



## Ruth M. Goepfner

April 13, 1936 - January 1, 2022

Ruth M. Goepfner, age 85, of Ireland, Indiana, passed away at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 1, 2022, at St. Charles Health Campus in Jasper, Indiana surrounded by family.

Ruth was born in Mariah Hill, Indiana on April 13, 1936 to Andrew and Martha (Giesler) Fleck. She married Emil Goepfner on October 29, 1959, in Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, IN. He preceded her in death on December 27, 2010.

She was a member of St Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, Indiana and their St. Anne's Society.

Ruth was a proud farmer's wife. In her earlier years, she taught religious education at St. Mary Catholic Church. When her daughters were in Girl Scouts, she became a leader. Later in life, she volunteered for bereavement meals at the church.

She enjoyed gardening, quilting and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She loved visiting her siblings and sister-in-law, Sally.

Surviving is one son, Glenn (Karmin) Goepfner, Ireland, IN, two daughters; Karen (Tom) Erny, Ireland, IN and Cheryl (Mike) Joest, Evansville, IN, 10

grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, two sisters; Patricia "Pat" Hasenour and Aline Laake and one brother, Jerome Fleck.

Preceding her in death besides her husband are two brothers; Ralph and James "Jim" Fleck.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Ruth M. Goepner will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ireland, IN with burial to follow in the church cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2021 at the Becher Kluesner North Chapel and from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. service time at the church on Thursday, January 6, 2022. The St. Anne's Society will pray a rosary at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary Catholic Church or to a favorite charity.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery

2829 North 500 West  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4071

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 5.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Becher & Kluesner Funeral Home - North  
3221 N. Newton Street  
Jasper, IN 47546  
(812) 482-4141  
email@becherkluesner.com

## Visitation

**JAN 6.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

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JAN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth M. Goepner*

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January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Mike And Donna Linette lit a candle in  
memory of Ruth M. Goepner*



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**Mike and Donna Linette** - January 08, 2022 at 12:45 PM

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“Ruth was truly a gift to us all. Her beauty was the generous way in which she made those around her feel special and loved. Her family was especially dear to her, and she was so very proud of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Ruth knew her calling was to be a farmer’s wife, loving and supporting Emil in his work on the farm. Her face would light up when she spoke about the farm being in the Goepfner family for over 100 years. She was so happy to be a part of this happy event. Granted there were hard times and struggles, but Ruth brought the ray of sunshine to any heartache. Ruth’s talents were many, her creativity unlimited. She enjoyed working with her hands and made the most artistic quilts displaying a beautiful rainbow of colors. Insisting the detailed work be done by hand. Ruth enjoyed gardening, and we often shared tips on the best way to keep squirrels out of the garden. She was so determined to stop them squirrels, she developed her own home remedy and sent me a jar. Although, I knew Ruth from a distance, our visits often too short and not often enough - I enjoyed her company, and the family stories about life long ago. Emil was my godfather, and Ruth became my fairy godmother. Often calling me her “other” daughter with a chuckle. Yes, Ruth was a gem, and may the light she shared with everyone on this earth shine long after she is gone. With love to Ruth and her family – may Ruth rest in peace. - Susanne (Goepfner) Nelson



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Susanne Nelson - January 03, 2022 at 10:19 PM

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“ We hate to see and lose a beautiful soul like aunt Ruth. She had a graceful, loving and caring attitude and giving way about her. She always had a lending hand to those in need. I personally seen this and my parents did also. She had a sweet loving soul and a bright cheery smile on her face. She loved visits and talking about things going on. She asked me one time to model my grandmas wedding dress when she was in the nursing home. Special times. Love you Aunt Ruth Hugs and prayers to the family. She is with Emil again! Ralph's daughter, Elaine



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**Elaine Fleck** - January 03, 2022 at 05:32 PM