



Rita Domenica Kirsch

August 17, 1956 - February 20, 2025

Rita Domenica (Crognale) Kirsch, 68, of Myrtle Beach, SC, passed away peacefully Thursday February 20, 2025, at Grand Strand Hospital in Myrtle Beach.

She was born on August 17, 1956 in Pittsburgh, PA. Rita was the daughter of the late Donald and Elda Crognale.

Rita was a 1974 graduate of Fox Chapel High school in Pittsburgh, PA. She started her career in banking at Allegheny Valley Bank and PNC bank in Pittsburgh before later moving to Connecticut. There, Rita worked at Bristol Savings bank/Webster Bank and St. Paul Catholic High School before retiring in 2018 from Tyrrell Middle School in Wolcott, CT where she was the principal's secretary. The following year, she relocated to Myrtle Beach, SC with her husband. Her dream to live by the beach had finally come true.

A member of St. Michael Catholic Church, Rita enjoyed walking, cooking, baking, spending time at the beach and pool and above all else spending time with her family especially her four beloved granddaughters. She will be deeply missed by all.

She is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, Thomas A. Kirsch, Myrtle Beach, SC; daughter, Christina M. Messino (Sam), Wolcott, CT;

granddaughters, Sophia Messino, Ella Messino, Gianna Messino and Ava Messino; sisters, Lola (Bruce Barcic) Crognale, Pittsburgh, PA; Anna Marie (Mike) Balistreri, Columbus, OH; brother, Walter (Ellie) Crognale, Baltimore, MD and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at Burroughs Funeral Home, Murrells Inlet, SC. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 AM Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at St. Michael Catholic Church, Murrells Inlet, SC with interment following in Hillcrest Cemetery, Conway, SC.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations in Rita's name be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at www.stjude.org

Rita wanted to express a special "Thank You" to her family and Fr. Ed Fitzgerald.

Burroughs Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Murrells Inlet, SC (843.651.1440) is assisting the family.

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526
(843) 347-4909
office@hillcrestcemetery.com
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Burroughs Funeral Home and Cremation Services, LLC
3558 Old Kings Hwy
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
(843) 651-1440

Mass of Christian burial

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Michaels Catholic Church
542 Cypress Ave
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Entombment

FEB **26**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Hillcrest Mausoleum
1000 Hwy 544
Conway, SC 29526