



# Rita M. Roehrig

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## **Rita M. Roehrig**

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**R**ita M. Roehrig (Mallmann), age 98, of Marine City, passed away November 1, 2023. She was born June 4, 1925, to the late Josephine and Anthony Mallmann, in their home on St. Jean Street on the east side of Detroit by Dr. Strucker.

Rita graduated with honors from St. Bernard's High School on Detroit's east side. She attended Nazareth College in Kalamazoo for one year. Her early working career started at the Federal Reserve Bank in Los Angeles, California, before returning home.

On August 21, 1948 Rita married John P. Roehrig. They moved to a 40 acre farm in Ira Township in the early 1950's where she raised six children while taking care of the farm.

Rita became interested in politics because she could go to the meetings for free and be entertained and informed at the same time. After serving as deputy treasurer she ran for office and was elected treasurer of Ira, then elected Clerk and eventually as Supervisor, which she spent 12 years in that position.

Rita served close to 20 years in the township. Rita moved to Marine City in 1995 and served as Marine City's interim manager for 6 months. She also served on the Planning Commission. Rita was a Marine City Commissioner for 8 years. She also served on the Algonac School Board, the Senior Citizen's Advisory Board, the County Mental Health Board, and occasionally the county Drain Board. Rita was the co-founder of the Downriver Community Services, Algonac and did volunteer work for battered women at Turning Point in Mt. Clemens.

Along with politics, Rita was a voracious reader. She read 4 newspapers a day and from the time she was 21, she read almost a book a day. She loved life, her family and lived it fully. Rita was never afraid to speak her mind and she will be greatly missed. Rita is survived by her children, John Roehrig II of Illinois, James Roehrig of Oregon, Rita Roehrig of Marine City, Roberta (Keith) Harrison of Florida, Cathee (Glenn)



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Roehrig Evans of Marine City and Lisa (Tim) Hendrick of Marine City and siblings, John (Juanita) Mallmann and Theresa Mallmann.

Along with her parents, Rita is predeceased by her husband John P. Roehrig; siblings, Catherine (Bruno) Peinado and Anthony "Tony" (Dot) Mallmann.

A Funeral Mass will be held Thursday November 9th at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church, OLR Parish, Marine City. Visiting hours are Wednesday 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Young Funeral Home, China Twp.

Memorials are suggested to the Friends of the Marine City Library. To leave a message of comfort visit [www.youngcolonial.com](http://www.youngcolonial.com)



# Events

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## Visitation

**Wednesday**, November 8, 2023

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI

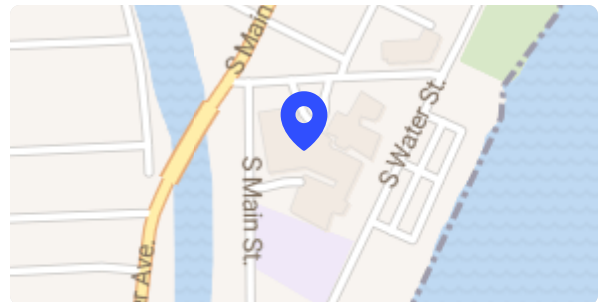


## Funeral Mass

**Thursday**, November 9, 2023

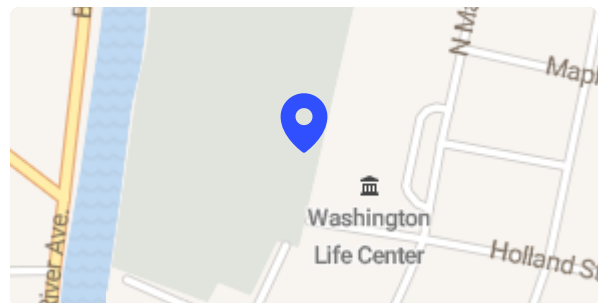
11:00 AM ET

**Holy Cross Catholic Church, Our Lady on the River Parish**  
610 Water St., Marine city MI 48039



## Cemetery Details

**Woodlawn Cemetery**  
Pleasant St., Marine City MI 48039





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Roehrig family.



November 6 at 9:32 AM



**Sherry Alef** posted:

Reading Rita's obituary, I just had to send praise of her fantastic life and accomplishments. She was a powerhouse of a woman. I'm sure she paved the way for many women. What a life well lived!  
Sherry Alef

November 4 at 10:12 AM



**Former Commissioner, Bill Dennis** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Roehrig family.



November 4 at 6:55 AM



**Michael Zoran** posted:

My mom and I are very sorry to hear about Rita passing away. Rita was very nice and extremely intelligent. I was impressed with the way Rita always knew what was going on with local political issues, even when the media had not yet reported things. For example, the time in 2012 when Fox 2 News came to Marine City and Cottrellville to show how I was physically attacked for video recording Cottrellville Township Board meetings. Rita knew about this before it was even broadcast on TV - which I thought was very impressive. Rita introduced herself to me in 2012 when I was running for Trustee of Cottrellville Twp. Rita gave excellent advice and was incredibly knowledgeable with local politics, statutory law, and federal law. In the unique situations I was placed in as a Trustee of Cottrellville, I often needed advice. Much of that advice was provided by Rita. I was very thankful Rita would take the time to help me. I will always remember how pleased I was when Rita told me that in all the years she was ever involved in politics, she had never seen anyone put up as many politics signs as I did. Much of that success was because of the advice I was provided with by Rita regarding going door to door campaigning and speaking to people. Rita is an excellent person. My mom and I send our condolences to all of Rita's family members and loved ones.-- Michael Zoran and Caroline Zoran

November 3 at 8:53 AM



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BA

**Barbara** posted:

Spending an entire day at the farm as kids, always loved going there...good memories. I liked how Aunt Rita said what she meant. She will be missed.

November 3 at 3:54 AM

CK

**Cheryl Koehn** posted:

I remember Rita when she was Ira Twp Supervisor. My dad was Chief of Police (Dale Meldrum). The township offices were in the two story brick building in Fair Haven (now has the painting of the big wings on the front of it). I remember Rita as a extremely intelligent, no nonsense, "tell it like it is lady," yet she still had a great sense of humor. I am imagining her with all of the old Ira gang up there laughing about today's politics! She definitely made a difference in the communities she served, and will be missed. My sincere condolences to her family.

November 2 at 5:58 PM

PL

**Peggy McClain Luckwald** posted:

My heartfelt condolences to the entire family, she will be missed but always remembered. I have so many childhood memories of Aunt Rita. She was my first example of a truly independent woman, with her own set of principles, very definite ideas and ideals and with no hesitancy in sharing them. And that was in the '50s!! always admired her and though I never went down the public service track, she inspired my corporate track and the determination necessary to pursue a challenging career. If there are committees in Heaven, I'm sure she's already on one...

November 2 at 3:08 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Roehrig family.



November 2 at 7:41 AM

DS

**Dave Scheel** posted:

Rita lived a full life dedicated to her family and community service. I had the privilege of serving with her on the Marine City employee pension board for many years. Condolences to her family! RIP Rita 🕊

November 2 at 4:05 AM



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**Helen Mihalek** posted:

I'm so sorry to hear of Aunt Rita's passing. I have so many memories of her He love of books her involvement in the local governments. I was proud to see the name Roehrig plastered all over town when she was up for re election. It does my heart good to see that her daughters have followed her lead. In reading her obituary I found out she went to my college. I didn't even know that. I'm sorry too that I won't be able to come for her funeral. Please all of my cousins accept my sincere condolences on the death of your momLove you guys. Helen

November 1 at 5:42 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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