



Rita Mary Cudworth

November 25, 1922 - October 2, 2023

Rita Mary Cudworth, at the age of 100, passed away peacefully at her apartment at Kingston Residence Santa Fe, NM in the loving care of Presbyterian Hospice Services, Santa Fe, NM and the staff at Kingston on October 2, 2023. Rita was born in Lowell, MA on 11/25/1922. She was the oldest daughter of Richard and Charlotte (McVey) Botti, wife of the late Richard A. Cudworth, and Mother of the late Lois Ann Diakoff. She attended St. Joseph High School and Lowell Commercial College. After marrying Richard Cudworth, she resided in Lowell and Boston, MA for many years and later moved to Chicago, IL and in 1972 to San Antonio, TX, where she lived with her husband for over 30 years. Several years after her husband's passing, she moved to Santa Fe, NM to be near her sister and brother-in-law. While living in Boston, Rita worked for Massachusetts Memorial Hospital as an Administrative Assistant in the Intensive Care Unit, one of the first such units in a Boston hospital. In Chicago, she worked as an Administrative Assistant at the Wesley Memorial Hospital. After coming to San Antonio, she worked for Manpower, which led her to a job at the San Antonio Symphony for 12 years in the box office. As a young adult, Rita sang on the radio in Lowell, MA. She was an avid book reader all her life and always up to date on local and world events. Many people enjoyed interesting conversation with Rita. Rita and her husband were volunteers at the San Antonio Audubon Society where Rita was the secretary of that local chapter. They were Bluebirds at Methodist Hospital for 12 years. They were also part of a group that founded

the classical radio station, KPAC.

Rita is preceded in death by her beloved husband Richard, her beloved daughter Lois Diakoff, her parents and six siblings. She is survived by her son-in-law Harry Diakoff of New York and her sister Maureen Johnson and her husband Paul of New Mexico, as well as many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and several godchildren around the country.

Rita will be laid to rest at Mission Park North, San Antonio, TX with her beloved husband Richard.

A private internment will be held in November. At Rita's request, donations may be made in her name to the Audubon Society, KPAC (the classical radio station) or PHS Hospice in Santa Fe, NM.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family--I worked with Rita for 12 years at the San Antonio Symphony. What a lovely, classy lady she was. I also knew Dick well. They were truly Romeo and Juliet. Maureen---she spoke of you and your family often.
I am now 94 years old and holding.
Marjorie Hild

Marjorie Hild - November 29, 2023 at 05:09 PM

LG

“ lisa griffith lit a candle in memory of Rita
Cudworth



lisa griffith - October 23, 2023 at 05:35 PM

LG

“ Dear Family, Rita and I worked at Methodist Hospital as Bluebird Volunteers in San Antonio, Texas. She was the sweetest most lovely woman. She added grace and elegance to the hospital volunteer corp. She will be dearly missed! Much love, Lisa Griffith

lisa griffith - October 23, 2023 at 05:32 PM

JN

“ Dearest family, Aunt Rita was the best. Our visits to Ma. Always included a trip to Prices bakery and an order of fig squares for uncle Dick. She will be missed by all who had the opportunity to know her and all
Her family.

john Navarro - October 23, 2023 at 12:45 PM

MH

“ Aunt Rita you were one of the sweetest people on the face of this earth, we had so many memorable times with Mom, Dad & our family, you will never be forgotten

RIP 🙏❤️🙏 Love you Michael

Michael Hovey - October 04, 2023 at 09:10 PM