



# Rita Richard

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**R**ita Richard, 92, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, passed away on August 23, 2025. She was born on November 30, 1932, in Lynn, Massachusetts, to Romeo and Eva Gamache.

Rita grew up in Derry, New Hampshire and graduated from Pinkerton Academy with the Class of 1950. On June 30, 1951, she married Gerard Dionne in Derry, New Hampshire, and together they began building a life full of love, family, and shared memories. Gerry passed away in 1977, and Rita married Joseph Presley Richard on December 23, 1988. Rita and Presley enjoyed many years of cruising and traveling to Europe and beyond.

In her younger years, she was an active Girl Scout leader, generously giving her time and talents to inspire and guide others. Throughout her life, she nurtured a love for knitting and sewing, often creating beautiful handmade pieces that reflected her creativity and care.

Strong and independent, Rita was a woman who embraced life with joy and adventure. She enjoyed traveling to visit her children and grandchildren whether they be in Europe, Florida, Texas, or Maine. She made lifelong memories and friendships. Known for her vibrant social spirit, she cherished playing cards, board games, and connecting with those around her. Rita's leadership extended beyond her personal life as she proudly served as president of the Franco-American Amvets Post 161, where she made a lasting impact.

Rita will be remembered for her warmth, strength, and zest for life. Her independence and ability to bring joy to every gathering left a mark on all who knew



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She is preceded in death by her first husband Gerry, second husband Presley, brother Dorell Gamache, brother Roland Gamache, and sister Theresa Laferriere.

She is survived by her daughter Susan Russell and husband Ronald of Limington, Maine, son Paul Dionne and wife Suzie of New Braunfels, Texas, son Roger Dionne and wife Julie of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and daughter Lorraine Steeves and her fiancé Lloyd Bosworth, of Daytona Beach, Florida, fifteen grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild, along with numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and loved ones.

She will be deeply missed by family, friends, and all who were fortunate enough to share in her remarkable journey.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, August 27th at 9:00 AM up until the service starts at 10:00 AM

Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, August 27th at 10:00 AM at Floral Haven Funeral Home

<https://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/115359>



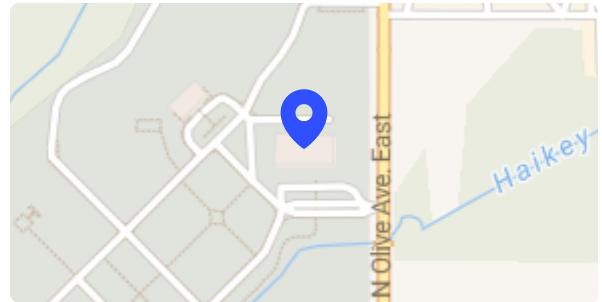
# Events

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## Visitation prior to ceremony

- Wednesday**, August 27, 2025
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM CT
- Floral Haven Funeral Home**  
6500 S. 129th E. Ave., Broken Arrow OK 74012



## Funeral Ceremony

- Wednesday**, August 27, 2025
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# Tribute Wall

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**Ann, Pam, Jean & Michele** sent an Arrive in Style to the Richard family.

August 27 at 7:32 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Richard family.

August 25 at 6:16 PM



**Honey Amirault** lit a candle in honor of Rita.

Dear Family and friends of Rita's,Rita was a dear friend of my mother (Annette)We enjoyed many outings to Jacques and Claire Gallant's pool all summer long.May you rest in eternal peace,Honey

August 25 at 12:26 PM



**Joanne B** lit a candle in honor of Rita.

Aunt Rita ( cousin really) was the first one to come to our house after my Dad died very suddenly. Mom opened the door and Rita wrapped her arms around her offering love and support. Then she hugged my Sister and me ( I was 10 and Sis was 5).She and Gerry stayed close to us with Gerry coming to the house with his tool box to fix anything that might "need fixing".She was warm, loving, a good friend and had the most infectious laugh. I will miss and will always be grateful she was such a wonderful part of our lives.Love you!Joanne

August 25 at 11:18 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Rita.

August 25 at 10:41 AM





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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Richard family.



August 25 at 10:41 AM



**The Richard Children** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Rita.



August 25 at 8:58 AM



**The Richard Children** sent a Gracious Lavender Basket to the Richard family.



August 25 at 8:58 AM



**Mark Popeye** posted:

Watching hurricane coverage on her TV,when my wife and I visited her. Every time Jim Cantore did his report (from Ft Myers), we would see my pickup truck (parked at the hotel he was reporting from ), in the background. I would laugh and say, " We're about to see our truck get blown away,by the hurricane."

August 24 at 8:16 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rita by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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