



## Rita Ann Frank

September 12, 1956 - December 10, 2025

Rita Ann Frank, age 69 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at Saint Mary Health Center in Saint Louis, MO.

She was born on Wednesday, September 12, 1956, in Highland, IL, the daughter of Alvin and Lucille (nee Prott) Frank.

She was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, as well as the Altar Society in Marine.

Rita was born in Highland and grew up in Marine. She graduated in 1974 from Triad High School. Rita worked at Special Services in Alton after high school and then worked at Buzzie's drive-in, now called The Highland Diner until 2010. Rita took care of her Mother until 2012 when they both moved to the Hitz Home in Alhambra. Rita moved to the Highland Home in 2021. Rita enjoyed cross-stitch, crocheting, crafts and collecting rosaries. She loved playing bingo and listening to musical entertainment, especially The Mis-Fits at the Highland Home. She enjoyed watching old-TV shows and loved the St. Louis Cardinals.

Survivors include:

Sister - Connie M. (Marvin) Grapperhaus, Marine, IL

Brother - Roger A. (Judy) Frank, Edwardsville, IL

Brother - Donald J. (Connie) Frank, Highland, IL

Nieces and Nephews - 10

Great Nieces & Nephews - 27

She was preceded in death by:

Father - Alvin J. "Bud" Frank, died 10/10/2010

Mother - Lucille Frank (nee Prott), died 1/24/2014

Sister - Linda L. Frank, died 11/4/2025

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Marine, IL, Father John P. Beveridge, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Elizabeth Catholic Cemetery in Marine, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Home or St. Elizabeth Catholic Church (Electrical Project).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland  
1501 9th Street  
P.O. Box 187  
Highland, IL 62249  
(618) 654-2133  
info@spengel-boulanger.com

## Visitation

DEC 18. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home  
1501 9th  
Highland, IL 62249  
info@spengel-boulanger.com  
<http://spengel-boulanger.com>

## Funeral Mass

DEC 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church  
120 N Windmill St  
Marine, IL 62061-1313  
(618) 887-4535

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ My deepest sympathies are with the entire Frank family. I just learned of Rita's passing. She was a table partner at my mother's table (Millie Frey) at the Highland Home while Mom was there. Rita was always a delight to talk to. Rita loved to sit in the sun in front of the building. Rita died on my daughter's 40th birthday so I will remember her passing every year. Beverly (Frey) Bryant

Beverly Bryant - January 02 at 11:14 AM

MR

“ To Ritas family, you's have my symphony. I use to visit with Rita when I visited my Aunt at the Highland Home. Don & Connie Frank were I and my Husband, Russell's cousins. I worked with Connie Graperhaus at Baslers. I will keep you in my prayers. So sorry for your loss. Marsha Rinderer



Marsha Rinderer - December 18, 2025 at 02:20 PM

T6

“ The Vestis Family, Market Center 618 purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rita Ann Frank.



The Vestis Family, Market Center 618 - December 17, 2025 at 10:42 AM

LI

“ Rita was a kind friend that I went to school with, she was fun and when she came to Highland Home she loved playing bingo. She will be missed.

Linda - December 14, 2025 at 10:43 PM

ER

“ So very sorry to hear this about Rita. She was such a friendly and caring person.

Elaine Reinhart - December 14, 2025 at 04:47 PM

KR

“ Bryan and I enjoyed camping with the Frank families on many occasions and Rita always enjoyed a good ole campfire hotdog and sitting around the bonfire afterwards eating different types of smores! And my daughter... Emily Gehrig Giedeman used to take care of her at Hitz when she worked there! We will miss you but hold to to the fun memories... and the factbuour birthday was on our Anniversary 🧠😊☐



Kristine Rutz - December 14, 2025 at 04:07 PM

AF

“ Very sad to hear of Rita's passing. Sending my sincere condolences and prayers for Rita and family 🙏🙏.

Alvin Suess snd family - December 14, 2025 at 10:30 AM

PW

“ *Rita was such a very special friend and had a heart of gold. She would help anyone and everyone she could. She would tell me countless times of a play that she and my brother were in together at school while sitting around the table here at The Highland Home. She would get so excited when she won bingo and not so much if she didn't. Lol. She will be missed for sure. Rest in Heaven my dear friend.*

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**Pat Witschie** - December 14, 2025 at 10:12 AM