



## Rita Mae Elizabeth Bolan

May 3, 1943 - November 4, 2017

Rita Mae Elizabeth Bolan was born on May 3, 1943, in Belize, Central America, to Christopher A. Leslie and Elna H. Menzies. She attended Sacred Heart Elementary, Palotti High and Nursing School in Belize.

She moved to New York in 1968. After raising her 6 children and helping her sibling by raising their children at one time or another. Rita Mae returned to nursing school and received her R.N. from The University of the State of New York on April, 14, 1989. Being ambitious as Rita Mae was, she continued her studies and received her B.S. degree from Cambridge State University, on June 14, 2004.

Over her 30+ years of experience as a Nurse her pursuit to help others has lead her to serve people in many different ways. Rita Mae worked at several hospitals in New York in different capacities. She also worked in hospitals in Palm Coast and Miami, Florida. She was the head Nurse in the operating room, a Director of Nursing in the hospital, Director of Nursing home and a traveling Nurse from state to state.

Rita Mae and Oscar Bolan were married on August 27, 2005, in Miami and they were very happy together. They later moved to Tamarac, Florida where they resided until the time of her death. "Rite Mae was a people person." She loved people and being with all her friends, sharing with them either on the

phone or in person. They in turn loved her dearly too for the joy she brought to their lives.

Rita Mae loved life and lived life to the fullest. She enjoyed listening to music, partying, dancing, and traveling. Above all, she loved her Catholic Faith. She attended Mass every weekend, even if it meant being there in her wheelchair, except when it was physically impossible. After Mass you can see her lighting candles at Our Lady's Shrine and praying for her family, relatives, and friends whom she loved very much.

Rita Mae passed away on November 4, 2017 in Boca Raton, Florida. She is survived by: Her Husband, Oscar Bolan; Her Children: Elna Morgan, Evette Dakers, Denise Salamone, Curt Westby, Lloyd Hulse, Loyla Viau; Thirteen Grandchildren, and One Great Grandchild; Her Sisters: Mercella E. Beeson, Edith M. Koehler, Shirley L. Graham, Pasty Maiden, and a host of Nieces, Nephews, Grandnieces and Grandnephews.

She is preceded in death by her Parents, Brothers: Eddie O. Menzies, D. Stephen Menzies, Karl H. Menzies, Henry S. Menzies, and Sisters: Anna K. Morales and Lillian Leslie.

The family of the late Rita Mae Bolan wishes to express their sincere appreciation for all your acts of kindness, prayers and love shown to them during the time of bereavement. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting any "condolences or contributions" may be sent to her husband Oscar Bolan.

MAY THE MEMORIES OF HER LIFE LIVE ON AND MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.

# Cemetery Details

## Bailey Memorial Gardens

7801 Bailey Road  
North Lauderdale, FL 33068

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **9**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Grace Funeral Chapels  
5980 West Oakland Park Blvd.  
Lauderhill, FL 33313  
(954) 484-1833  
info@gracefuneralchapels.com  
<https://www.gracefuneralchapels.com>

## Funeral Mass

NOV **11**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church  
1400 N State Rd 7  
North Lauderdale, FL 33068

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Mae Elizabeth Bolan*

October 06, 2023 at 12:11 AM



“ *I met Mama Rita in 1971, she took me under her wings as a friend and a daughter. I move to California and our friendship never change. She then moved to Palm Coast Florida, she invited me to come visit her. I fell in love with PC and I moved just to be close to her. Mama Rita was a wonderful person, she would go to the end of this earth to help anyone, she put others in front of her even when she is not feeling well, she never say no to anyone. I love Rita as a mother, we had our ups and downs but I have never disrespect her, I will miss her as a friend and a mother. May she RIP.*

**Joyce Slusher** - November 09, 2017 at 06:21 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Elizabeth Bolan.*



November 09, 2017 at 05:22 PM



“ *Beloved Rita. Your spirit will always be with us! We love you like a mother! Thank you for always being there for our family!*

*Love,  
Lisa Moody & Carla Epps* ❤️❤️❤️

**Lisa Moody** - November 09, 2017 at 03:23 PM

AC

*Rest In Peace Aunt Rita. I will always remember you and how much you loved being a "ginger" and a proud Belizean. Whenever I hear the electric slide it will put a smile on my face as I think of you! Your loving Niece Anna*

anna cosme - November 11, 2017 at 09:30 PM



“ *Deepest Faith was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Elizabeth Bolan.*



November 09, 2017 at 03:04 PM

NR

“ *I was watching my TV a few months ago and a commercial came on for a local doctor. To my surprise, one of the patients interviewed was Rita. She looked so beautiful and was so well spoken. Made me happy and proud. Not surprised though. She always had good stories. Naughty and nice ones. 😊 RIP Rita. My condolences to the family. 🙏*

Norma Moody Rhoden - November 09, 2017 at 04:25 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Elizabeth Bolan.*



November 08, 2017 at 10:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Elizabeth Bolan.



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November 08, 2017 at 10:36 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Elizabeth Bolan.



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November 08, 2017 at 07:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Elizabeth Bolan.



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November 08, 2017 at 05:07 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Elizabeth Bolan.



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November 08, 2017 at 04:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Elizabeth Bolan.*



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November 08, 2017 at 03:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Elizabeth Bolan.*



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November 08, 2017 at 03:08 PM



“ *(Condolence Message To My MOM From Your Eldest Daughter)  
They say Everything happens for a Reason, They say that Time will Heal,  
But neither Time or Reason, Will Change the way I Feel.  
For No-One knows the Heartache, That Lies behind my smile,  
No-One knows how many times, I have broken down and cried.  
MA, I want to tell you something, So there won't be any doubt,  
You will always be in my prayer to think about, And so Hard to Live without.  
MA, You will be Missed, I Love you and May you Rest In Peace.*

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**ELNA Morgan** - November 08, 2017 at 02:02 PM

MB

*My dear baby sister, Rita Mae.*

*It is very hard for me to say good-bye, so I'll say, "So long my love until we meet again one day in Heaven". I have known you from the day you were born, and I have always loved you and will continue to love you with all my heart. I will also continue to keep you in my daily prayers until the day God calls me home,*

*I already miss you, especially our daily phone conversations. I am beside myself not being able to talk to you as we did daily, and you're answering all my medical questions.*

*Thank you for all the good things you did for me and so many others. I will always remember the good times we had together over the years. I know Our Redeemer will be good to you for all the charitable works you did for His children during your lifetime.*

*Well, my dear sis, please pray for me that some day we will be together again.*

*Your beloved, eldest sister, oxoxox,*

*Mercy*

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**Mercella Menzies Beeson** - November 08, 2017 at 07:59 PM

MM

*I would like to offer my Condolence to the entire family on behalf of myself and my Husband Wayne. I had the opportunity to live with Aunt Rita and her family when I first came to the US from Belize and got to know her very well. She is now with my Dad, Eddie Menzies Sr. and the rest of her Brothers and Sister. RIP in the arms of Our Lord and Savior*

*Marilda Menzies-Tillett*

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**Marilda Menzies-Tillett** - November 09, 2017 at 05:35 PM