



Rita Cole

June 16, 2025

Rita Cole, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully in Delray Beach, Florida on June 16, 2025. She was 102 years of age.

Born on January 19, 1923, in New Rochelle, New York, to Belle (Parker) Gordon and Alexander

Sidney Gordon, Rita was raised in New Rochelle alongside her siblings, Hazel (Gordon)

Kaufman and James Gordon, both of whom predeceased her.

On June 12, 1947, Rita married the love of her life, Bernard (Bernie) Cole.

Together they shared

a beautiful marriage that lasted 59 years until Bernie's passing on their anniversary in 2006.

Rita and Bernie raised two children: Alan Cole of Needham, Massachusetts, and Stephanie

(Cole) Eason of Avon, Connecticut and Lakewood Ranch, Florida. Alan is married to Harriet

Cole, and together they have two daughters: Rebecca (Cole) Lurie, married to Adam Lurie with

three children—Talia, Sophia, and Micah; and Lisa (Cole) Olin, married to Jonathan Olin with

two children—Max and Sam. Stephanie is married to John Eason.

Rita was a woman of elegance and strength, with a sharp mind and a keen eye for fashion and design. She was also a passionate and accomplished bridge player. She spent much of her life in Old Westbury, New York, before relocating to Boca Raton and later Delray Beach.

A private family service will be held to honor her memory. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a charity of your choice.