



Mrs. Rita Hoovler

October 4, 1933 - May 15, 2018

Rita Hoovler, age 84, passed away on May 15, 2018 at home after a long illness.

Rita, born October 4, 1933 in Brooklyn, NY, was the daughter of George and Frances (Bortone) Congo. She and her husband Clem owned and operated the Freehold Airport from the 1960s until the early 2000s, providing many an aviation experience for tourists taking scenic rides and enthusiasts obtaining their flight credentials. Rita operated her artist's gallery at the Freehold Airport, showcasing the oil and water-color painting she enjoyed for a quarter century.

Survivors include: her husband of 63 years Clements J Hoovler; daughters Debra (Don) Teator of Freehold, NY and Lori (Gary) Zoch of Port Orange, FL; her beloved grandchild Nathan Teator; siblings Julie (Jay) Wilkomm and George (Judy) Congo; a niece Renee Kittredge; and the many friends and associates that comprised the local aviation community.

In accordance with her wishes, there are no services.

A private cremation has been performed.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, July 8, 2018, at 4:00 P.M. at the family's residence.

Arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross Street, Cairo, N.Y.

Condolences may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Tribute Wall

EG

“ I have wonderful memories of Rita. Kind, bubbly and fun. I can imagine what a loss she must be to all of her friends and family. Our prayers and love are being sent your way.
Elaine Hannay Gruener

Elaine A Gruener - May 30, 2018 at 09:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Clem and family, Just read about your loss...so sorry. I know the kind of hole this makes in your life... I lost my Roger three months ago. God is my source of strength and peace as well as dear family and friends.I pray you have the same support as you deal with your great loss.
I first met Rita when I started the process for getting my pilot's license. I enjoyed getting to know her... through the artworks she proudly displayed and especially her delightful sense of humor. She always had a twinkle in her eyes...treasure all those wonderful memories she made with you. Love & prayers, Sherley Hannay

Sherley Hannay - May 29, 2018 at 08:49 AM

TB

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the Hoover family. We all share some good memories of time spent with Rita.
*Thanks to Rita and my time at Freehold Airport I met a lot of people from the surrounding aviation community!
We will miss Rita.
Tom and Beth Albrecht*

tom and beth - May 26, 2018 at 07:21 PM

JS

“ *My dear Ri, I was the messy one and you were the neat one. I got into fights and you were always there to save me. Rest In Peace, My Dear Sister. Give mom a hug for me, Sister, I love you so. Sis & Jay*

*Thou art gone from my gaze like a beautiful dream
Now I seek thee in vain by the meadow and stream*

Bye now, Sweetheart, My Darling, You Lovely Child. Sister

Julie Willkomm, Sister - May 26, 2018 at 02:15 PM



Barbara
Spohler
D'Elia

“ *Clem, Deb, Don, Lori, Gary, and Nathan,*

I don't even know where to start. I have known Rita (and all y'all) my whole life. She was a lot of fun and we all had so many good times. The thing that sticks out most in my memory was when I was about 5 years old and I called her Mrs. Hoover. She indignantly told me she was not Mrs. Hoover, she was Rita! She is one of the very few adults I have ever called by their first name as a kid. Rest easy Rita!!

*Love,
Barbara Spohler*

Barbara Spohler D'Elia - May 23, 2018 at 06:32 PM

CS

“ Rita was my friend for so many years.....over 50! We shared so many trips to NYC to Broadway shows and Clem and my late husband Freddie would always tease that Rita the gal from Brooklyn and me from Jersey City would enjoy our day in “The Big Apple” eating at a deli for a dish we remembered from years ago! and we did! She talked me into taking over the “Learn to Ski Program”which I did when I-really didn’t know how to ski! Did that for 20 years! She will forever be in my heart and we will meet again someday.....but not that soon! Our kids grew up together and we babysat their dog when they went to Florida! So many good memories Rita! We made them happen! RIP my dear friend. I will miss our visits and will remember the good times we shared. Your friend always. Carol Spohler

carol spohler - May 17, 2018 at 06:08 PM

PD

“ Clem and family,
So sorry to hear of Rita's passing. She was one wonderful gal who meant so much to so many. With our sincere sympathy,
Paul & Mia DiStefano

Paul DiStefano - May 17, 2018 at 02:32 PM

LL

“ Nate and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.
Lisa Lamanna

Lisa Lamanna - May 17, 2018 at 02:20 PM

AC

“ *Clem and family...*

*I am so sorry for your loss...I have no words..
Having been through this situation 4 years
ago with my wife Blanche, I truly understand
your sense of loss at this time...*

I'm here for you if needed..

Art Cramer

Art Cramer - May 17, 2018 at 01:45 PM

GC

“ *To Clem and family*

*We are so sorry to hear about cousin Rita . We will always
remember her smile and kindness,she will always be in our prayers
Our heartfelt sympathy
your cousins*

*George and Marianne Congo
20 Ismay st. Staten Island N.Y. 10314
718-761-7913 (tried to call)*

George Congo - May 17, 2018 at 11:26 AM

JB

“ Missing you, "Miss Rita", already.

*To Clem, Deb, Don, Laurie, Gary, Nathan and family,
Rita was Clems one and only, she made him smile, even in the
toughest of times. She was special to us and will be always in our
hearts. We enjoyed our weekly (sometimes several times a week)
call from "Miss Rita" looking for a dinner date. We obliged her as
much as possible. We did not go far, but the warmth of her laughter
and her interest in everyday events made each trip a notable one.
We enjoyed our visit with Renee while she was here visiting. We
wish to thank your entire family for sharing Rita with us.*

Our most sincere sympathy.

John and Jeanne Bensen

John and Jeanne Bensen - May 16, 2018 at 03:26 PM