



Rita Kay Harpel

June 17, 1959 - June 30, 2020

Rita Kay Harpel, daughter of the late Calvin and Betty (Difenderfer) Zeedyk, was born June 17, 1959 in Kendallville, Indiana. She passed from this life at University Hospital in Columbia, Missouri at the age of 61 years.

As a young girl, Rita grew up in Indiana and graduated from Churubusco High School in Churubusco, Indiana.

Rita was united in marriage to Rex A. Harpel of LaOtto, Indiana and they shared over 20 years of wonderful memories together before he preceded her in death.

Rita was instantly loved by anyone whom she came in contact with as she shared her positivity and desire to help anyone in need.

Rita leaves to cherish her memory, her two sons: Ryan Harpel (Melissa) of Waynesville, MO and Raymond Harpel (Nan) of Orlando, FL; three grandchildren: Jordan, Brady and Emerson; brother: Rick Zeedyk (Sibyl) of San Antonio, TX; other relatives and friends.

This world has lost such a beautiful and loving Mother, Grandmother, Sister, and Daughter; but the next world has gained such a beautiful soul. We can be comforted by knowing that Rita is back in the arms of her true love, Rex.

We miss you already mom! We know you will be looking down on us with the pride you were always so willing to share. Thank you for all of your sacrifices to make those around you better! You are loved so much!

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 11, 2020 in the Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett, IN. Local arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Rita Harpel and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Thomas Funeral Home
Garrett, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Kay Harpel*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *She was a very sweet person. I was a regular customer at her job and was blessed to have many small conversations with her about travel adventures.*



Dianne Bailey - July 18, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ *I am so shocked and saddened to hear this. I had the pleasure of working with Rita at Fort Leonard Wood. She was a remarkable woman, sweet as could be, and so loved her family. My thoughts and prayers to her family.*



Jane Weixelbaum - July 04, 2020 at 10:21 AM



“ *Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of Rita Kay Harpel*



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - July 03, 2020 at 11:51 PM

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“ Ryan, Ray and families, my heart is broken. I didn't know she was sick. But then I didn't know your daddy was neither. I loved your mom and dad so much. They were our first military friends. We didn't see each other but once after the military but they still and will always have a special place in my heart. She was such a sweetheart and your dad was a hoot! I will keep you all in my prayers for strength and peace!!!! Our deepest condolences!
Rick & Vicki Gill

Vicki A Gill - July 03, 2020 at 03:45 PM