



## Rita Theresa Tumminia

September 8, 1925 - September 22, 2025

Rita Teresa Tumminia (Arcuri) was born in Brooklyn, New York, to loving parents Gaetano Arcuri and Maria Antonia (Barbera) Arcuri. She was deeply proud of her heritage and carried the strength, warmth, and humor of her Italian roots throughout her life.

Rita grew up in a lively Brooklyn neighborhood and later became a cherished sales associate at Macy's and Gimbels, where her smile, poise, and kindness made every customer feel like family. She loved life's simple joys — dancing, cooking, and playing the slot machines in Atlantic City and Las Vegas — always with laughter and a sparkle in her eyes.

She married the love of her life, John Salvatore Tumminia, on October 16, 1948, beginning a marriage that would span 68 wonderful years. Together, they were a picture of devotion — partners, best friends, and lifelong dancers who continued to win contests well into their eighties. They never once called each other by name, lovingly referring to one another only as “Hon” or “Honey.”

Rita was the proud mother of her beloved daughter, Janet, who was born in Brooklyn and remained the light of her life. She also shared a deep and loving bond with her brothers, Joseph, Mariano, and Philip, always speaking fondly of their childhood and the closeness they shared — especially with Joseph,

who was by her side the longest.

Known as a matriarch and a natural leader, Rita embodied grace, humor, and resilience. Her kitchen was her kingdom — every dish a loving tribute to the recipes she learned from her mother. Her laughter filled every room, and her quick wit made her the heartbeat of every gathering.

Rita lived a full, beautiful life — one marked by love, laughter, family, and faith. She is reunited now with her beloved John, her “Honey,” and together they dance once more, just as they did from the very beginning.

In a touching tribute to their enduring love, Rita’s memorial service will be held on what would have been their 77th wedding anniversary — October 16th — the very date they first promised forever.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to one of the following charities that were close to Rita's heart: Breast Cancer Research, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or any animal shelter, foundation, or sanctuary of your choice.

If preferred, Rita's daughter, Janet, would be honored to make a donation on your behalf.

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