



## Rita E. Braddick

October 8, 1959 - June 25, 2009

Rita E. Braddick, age 49, of Newark, DE, passed away on Thursday, June 25, 2009. Rita was born in Denville, NJ in 1959. She graduated in 1978 from Governor Mifflin High School, PA, where she played basketball, softball, and ran long distance. Rita earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Grove City College, PA, in 1981, and also obtained a Professional Engineer License from NJ. As a woman holding a Senior Reactor's Operator's License, she was honored by the YWCA's Tribute to Women and Industry Program. She worked for Metropolitan Edison at Three Mile Island, Proto Power, Groton, CT, where she was assigned to fire protection work at PSE&G Hope Creek Station, earned a NRC Senior Reactor Operators License, and became Nuclear Shift Manager. Her dream finally came true when she became an instructor. Rita was loved and respected by all that were lucky enough to know her.

Rita is survived by her loving husband, Robert S. Kaplan; 7 sisters: Teresa Van Duyne of Three Bridges, NJ; Jean Braddick & son Gerald of Orwigsburg, PA; Linda Braddick of Schwenksville, PA; Judy Braddick Brown & daughter Alysia of West Chester, PA; Ruth Kochenour of Fredericksburg, VA; Mary Bertha (Birdie) Bufford of Exton, PA; and Rachel Braddick of Jeffersonville, PA; and parents, Gerald J. and Jane Ann Braddick (Burlew).

Services and burial will be private. Contributions may be made in Rita's memory to National Cancer Institute, Bldg. 31, Room 11A-15, 9000 Rockville

Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892. To express an online condolence, please visit [www.strano-feeley.com](http://www.strano-feeley.com).

Strano & Feeley Family  
Funeral Home & Crematory  
302-731-5459

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 1. 12:00 AM.

Private

# Tribute Wall



“ Bob,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and Rita's families. I found about this just recently, as I was travelling. I am saddened by the loss of a great person and friend. Vic Fregonese##imported-begin##vic fregonese##imported-end##*

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July 28, 2009 at 04:12 PM



“ *My sister Rita was focused but kind. She was talented and giving. She was an expert but always able to lend a helping hand. I could not have realized how many hearts she touched during her short life. Her husband loved her very much as did the rest of us. Rita I miss you too.##imported-begin##Terry Braddick Van Duyne##imported-end##*

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July 06, 2009 at 08:56 PM



“ *Rita was a rare individual. She had the confidence to do what she believed was correct, and was never reluctant to provide assistance when needed. She will be missed by all who knew her.##imported-begin##Rick Shindel##imported-end##*

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June 30, 2009 at 08:01 PM



“ *I miss you##imported-begin##Lin Braddick##imported-end##*

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June 29, 2009 at 12:49 PM



“ Dear Braddick and Kaplan families,  
My sincere sympathies on Rita's passing. I have been keeping abreast of Rita's valiant struggle with this illness through Terry. She was a very strong woman with wonderful family and friends to support her.

My deepest sympathies to everyone.

Regards,

Joan Corbett##imported-begin##Joan Corbett##imported-end##

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June 26, 2009 at 03:28 PM



“ My heartfelt affection to Rita's family members. I will miss her at the yoga studio and always remember when I taught her how to do a headstand. She was so excited and thought it was the coolest thing. And she was right ....it was cool!!!

Rita's pure white light has guided her home.##imported-begin##Joyce Ostrand/Empowered Yoga##imported-end##

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June 26, 2009 at 12:00 PM



“ I was so sorry to read of Rita's passing. I fondly remember Rita in the band and taking lessons from Paul. I'm proud to have had a very small part in her education at Mifflin. I remember her as an extremely intelligent and determined young woman and it sounds as if she carried these traits into adulthood. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.##imported-begin##Ann Cusano##imported-end##

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June 26, 2009 at 10:00 AM



“ Rita touched so many lives during her career at PSEG. She will be greatly missed by her co workers and friends. I was fortunate to have a friend like Rita. She was an excellent teacher, a great listener and was always willing to help you with any project. She's the strongest person I've known. She came to work everyday while going through rigorous treatment and testing she never complained. She was amazing, her strength and how she would reach out to others that were going through similar treatments or other trials. Some say Rita was tough and tenacious and yes she was but she was also compassionate, caring and devoted to those close to her. She loved her family and friends and appreciated you simply for who you are. I will miss our morning tea at work and our lunches and our time spent together but mostly I will miss Rita. Rest in peace my friend.

*Rita's family, may God Bless you all! You must be so proud to have a daughter, wife, sister and aunt like Rita.*

*One message that she wanted to pass on to everyone...Listen to that little voice in your head or that feeling you get in your stomach when something isn't right...don't hesitate, get it taken care of don not wait.##imported-begin##Murt Widen##imported-end##*

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June 26, 2009 at 09:39 AM



“ My heart sank when I heard of Rita's passing. It was a joy knowing her in high school. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone at this time. Love from a friend in Reading.##imported-begin##Kim Gardner##imported-end##

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June 26, 2009 at 09:36 AM