



Rita Marie Goepfner

November 20, 1947 - December 28, 2024

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Rita Marie Goepfner, age 77, of Ireland, Indiana, passed away surrounded by family at 11:55 p.m. on Saturday, December 28, 2024, at home.

Rita was born in Ferdinand, Indiana, on November 20, 1947, to Herbert and Leona (Weyer) Ebert. She married Lawrence Schnaus on January 22, 1966, and he preceded her in death on September 16, 1983. She then married Cletus Goepfner on October 31, 1987.

She was a graduate of Ferdinand High School in Ferdinand, Indiana.

She retired from Masterbrand and had worked in the Jasper High School and Jasper Middle School cafeterias.

She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, the St. Anne Society, and the Ireland Sportsman Club.

She enjoyed gardening and had a real green thumb. She collected glassware and loved to show it off in displays at home. Her favorite holiday was Christmas. Each year she would be gifted a new Santa and had rows and rows of them. She loved having everyone together.

She is survived by her husband, Cletus Goepfner, Ireland, IN, children, Tim (Kara) Schnaus, Sellersburg, IN, Jeanette Sander, Ireland, IN, Carl (Kim) Goepfner, Petersburg, IN, Rick (Alice) Goepfner, Otwell, IN, Nancy Stevens, Boonville, IN, Luke (Tara) Schnaus, Jasper, IN, 22 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, sisters, Clara Mae (Jim) Vaal, Ferdinand, IN, Jeane Marks, Jasper, IN, and Marilyn (Jim) Jahn, Jasper, IN.

Preceding her in death are her parents, her first husband, Lawrence, one brother, Mark Ebert, one brother-in-law, Larry Marks, and one grandson, Dylan Schnaus.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Rita Marie Goepfner will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 3, 2025, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 2:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, and one hour before services at the church from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Friday. St. Mary Parish will pray a rosary at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home on Thursday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lange-Fuhs Cancer Center, Ireland Fire Dept., or the Jefferson Twp. Fire Dept.

Online condolences may be made to www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Ireland, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - Downtown
214 East 7th Street
Jasper, IN 47546
(812) 482-4141
email@becherkluesner.com

Visitation

JAN 3. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
2829 N 500 W
Ireland, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
2829 N 500 W
Ireland, IN

Tribute Wall

KG

“ Carl and Kim and family, so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother my thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. God bless you all Kathy Scrapper Gladish 🙏

Kathy Scrapper Gladish - January 03, 2025 at 01:07 AM

CK

“ Cynthia Kempf lit a candle in memory of Rita Marie Goeppner



Cynthia Kempf - January 02, 2025 at 10:15 AM

DM

“ Great lady! So sorry . She will be greatly missed . 🙏🙏🙏
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Donna Linette and Mike - January 01, 2025 at 11:17 PM

CK

Worked with Rita at Master brand. She was a wonderful person to work with.

Carol Kreilein - January 03, 2025 at 11:17 AM

BB

“ Praying for the family



Brian Bachman - January 01, 2025 at 08:21 PM

KF

“ I can't think of a time when I saw Rita that she was not congenial and saying she was happy to see me. She was just a nice lady. Have known her since I was 10 and her sister married my brother Larry. Rest well Rita and Godspeed

kathy fuljerson - January 01, 2025 at 09:53 AM

LL

“ Rita was so very kind and had such a beautiful personality to all of us. We will miss you Rita!

Linda Luegers - December 31, 2024 at 08:06 PM

DR

“ My condolences on Rita's passing. Mildred Reckelhoff

Donna Reckelhoff - December 31, 2024 at 05:37 PM

RW

“ I do remember when my sons were just little guys and we were at the Ireland picnic, and we enjoyed the day with Tim and his family. Rita was there working at the picnic and enjoyed seeing our little guys(with my wife and their mother, Rhonda then). I am glad for these kind of memories, and I know Tim and the whole family is, too! 😊-My condolences and prayers go out to Tim and Kara Schnaus and the whole family!-Ron Wagner and family, longtime friend

Ron Wagner - December 31, 2024 at 09:34 AM

KN

So sorry to hear of Rita's passing. I went to school with Jeanette and any time I saw Rita she was smiling and just so very kind and sweet.

Karen Neukam - January 12, 2025 at 06:36 PM

CA

“ Condolences are sent to all on the loss of Rita. May all your memories give you comfort.

Camilla Allen



Camilla Allen - December 30, 2024 at 02:07 PM