



Rita A. Gress

September 11, 1930 - June 10, 2020

Dateline Ireland, Indiana

Rita A. Gress, age 89, of Ireland, Indiana, passed away at 9:17 a.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at home.

Rita was born in Jasper, Indiana, on September 11, 1930, to Albert and Frances (Hauser) Fehribach. She married Lee A. Gress on April 22, 1950, in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana. He preceded her in death on July 19, 2015.

She was a homemaker and lifetime farmer.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, where she was in the St. Ann's Society, a Leader of the Holy Spirit Prayer Group, and the Long-Term Planning Committee, and she was also on the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and a past member of the PTA and the CFM, and was a 4-H Leader.

She enjoyed gardening, canning, cooking, sewing, and was an avid church member, enjoying Bible studies, as she lead many of them, and praying the rosary.

Surviving are five daughters, Carla (David) Allbright, Becky (Dwain) Allbright, both of Mitchell, IN, Linda (Gregory) Huls, Littleton, CO, Marg (Steve) Buechler, Ireland, IN, Mary (David) Waninger, Chrisney, IN, five sons, Duane (Diane) Gress, Ireland, IN, Bob (Teresa) Gress, Huntingburg, IN, Pat (Cindy) Gress, Ireland, IN, Stan (Julie) Gress, Ireland, IN, Greg Gress, Denver, CO, 33 grandchildren, 47 great grandchildren, three sisters, Jean Eck, Jasper, IN, Delores Johnson, Swiz City, IN, Patsy Dunkel, Jasper, IN, four brothers, John Fehribach, Melbourne, FL, Joe (Sandra) Fehribach, Tom (Carole) Fehribach, both of Jasper, IN, and Jim Fehribach, Haysville, IN,

Preceding her in death besides her husband are two sisters, Lucille Crockett, and Rosie Hopf, one brother, Karl Fehribach, and a sister, Viola Fehribach, who died in infancy.

Private funeral services for Rita A. Gress will be held at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, IN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at a later date at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana, with burial in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund or to a favorite charity.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

Ireland, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita A. Gress*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM

DW

“ *I am so very sad that your mother has died. She was like another mother to me. I have so many memories of your family, being at your house, being at grandpa's house. We were truly blessed.*

Debbie Wickman - June 20, 2020 at 05:09 AM

MR

“ *I remember the summer that my brother, sister and I stayed with Lee and Rita after camp. My parents came later to pick us up. We had so much fun on the farm. It was so much fun for us city kids from Florida. Never understood, till later, how much work the farm was.*

Mea Fehribach Ramon - June 17, 2020 at 10:52 AM

CA

“ *We send condolences to all. Rita was a devoted person to her family and faith. She lived a life of great example. We will miss our "Church Neighbor " whenever we get back to attending church services. We think it is appropriate that she gets a funeral in the new church as she served on the committees through the years. She wrote the Long Term Planning Prayer as we transitioned through the building process. Prayers and Blessings . Camilla and John*



Camilla & John Allen - June 14, 2020 at 04:11 PM

KH

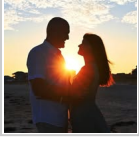
“ *Greetings to all the Gress "kids"!
I have many fond memories of you, your Mom and Dad, during the days when I was principal at Ireland Elementary. That was the days when the school was located on the St Mary's property. Your parents lived and taught you great values. I visited Rita about 18 months ago. She shared an update on each of and was so proud of each of you. Keep up the good work! Now you have another great intercessor in heaven!
With love and prayer,
Sister Kathryn Huber OSB aka Sister Mary David*

Kathryn Huber - June 13, 2020 at 12:46 PM

JF

“ Our thoughts, prayers and sympathy to the family. Scott and Julie Fehribach

Julie Fehribach - June 13, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ We wish to extend our condolences to Stan, Julie, Rachel, Allie, Jordan & Hannah and all of Rita's family for your loss. Our deepest sympathies to you and your families! Kurt & Malana

KurtMalana Hedinger - June 13, 2020 at 09:02 AM



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KurtMalana Hedinger - June 13, 2020 at 09:04 AM

DL

“ I will never forget the kindness she showed me years back. To her I will be forever grateful! God bless her soul and her awesome family who love her dearly❤️



Donna and Mike Linette - June 12, 2020 at 03:25 PM

SH

“ Sally Hackmann lit a candle in memory of Rita A. Gress



Sally Hackmann - June 11, 2020 at 09:28 PM

VE

“ Pat, Cindy and family of Rita.... she was a classy lady!
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time 🙏

Melvyn and Virgie Evans

Virgie and Melvyn Evans - June 11, 2020 at 09:12 PM

NM

“ Rita was a beautiful soul. She was so kind and had prayed with her on several occasions and felt the power of her prayers. So thankful for her. Our sympathy and prayers to the family.

Nancy & Patrick Mendel

Nancy Mendel - June 11, 2020 at 02:55 PM

MC

“ Thoughts and prayers for Rita's entire family. God Bless you all.

Mike and Denise Coffey - June 11, 2020 at 12:58 PM

DH

“ Full of love and good memories of you and the farm, cousins visits, family reunions and your solid and caring words and prayers. You were and are a lasting gift to the world and I personally appreciated the support you and Lee have given our family throughout the years. My heart is with all the family! Donna

Donna Humbert - June 11, 2020 at 11:38 AM

DL

I will forever remember the love and support she gave me when I was at my worst years back. She arrived at my home to comfort me saying the majority of the church were supporting me and was sorry for what had happened. She was a pillar in our church and was highly respected. She has left an ever lasting impression on me and for that she will be a friend that I will never forget! Sending her loving family love, prayers and support!! ❤️🙏👐

Donna and Mike Linette - June 12, 2020 at 03:19 PM