



Rose M. (Samia) MacKoul

October 19, 1939 - February 18, 2021

Rose's service will be live-streamed on St. George's website found here:
<http://stgeorgeworcester.org/livestream>

WORCESTER --On Thursday, February 18, 2021, the handmaiden of God, Rose M. MacKoul, fell asleep in the Lord with her loving family by her side. Her husband of 46 years, Joseph G. MacKoul died in 2004.

Rose was born and raised in Worcester, the daughter of the late Alexander and Martha (Abraham) Samia. After graduating from Commerce High School in 1957, Rose met the love of her life, Joe MacKoul, and was married on November 2, 1958, in St. George Orthodox Cathedral. They settled in Worcester where they raised their two children. When her children were old enough, Rose went to work as a dental assistant for Dr. Judah Rubin in Worcester.

She was a devout and active member of St. George Orthodox Cathedral where she sang in the choir from her youth to the present day. Throughout the years, Rose enjoyed bingo, bowling, swimming, and fellowship with her friends at the YMCA and Worcester Senior Center. As the family's self-proclaimed barber, Rose took great pride in cutting her son and grandson's hair.

Her greatest joy in life was being surrounded by her family. Rose was happiest when serving the people she loved and she loved everyone. Her house was the gathering place for generations of family and friends who knew they were cared for, loved, and filled with her never-ending offering of food! She would put her culinary expertise to work preparing one of her favorite Lebanese dishes or deserts...no one ever left the table hungry.

In the summers, her pool brought everyone together and her hospitality made you never want to leave. She will always be remembered for her genuine warmth and love, a reflection of her strong inner faith, which touched the hearts of all who knew her.

Rose is survived by her two sons, Joseph A. MacKoul and his wife, Gayle of Holden and Fr. James M. MacKoul and his wife, Eva of St. Louis Missouri; a brother, Richard Samia and his companion, Cheryl of Roxboro, North Carolina; three sisters, Joyce Peters and her husband, Donald of Vero Beach, Florida, Carol Joseph and Donna Bayrouy of Worcester; five grandchildren, Fr. Alex J. MacKoul and his wife, Amanda of Myrtle Beach, SC, Christiana MacKoul of Arlington, VA, Katie Hillgren and her husband, Eric, Jamie and Victoria MacKoul of St. Louis; nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Rose's family from 9 to 10 am on Monday, February 22, in St. George Orthodox Cathedral, 30 Anna Street, Worcester followed by a funeral service at 10 am at the Cathedral with HIS GRACE BISHOP JOHN, Rev. Fr. Milad Selim, and Rose's son, Rev. Fr. James M. MacKoul, and her grandson, Rev. Fr. Alex MacKoul officiating. Rose will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband in Worcester County Memorial Park in Paxton. Out of love and consideration of all attending, facial masks and social distancing will be required.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Philip G. Haddad, Jr. of Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main Street, Holden. In lieu of flowers, and if you wish, memorial donations may be made in Rose's name to St. George Orthodox Cathedral Endowment Fund, 30 Anna St., Worcester, MA 01604. To share a memory or offer a condolence, please visit the "Tribute Wall" on this page.

MAY HER MEMORY BE ETERNAL

Cemetery

Worcester County Memorial Park

217 Richards Ave

Paxton, MA, 01612

Comments



“ Rose and I met over half a century ago when when our sons were in little league together, and we remained close ever since. I knew I could always count on her for good company, whether it was playing cards when our kids were small, or more recently, going for a walk, eating Chinese food, or a trip to the movies on Saturday afternoons. She was a good friend to me and I am so thankful for that. I will cherish our memories forever.

Our prayers are with all of Rose's family during this time.

-Rose Hudson and the entire Hudson family

Rose Hudson - February 22, 2021 at 07:34 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Rose’s passing. She was a lovely lady, always a kind word and smile on her face. May she rest in peace.

Memory Eternal.

Love, Barbara and Kim Hines and family.

Barbara Hines - February 22, 2021 at 06:00 PM



“ If there was ever a woman who personified the definition of a true lady, it was Rose. In all our years together singing in the choir and participating in the musical concerts and programs, I never heard an unkind word from her. She was such a sweet, unassuming woman and, like all the members of her family, was spiritual and steadfast in her faith. I consider myself fortunate to have known her, even in a small way, and pray that her family will take solace in knowing that she most certainly is resting in eternal peace with the angels. God bless you all
Affectionately, Alberta and Ken Milhem

Alberta Milhem - February 22, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ Thank you so much Alberta and Ken! She truly was someone special!

gayle mackoul - February 22, 2021 at 04:57 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Rose's passing. May the many memories you have all shared over the years give you strength and peace during this difficult time. May she rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Audrey DeMichele

Audrey DeMichele - February 21, 2021 at 04:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rose M. (Samia) MacKoul.



February 20, 2021 at 06:00 PM



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“ MEMORY ETERNAL +ROSE, may an Angel of Peace protect and comfort her beloved family during their loss. Our prayers and loving thoughts are with Fr. James and Fr. Alex and their families, may they be granted peace.
With blessings, Fr. Timothy and Kh. Louise Ferguson and Family.

FrTimothy Ferguson - February 20, 2021 at 09:55 AM



“ We are sad to learn of the passing of dearest Rose. We shared many years of singing together in the choir. She was a pillar for us. Her love and thoughtfulness for her family, friends and colleagues will always be remembered .
Rest In Peace dear Rose and May your Memory be Eternal. We will miss you.
Elaine Saliba

Elaine Saliba - February 20, 2021 at 08:17 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. She was a wonderful and caring person. May she Rest In Peace. Love Bill & Mary Orfalea

William Orfalea - February 20, 2021 at 05:01 AM



“ My family loved Aunt Rose! What a sweet, caring, wonderful Aunt. We always enjoyed her company and wished we lived closer to enjoy her life more.

May she rest in peace with Uncle Joe.

Lenny MacKoul and Family

Lenny MacKoul - February 19, 2021 at 03:09 PM



“ Sorry for your loss thoughts and prayers to you and your family may have her memory be enteral

Cathy (Peters) Arcure and family

cathy (Peters) Arcure - February 20, 2021 at 11:25 AM