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It is with great sadness, we announce to you the passing of Rita Marie Walters, age 71, which took place on October 11, 2020 at her home in Brunswick, Ohio. She battled metastatic breast cancer for several years and fought valiantly to the very end. She passed peacefully, surrounded by her loving family. Rita was born November 14, 1948 in Lakewood, Ohio. She was known for her courage, strength, and fun-loving spirit. Rita was a loving sister, mother, aunt, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

As co-owner of Camp Bow Wow in Strongsville, her profound love for animals, especially dogs, helped give birth to a successful dog daycare and boarding business.

Her loyal dogs "Miley" and "Annie" were by her side as she passed.

As a talented photographer, Rita captured many precious moments including weddings, graduations and a variety of special events, but most of all, she loved taking photos of her family. She boasts a large collection of photo albums documenting the lives and events of those she loved.

Not surprisingly, Rita had many friends and her infectious smile and vibrant personality drew people to her. She loved socializing, meeting new people, swing dancing and listening to music. She loved to unwind with a hot bath and a glass of Pinot Noir. Her personality was tremendously strong and independent with a heart of gold for anyone who needed a helping hand.

Rita will be lovingly remembered by her two daughters, Roxanne (Joe), Sandy; and son, Jason; four grandchildren, Nikki (Dan), Kevin III (Nikki), Jaxon, Sully; two great-grandchildren, Blake and Reese. Dear sister of Patricia (Bill), Gloria, Christina, Vivian (John), Lindy (Dan), Ernest (Rhonda) and Jerry Jr. (deceased).

A celebration of Rita's life will be held beginning with Mass at 9:30am, on Saturday, October 17th, at St Ambrose Catholic Parish, 929 Pearl Rd, Brunswick, Ohio 44212. Reception/brunch immediately following the Mass will take place in the St. Teresa Hall on the premises from 10:15am to 12:00pm.

Following the reception, a committal service will take place at 1:30pm, at Holy Cross Cemetery, 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park, Ohio 44142.

In memory of Rita, donations may be made to The Cancer Couch Foundation or Bow Wow Buddies Foundation.