



Anne M. Gootee

March 23, 1926 - June 2, 2021

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Anne M. (Dreifke) Gootee, age 95, of Jasper, IN, died at 5:10 a.m. on June 2, 2021, at Legacy Living in Jasper, Indiana. Anne was born in Saint Louis, Missouri, on March 23, 1926, the eighth child of Herman A. Dreifke and Anna M. (Hollenbeck) Dreifke. Her parents each emigrated from Germany to the USA in the late 1800s, and met in Saint Louis. She attended Walnut Park Elementary School, Saint Louis, MO, Beaumont High School, Saint Louis, MO, and Fontbonne College (full 4-year scholarship), Saint Louis, MO, B.A. 1947 in Psychology, with a minor in Music. Anne taught second grade at Nativity School in Saint Louis, MO, 1947-1949. On June 25, 1949, she married Dr. Thomas H. Gootee, of Loogootee, IN, at Nativity Church, Saint Louis, MO.

Dr. Tom and Anne moved to Jasper in 1953, where Dr. Tom joined the staff of the newly established Memorial Hospital. In addition to running a household and raising seven children, Anne was active at St. Joseph's Church, the Daughters of Isabella, the PTA at St. Joseph's School, was a Girl Scout Troop Leader (having been a Girl Scout in Saint Louis), and played in a golf league at the old Jasper Country Club. Anne served as co-chair of the original Jasper Strassenfest and served on the planning committee for three years in the 1970s.

She was a lifetime member of the Memorial Hospital Women's Auxiliary, serving as the President in the 1960s, and was active in Gamma Kappa (formerly Beta Sigma Phi), and Bridge-o-Rama.

Her interests included education, reading, cooking, baking, sewing, gardening, bridge and watching the St. Louis Cardinals win baseball games. She loved and was delighted with her many friends and social activities, including her evening card games, at Legacy Living.

Anne is preceded in death by her husband of over 60 years, Dr. Thomas H. Gootee, and all of her siblings. She is survived by her seven children, Elizabeth Lexleigh of Saint Louis, MO, Margaret Carriere (James, deceased) of New Orleans, LA, Jane Nelson (Stan) of Charlevoix, MI, Anne Berger (Greg) of Jasper, IN, Thomas P. Gootee (Denise, deceased) of Jasper, IN, James Gootee (Ting) of Indianapolis, IN, and Ellen Tamura of Bloomington, IN, and eight grandchildren and four great-grand children.

Funeral Services for Anne M. Gootee will be held at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the Noon Mass time at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the St. Joseph Church restoration fund (Our Time), Saint Meinrad Archabbey or Memorial Hospital in Jasper. Condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Anne M. Gootee*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Our sympathies to the Gootee Family. Anne was certainly one of the nicest people on the planet. Always smiling and always the nicest things to say. Prayers are with you.*

Andy and Brenda Krempp

Andrew Krempp - June 04, 2021 at 12:46 PM



“ *Judy Naegele lit a candle in memory of Anne M. Gootee*



Judy Naegele - June 03, 2021 at 02:52 PM



“ *I did not know Anne but Dr. Tom delivered my first baby, Rhonda, on May 02, 1964. He was a very good baby doctor. Our sympathy to the family. Judy & Ronald Naegele*

Judy Naegele - June 03, 2021 at 02:51 PM

MV

“ Dear Jane and your Family
What remarkable reminiscences you will share for years to come. Your Mom was so accomplished in her early life (a woman with a full college scholarship and then earning a BA in psychology - groundbreaking!) and in later life as she, with your Dad, raised seven children, all accomplished in their own right, and had a full slate of interests that kept her engaged through her long and robust years.
Our condolences as you wish your Mom farewell.
Love, Gary Pottruff and Marie Verschuuren

Marie Verschuuren - June 03, 2021 at 11:00 AM

JB

Dear Family of lovely Anne Gootie,
What a good friend Anne was to me. When Dr. Tom and Dr. Don were alive, we had great times together for 50 plus years. I will never forget the countless meals and pleasant evenings we shared as our families grew up in Jasper. I was blessed to have this fine lady in my life.
With love and heartfelt sympathy, Julia Bomalaski

Julia Bomalaski - June 03, 2021 at 06:29 PM

AG

I love you, Grandma. Thank you for being a mother figure in my life when I needed it most. Your love for gardening and cooking will live forever in my life, along with Ella's. We love and miss you so much.

Ashley (Gootie) Gordon - June 04, 2021 at 02:26 AM

JF

To dear Anne's family, u have our deepest sympathy....through the years, she was always very friendly and interested in everyone's lives....one of the finest women I knew.....what a great generation we r losing!!! Dr. Tom and Duane had such a great relationship too. God's blessing on all of u and u share the wonderful memories!!! 🙏🙏🙏
Dr. Duane and Jane Flannagan

Jane Flannagan - June 12, 2021 at 01:17 PM

JN

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Jane Nelson - June 02, 2021 at 08:36 PM

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Jane Nelson - June 02, 2021 at 08:34 PM

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Jane Nelson - June 02, 2021 at 08:28 PM

DR

“ My thoughts and prayers for you in this difficult time.

Debbie (Betz) Rice - June 02, 2021 at 08:21 PM

RN

“ *i treasure every conversation i had with Anne. She was the most intelligent, interesting, and inspiring woman i have known. Her light still shines in the many lives she touched and especially in her family who will carry that light forward.*

Robin Norris - June 02, 2021 at 06:31 PM

SB

“ *My sympathies to the entire Gootee family. Your Mom was so kind to me and I always remember her great baking! She lived her life well!*

Susan Beaven - June 02, 2021 at 05:09 PM

PH

“ *Our prayers and sympathies to the entire family. Dr. Tom & Anne were fine people. Great neighbors. Many memories.*

Paul, Sue, Thomas & Olivia Habig

Paul Habig - June 02, 2021 at 04:13 PM

JK

“ *Rest In Peace. Such a sweet lady.*

Joan Eckerle Knies - June 02, 2021 at 04:05 PM