



## Mary Rita Pizzolato

April 21, 1951 - May 11, 2024

Mary Rita Pizzolato passed away on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at the age of 73, after a 14 year battle with breast cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family until she left her earthly body to be with the Lord. She was born in New Orleans, LA and was a longtime resident of Kenner, LA. She spent the last few years of her life living with her brother Joe and his wife Linda who selflessly and lovingly cared for her. Daughter of the late Carlo Raymond Pizzolato and Sadie Maria Mistretta Pizzolato. She was preceded in death by her Uncle Anthony “Butts” Mistretta who after her parents’ death became like a father and mother to her. He described her as “good as gold”. Sister of Lena Ann Pizzolato Ramil, Joseph “Joe” Pizzolato (Linda) and Victor C. Pizzolato (Neringa). Aunt of Manuel Ramil Jr., Misty Ramil, Nino Pizzolato, April P. Levy (Stephen), Marisha Pizzolato and Tulasi Pizzolato. Great aunt of Jade, Sadie, Brittney, Carlo, Sidney, and Jake. Great great aunt of Evy, Zoey, and Zayda. She is also survived by many loving cousins. She loved each of her family members more than anything and was always so loyal to each one of them. Mary Rita was retired from Louisiana Power and Light and the City of Kenner. She was a devoted Catholic and parishioner of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Mary Rita was selfless, kind, humble, gentle, genuine, pure, patient, and faith filled. She was also very affectionate and loved unconditionally. She was always willing to help anyone she could and was always so giving and generous. Mary Rita could be described as saint like, a true angel here on Earth and was kind to anyone she met. She had a special

devotion to the Blessed Mother and exemplified many of the same qualities. She carried her cross with true grace and always knew that Jesus carried her when the burden of her sickness became too much. She placed all her faith and trust in Him. She had a positive outlook on life and never complained no matter how she was feeling, or what she was going through. Through it all she never lost her beautiful, most infectious smile. She truly was an example of the power of prayer and instilled the importance of faith in everyone she encountered. Mary Rita always let her light shine. She will be greatly missed by everyone she made an impact on throughout her life.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Funeral Service on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. Visitation will be held from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at L.A. Muhleisen and Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd, Kenner with the Funeral Mass to follow at 1:00 pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 1908 Short St., Kenner. Interment to follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery. To share memories or condolences, please visit [www.muhleisen.com](http://www.muhleisen.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Garden of Memories Cemetery

4900 Airline Dr.  
Metairie, LA 70001

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 21. 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home  
2607 Williams Boulevard  
Kenner, LA 70062

## Funeral Mass

MAY 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
1908 Short Street  
Kenner, LA 70065

# Tribute Wall



“ L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Rita Pizzolato



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - May 20, 2024 at 06:41 PM

JG

“ My name is John Guzzardi, I had the pleasant experience of being Mary's co-worker at Veolia Water for 15 years. Meeting her for the first time she always had that smile that made me feel like I had been knowing her for years. Always a help to anyone with their problems. I can say now she made a stressful place to work a happy experience with her smile. Thank You Mary and I will miss you.

John Guzzardi - May 22, 2024 at 04:34 PM

MD

“ Mavis (Sri's sister), Nick and Dakota purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Rita Pizzolato.



Mavis (Sri's sister), Nick and Dakota - May 20, 2024 at 05:46 PM

LH

“ Love, Aimee and Chris Hasney purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Mary Rita Pizzolato.



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**Love, Aimee and Chris Hasney** - May 20, 2024 at 08:09 AM

DN

“ Donald N. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mary Rita Pizzolato.



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**Donald N.** - May 18, 2024 at 12:59 PM

DN

“ Donald N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Rita Pizzolato.

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**Donald N.** - May 18, 2024 at 12:59 PM

SP

“ We offer our heartfelt condolences to Mary Rita's wonderful family, who always loved her and so lovingly cared for her, as she cared for them, and who kept her comfortable during her illnesses. Thank you to Hospice and the hospice nurses as well.

*The Hand of the Lord*

*Rita will remain in the hearts of all who love her. Not only in the best of times, but in the difficult times as well, Rita was saintly and kind; she would smile and find something positive or somehow find the good. In our conversations, Rita's faith would always be her shelter, and she talked of seeing everything that happens as coming from the hand of the Lord. Of this there was no doubt, and the strength of her spiritual convictions reminds us to try to do the same.*

*This is how Rita lived her life, with her faith strong, and her beautiful smile of goodness, kindness, grace, and courage showing everyone that love and faith are higher powers kept strong by our trust in the Lord. Rita's great happiness was to be with family and friends, welcoming, laughing, helping, serving; most of all being so loving.*

*If there is any comfort at this sad time that the world has lost such a saintly person, we can remember Rita's essence; her beauty shining from her soul, (and her heart), her connection to the Lord, which lives forevermore, and is one of the many gifts given to all of us by the kindness of God. Rita understood this perfectly, and now can now live in peace in the presence of the Lord.*

*With love,  
Sri Pati, Rishi, and family*

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Sri Pati - May 18, 2024 at 12:44 PM