



John R. Girard, 76 of Decatur, Indiana, died on Saturday, December 25, 2010 at Adams Memorial Hospital. John was born on July 16, 1934 in Paulding, Ohio to the late Adrien J. and Genevieve (Artz) Girard. On September 11, 1954 he married Rita C. Rumschlag. She preceded him in death on November 12, 2007.

John was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, the Holy Name Society, and a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #864. He was also the Threshing Director for 25 years for Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association in Portland, Indiana. He also had worked for Central Soya in maintenance and was in construction and farming.

He is survived by a son John J (Mary Catherine) Girard of Monroeville, IN; five daughters Jo Lynn (Keith) Hiester of Decatur, IN, Jeannie (David) Byers of Columbia City, IN, Mary L. (Richard) Arend of Wolcottville, IN, Rosanne "Po" (Ed) Dawson of Decatur, IN and Maggie (Rod) Hawkins of Decatur, IN; a sister Maxine Grimm of Ft. Wayne, IN; 18 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. John is preceded in death by a brother Jay Girard, a sister Mary Alice Pruitt, a grandson and a great grandson.

Visitation will be from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 29, 2010 with reciting of the Holy Rosary at 2:30 p.m. at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home. An 11:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Thursday, December 30, 2010 at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. Father David Voors will be officiating and burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to ACCF Rita Girard Music Scholarship Fund.

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