



Rita Catherine Ahlers

July 17, 1930 - May 23, 2022

Rita Catherine Kettner Ahlers of Mooresville, NC, age 91, passed away peacefully on Monday, May 23, 2022, surrounded by family.

She was born on July 17, 1930, in Chicago, Illinois to the late Emil and Adeline Kettner. Rita was preceded in death by her loving husband of 56 years, Robert Ahlers, 5 brothers, and 3 sisters.

She is survived by 1 sister, Roberta Holzkopf; 2 sons, Robert (Deb) Ahlers and Gary (Joan) Ahlers, 8 daughters, Kathleen (the late David) Halik, Joanne (Jim) Boyle, Mary (Dom) Medico, Bonnie (George) Strauch, Annette (Craig) Vanderhoff, Cheryl (John) Hanna, Jennifer (Butch) Cone, and Elizabeth (Tim) Pysell, 26 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Rita was a beloved aunt, friend, and second mother to many.

She graduated from Siena High School in Chicago and went to work at the Chicago field office of the FBI. As the family expanded, they moved from Chicago, IL to Palatine, IL to Cincinnati, OH to Upper Saddle River, NJ, finally settling in the Charlotte, NC area. She enjoyed working part time as an Avon lady and typist, and loved music, dancing, singing, cooking, gardening, bowling, playing cards, and especially gathering with family and friends.

Known affectionately as Gram and GG, she was an active member of The

Presentation Church in NJ, St. Therese in NC, and a charter member of St. Matthews in NC. Rita's love, kindness, and compassion for others was unconditional. She was a consummate volunteer with Hospice, the Red Cross, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Mercy Hospital, the Woman's Club, Meals on Wheels, SWAT at St. Therese, and Habitat for Humanity.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church, 217 Brawley School Road, Mooresville, NC 28117.

Details for LIVE access are below:

Livestream start time: 12:57pm

Livestream end time: 2:20pm

The broadcast can be accessed LIVE from this page on our website: <https://www.sainttherese.net/mass-livestream>

Viewers should scroll down the page and click the arrow in the center of the StreamSpot viewer to start watching the stream (It will say "Live" in the upper left corner beginning at 12:57pm).

To access the broadcast after the funeral:

The broadcast can also be watched from the Mass Livestream page on our website for 1 week after the funeral has ended. Viewers will need to click in the StreamSpot viewer, then click the option for "Previous Broadcasts." From there, use the arrows to scroll through the broadcasts to get to the funeral and then click the picture to play the broadcast.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in the spirit of Rita's generous way to St. Therese Church in Mooresville, NC, Rescue Ranch in Statesville, NC, or to the charity of your choice.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Ahlers'

family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **30**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Therese Catholic Church
217 Brawley School Road
 Mooresville, NC 28117

Tribute Wall

BG

“ So sorry to hear of Rita’s passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. With much sympathy,
Bonnie (Ossler) Gardeck



Bonnie (Ossler) Gardeck - June 05, 2022 at 02:06 PM

MG

“ My sincere condolences to all of the Ahlers family on the loss of Rita, a beautiful servant of our Lord.

We first met Rita at Church of the Presentation where she was in charge of Social Concerns. She and my wife Margarita started our Soup Kitchen Ministry which cooks weekly meals for the Missionary Sisters of Charity of Mother Teresa soup kitchens as well as for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter holidays.

Now almost 40 years later, it is still such a vibrant part of our parish community.

May the Lord bless you and give you comfort and peace.

Michael Granata

Michael Granata - May 29, 2022 at 06:05 PM

EC

“ To the entire Ahlers family, please accept our condolences on the loss of your dear mom. She was a wonderful person and will be greatly missed. We give thanks to God for her long and compassionate life.
Tony and Lis (Rasmussen) Conboy



Ellisabeth Conboy - May 29, 2022 at 08:39 AM

GB

“ Dear Gary and family,our sincere condolences to you on the passing of your Mom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at these most difficult times. May she rest in peace.

George & Marie Bolsch

george bolsch - May 28, 2022 at 09:12 AM