



## Mrs. Rita B. Menapace

February 19, 1929 - October 11, 2012

Mrs. Rita B. Menapace, 83, of Cortland passed away, Thursday, October 11, 2012 at Cortland Park Rehabilitation & Nursing Facility after a lengthy illness. Born, February 19, 1929 in Buffalo, Rita was the daughter of Frank and Rose Guzzetta Bogardo.

Rita held a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. She was formerly employed as a beautician and was employed as the secretary in the E.O.P. office at S.U.N.Y. Cortland before retiring. An accomplished caterer and baker Rita was well known for catering various functions and events and was known as "The Cake Lady" as many local brides had their wedding cakes made by Rita's talented hands. She was former President of the Little York Garden Club and a Guild member of the 1890 House. Rita and her husband, Charles H. Menapace, who preceded her in death in 2002 were the former proprietors of the David Harum House.

Rita is survived by her son and daughter in law; Robert and Shuryl Menapace of Groton, a brother, Charles Bogardo of Missouri and three sisters; Stella Cox of Fayetteville, Marion Calale of Homer and Verna Buergois of Lafayette, Indiana., and 4 grandsons, and 2 great-great grandsons.

Funeral services and burial in Glenwood Cemetery in Homer will be private and at the convenience of family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers

the family asked that contributions be made to Alzheimer's Association  
Central New York Region 441 W. Kirkpatrick St., Syracuse, N.Y. 13204.  
Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland,  
N.Y. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting  
[www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

RG

“ We are thinking of you & your family and wishing you all some Peace.

*You will be in my in my prayers and in Ricky's thoughts. Take Care! Hugs and kisses to all of you. If we can help in anyway don't hesitate to ask.*

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**Ricky & Pam Jackson & Grump** - May 18, 2018 at 11:23 AM

CB

“ Over the years we traveled many times to N.Y. bringing our three daughters to visit Grandma B., Rita & Charlie and the rest of the Bogardo Family. We were always welcomed whenever we came and treated like royalty. We even brought Barb's mom and dad and a couple of her brothers on different times. Rita and her sisters were extraordinarily helpful to Toni & Tresa when they moved out to N.Y. with their boyfriends after High School graduation. Hopefully, our daughters have a very special place in their hearts for these 3 sisters of Chuck's because we do and will never forget what they did. God has a soecial place for people who are kind hearted. To Robert, Sherry, and Rita's grandsons :It has been a very long road but all of you stepped up and helped Rita more than we will ever know. Our family goes out to you and hopefully there is comfort in knowing that Rita was a very special person and will remain in our hearts forever. The good memories will sustain you now and in the future. Sincerely, Barb & Chuck

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**Chuck & Barb Bogardo** - May 18, 2018 at 11:23 AM

MC

“ So sorry for loss your Mom and sister..I will always treasure the memories of Rita. She made most of my Birthday cakes, graduations cake then finally my baby shower cake..The memories at the David Harum house when my Mom work for her...I want to thank you for sharing Rita with my family and I. May she rest in peace...Let God put his loving arms around Rita and keep her safe.  
Love Mary

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**Mary Craig** - May 18, 2018 at 11:23 AM

DG

“ I have so many fond memories of my Aunt Rita, and I am saddened to hear of her passing. My heartfelt condolences to my cousin, Robert, and his family, and my Aunt Rita's family. I think most people know this about her, but she was truly a phenomenal cook and baker! To my astonishment one night, I remember her whipping up a delicious dinner with just a few items. (She would have been a serious contender on Top Chef!) She also baked and transported my sister's wedding cake to El Paso, Texas, and frosted it after she arrived! Yes, her cakes were mouthwateringly delicious! We made a couple of trips to the mercados in Mexico and she liked to travel. She loved design and entertaining and she was good at conversation. I will miss her. I can imagine she's having a few conversations with Uncle Charlie right now! Much love and remembrances to my Aunt Rita and again, my heartfelt condolences to the family.

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**Donna Menapace Gillett** - May 18, 2018 at 11:23 AM

BM

“ We are sorry to hear of Rita's passing. Our condolences to our nephew, Robert, and family. We have so many fond memories of shared holiday dinners and family gatherings. We are thankful for the times we shared and all of the wonderful memories. Love, Bill & Pat Menapace

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**Bill & Pat Menapace** - May 18, 2018 at 11:23 AM

GV

“ I'm sorry to hear of Rita's passing. I have found memories of working with her at SUNY Cortland, and having been a guest in her home for some very fine lunches! She even made (and donated!) my wedding cake! Rita was a kind and caring woman and I was lucky to have gotten to know her. My condolences to you all. Sincerely, Gilda Haines Votra

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**Gilda Haines Votra** - May 18, 2018 at 11:23 AM

YJ

“ I have fond memories of Rita as the secretary for the EOP Program. She was always supportive of the students and gave great advise. She touched many lives during her time at Cortland college and we are all the better for having had the opportunity to have her in our corner.

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**Yvette Jenkins** - May 18, 2018 at 11:23 AM

LB

“ I will always cherish my memories of learning to make cakes with Aunt Rita in the basement of her home as a little girl. Also, going over to celebrate holidays with Uncle Charlie and Aunt Rita, Robert and everyone else in the Cortland Menapace family. Aunt Rita always made the best food and cakes! 19 years ago, Aunt Rita made my wedding cake and brought it all the way to El Paso, Texas for my wedding. Everyone was very impressed! I will miss her!  
Love, Lorrie

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**Lorrie Menapace Ball** - May 18, 2018 at 11:23 AM

ML

“ Remembering those huge buckets of cake frosting!! Always taking lots of samples before Aunt Rita caught us. she always let us venture around her kitchen. I used to love those silver leaves! Her homes were always so beautiful and her gardens full of beauty and life. She made the most amazing cakes, and I was blessed to have her make a few for me!! Love always...

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**Merrie Lynn** - May 18, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ Stella  
I am so very sorry for the loss of your sister. Please know that I am always thinking of you, even more so at this time. Love Ian  
Jim  
My heart is with you and the family at this time of your grief. My best to all of you. Ian

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October 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM