



Rita M. Tucker

November 16, 1928 - January 9, 2017

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Rita Marie Tucker, 88, passed away at 1:45 AM on Monday (January 9, 2017) at her home in Jasper, IN.

She was born in Fowler, IN on November 16, 1928 to August J. and Ernestine E (Pamperin) Gretencord. Her mother was originally from Green Bay, WI; her father from Ottawa, IL. Rita grew up on the family farm near Dunnington, IN during the Great Depression which in addition to her parents influence served to shape her outlook on life. On July 3, 1954 she married Robert L. Tucker in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Dunnington. They were married for over 40 years until Bob's death on April 10, 1995.

Rita is survived by her four children; Carol Stutsman, Terry Tucker and wife Kim Lampert-Tucker, Ann Rasche and husband Tim all of Jasper, and Joe Tucker and wife Lesa of Vincennes. Seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren survive; Brian Stutsman, Kelsey Valenta, Craig Tucker, Amanda Tucker, Adam Tucker, Kyle Tucker, Lauren Tucker, Savannah Stutsman and Brady Stutsman. She was also preceded in death by her stepmother Florence M. (Pamperin) Gretencord and three sisters Doris M. Victor, Janet A. Kramerich and infant Josephine Gretencord.

Rita was one of 14 graduating members of the 1946 class of Freeland Park (IN) High School. Then in 1950 she graduated with honors from Indiana State Teachers College in Terre Haute with a BS of Education. Immediately after graduation, Rita taught home economics at Jasper High School followed by various elementary grades at Holy Family School. Rita was a teacher by both training and nature; with the patience that allowed you to learn from your mistakes. Later she began a career in retail, first as a partner in R & B Menswear and then in the bridal business; retiring from the Bridal Boutique on the square in Jasper in 2015.

Rita was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church for over 60 years where she was active in many capacities including the parish RCIA team for an extended period up until her death. In 2015, Bishop Charles C. Thompson and the Catholic Diocese of Evansville bestowed upon her the Simon Brute award in recognition of her good and faithful service. She was a member of the parish's Sodality of the Blessed Virgin and one of the founding leaders of the Holy Family Young Hopefuls 4-H club.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday (January 14, 2017) at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper. Entombment will follow at Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday (January 13, 2017) at Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper. and one hour before Mass on Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church. The Holy Family Blessed Virgin Sodality will pray the rosary at 1:45 PM on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions can be made to either Holy Family Catholic Church or a favorite charity. Condolences may be shared at www.becherkluesner.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 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 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
950 Church Ave
Jasper, IN

Mass

JAN 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Catholic Church
950 Church Ave
Jasper, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita M. Tucker*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Ed Schultheis lit a candle in memory of Rita M. Tucker*



Ed Schultheis - January 23, 2017 at 08:51 AM



“ *Wishing you peace and comfort as you celebrate Aunt Rita's life💕💕
🕊️🙏 She has always had a special place in our hearts.
LOVE&HUGS Ray & Kim Kramerich*

Ray & Kim Kramerich - January 12, 2017 at 06:31 PM



“ *Ann, So sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed seeing your mother. A very sweet and loving lady. She will be missed by many!*

Ann Nicholson

Ann Nicholson - January 12, 2017 at 11:47 AM

CH

“ Chris Hinkle lit a candle in memory of Rita M. Tucker



Chris Hinkle - January 11, 2017 at 07:58 PM

RS

Terry I am very sadded of your mom's death . She will be missed. Your friend Rick Singer

Rick Singer - January 14, 2017 at 08:50 PM

RG

“ Rick And Jana Gunselman lit a candle in memory of Rita M. Tucker



Rick and Jana Gunselman - January 11, 2017 at 08:09 AM

JG

Rita was such a warm Loving lady. A Great Friend to my Grandparents and to our family. Rita treated everyone with such respect and smiles. Our sympathies to the entire family. We will miss her Greatly.

Jana and Rick Gunselman - January 11, 2017 at 08:13 AM

CK

“ She was a wonderful lady. Always enjoyed talking to her. You have my sympathy.
Cheryl Knies

Cheryl Knies - January 11, 2017 at 07:25 AM

RG

“ *What a fantastic lady. We became friends through RCIA. Was going through my chemo at the time and Rita was an immense support for me. I will really miss seeing her.*
Reen Gutsell

Reen Gutsell - January 11, 2017 at 07:19 AM

GC

“ *Hi, Joe. Just a note to extend my sympathies for the loss of your Mother.*

Gary Coffman1 - January 10, 2017 at 03:30 PM