelry Store on Main Street in Fitchburg. The family took her under their wing and she was always very thankful for that.

She used to chuckle when telling the story of when she was a young woman, she would travel back and forth to Boston on the train periodically with a small sac of diamonds that she was entrusted with for the store. She later received her certification as a gemologist and worked at Nathan's for several enjoyable years.

Lita moved to Cape Cod in 2015 to be closer to her daughter Carol. Her last 5 1/2 years living near the ocean were especially happy. She enjoyed driving down to her favorite beach with her coffee to look out at the ocean or having a picnic with family at her favorite place, Corporation Beach.

She is survived by her three children, Richard Isabelle of Boca Raton, Florida, Deacon David Isabelle and his wife Gale (Carfagna) of Fitchburg, and Carol (Donohue) and husband Dan Donohue of Dennis, MA, grandchildren Dr. Aaron Isabelle and wife Kristen of Athens, NY, Brandon Isabelle and wife Gabby of Aurora, Colorado and great-granddaughter Carly Isabelle of Athens, NY. Lita's extended family includes step-grandchildren Michelle Duke and husband Bill, Sean Donohue and wife Michelle, Shannon Mondello and husband Jordan of El Paso, TX and step-great grandchildren Patrick Duke, Madeline Duke, Peyton Duke, Caoilinn Donohue and Eabha Donohue.

The family wishes to thank the caring staff at Broad Reach Healthcare-Liberty Commons and Broad Reach Healthcare Hospice for the excellent care and comfort they provided to our mother.

The Isabelle & Anderson Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg will be handling arrangements. A mass will be held in her honor on Wednesday, February 3, 2012 at 11 AM at St. Joseph Church, 49 Woodland Street, Fitchburg.

Due to Covid concerns there will be no calling hours.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bay to Sound Neighbors, PO Box 1505, South Dennis, MA 02660; Beacon of Hope Community Services, 62 West Street, Leominster, MA 02453; or St. Joseph Parish, 49 Woodland Street, Fitchburg, MA 01420 or a charity of your choice.

A recording of Lita's Funeral Mass, will be available to view Wednesday afternoon at the link below:

<https://my.gather.app/remember/lita-b-soucy-isabelle>

Cemetery

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Fitchburg, MA,

Events

FEB **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Joseph's Church

49 Woodland St., Fitchburg, MA, US

Comments



“ I was a care taker for Lita for a short time but I need to say what an impression this amazing woman left on me! She was truly one of the kindest woman I ever met! She always took time to say hello to people when we went out. She always seemed very concerned for each and every one of them! She had a heart of gold! AND she loved chocolate! After cleaning for her she would give me two pieces of chocolate and we would laugh at how much we liked it. She enjoyed going to the candy store and we always had a coffee at Corporation beach! She loved that beach and had many fond memories of she and her daughter Carol enjoying a coffee there. She loved to watch people. She would comment and get such a kick out of people with their children at the beach. She loved to explore. She loved Bray farm and the scenic wooden walkway they had out on the marsh. She was so much fun! She loved ice cream and so enjoyed nature. She had a little bunny outside her apartment window that she enjoyed watching.
It seemed the little bunny sat there for hours knowing it had an enthusiastic audience.
Another past time she so enjoyed was her flowers. She told me she loved her garden in Fitchburg. She enjoyed taking care of it. She had a little garden in her home as well. She had quite the green thumb! She had many amazing stories that she loved to share with me. She said God was so good to her! What an AMAZING grateful spirit she had. A joy to be around! I definitely miss you Lita! I was so hoping to see you one more time but I guess we will have to make our next rendezvous in Heaven!
God Bless you Lita!

Janice M Leary - February 20 at 01:21 PM



“ * Love , Nina Baldarelli

Nina Baldarelli - February 03 at 01:04 AM



“ Sending my condolences, my mother Terry worked with Lita and family for many years at the restaurant; and we very close. We all loved her and her whole family.
Love, Nina Baldarelli

Nina Baldarelli - February 03 at 01:00 AM



“ Remembering Lita and all the wonderful times we had at the Rendezvous Restaurant at family parties. She was such a gracious hostess and was a cherished member of our family. What an incredible life she led as described in her obituary. God blessed her with a long life and a very special family. God bless her. Speaking for our parents, Louis and Janet Isabelle, our cousins were very much loved and respected by many many people in Cleghorn . Our deepest sympathies to the family. Love and prayers, Mark, Susan, Renée and Jacqueline Isabelle



Renee DiGeronimo - February 03 at 12:54 AM



“ Dear Isabelle Family,
I am so sorry to read of the passing of your mom. The Rendezvous holds so many dear memories. My parents always called her Lita, but she was Mrs. Isabelle to me, the kind lady that always greeted us at the door from the time I was a toddler. She always led our family to a special table for some of the best meals I've ever had. Even after living 3000 miles away for the last 35 years, my husband and I STILL reminisce about the Fisherman's and Captain's Platters, scallops, and corn fritters....the best in the whole country! And of course, my dad's favorite, the turkey club..... My parents continued to dine there every Friday evening until the last day of business. Whenever I visit Fitchburg, I well up with tears when I drive by the building that holds the memories of countless family meals, just up the street from my childhood home on Walton St.
Mrs. Isabelle's kindness and welcoming smile will remain in my memory. May she rest peacefully.
Tina (Gallo) Murray
San Bernardino, CA

Tina (Gallo) Murray - January 29 at 08:08 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your mother passing she was a great lady . Thanks kevin nourie

Kevin nourie - January 30 at 01:19 PM



“ Such fond memories of Lita from the good old Rendezvous days....she was always so welcoming and KIND. Her voice could just envelope you with his warmth. I will send up prayers for her to rest now. She's back with her beloved, Bob and I hope that brings you all some comfort.

Thinking of you.
love,
Joan (Belliveau) Fiset

Joan Fiset - January 29 at 05:24 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss David and Gale. Working with Lita for 10 years at the Rendezvous was always a pleasure. Caring for her customers making sure their meals were cooked properly and enjoying their company. Working Holidays were always filled with excitement for her. She will be greatly missed. Thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Love you, Nancy Vautour

Nancy - January 29 at 09:29 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Lita B. (Soucy) Isabelle.



January 29 at 01:15 AM



“ Sean, Michelle, Caoilinn & Eabha purchased the Multicolor Bright Standing Wreath for the family of Lita B. (Soucy) Isabelle.



Sean, Michelle, Caoilinn & Eabha - January 28 at 11:10 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Lisa Isabelle



carol donohue - January 28 at 10:36 PM



“ Dear David and Gale,

Very sorry to hear of your loss. I'm sure our Lord has a special place
In His heart for Lita. Your in our thoughts and prayers.

Deacon Peter and Linda Faford

Deacon Peter Faford - January 28 at 09:26 AM