

Rita C. Girard 71, of Decatur, passed away Monday November 12, 2007 at Adams Memorial Hospital. She was born on March 11, 1936 to Lewis H. and Clara A. (Heimann) Rumschlag in Decatur, Indiana. On September 11, 1954 she married John R. Girard.



Rita is survived by Husband - John R. Girard, Decatur; 1 son - John J. (Mary Kay) Girard, Monroeville, IN; 5 daughters: Mrs. Keith (Jo Lynn) Hiester, Decatur, IN, Mrs. David (Jeannie) Byers, Columbia City, IN, Mrs. Richard (Mary L.) Arend, Wolcottville, IN, Mrs. Ed (Rosanne Po) Dawson, Decatur, IN, Mrs. Rod (Maggie) Hawkins, Decatur, IN; 6 brothers: Br. Denis Rumschlag CPPS, Carthagena, OH, Herman Rumschlag, Decatur, IN, Jerome Rumschlag, Decatur, IN, Cletus Rumschlag, Ft. Wayne, IN, Louis Rumschlag, Decatur, IN, Thomas N. Rumschlag, Ft. Wayne, IN; 5 sisters: Sr. Clare Ann Rumschlag CSC, St. Mary's @ Notre Dame, Mrs. Leonard (Esther) Rosenbeck, St. Henry, OH, Mary Catherine Rumschlag, Abingdon, VA., Jean L. Rumschlag, Elm Grove, WI, Mrs. Clifford (Monica) Wyss, Coldwater, MI; 17 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in Death by her parents, 3 Sisters, a Grandson and a Great Grandson.

Rita was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, Women of St Mary's, and Catholic Ladies of Columbia Council 20. Rita was the St. Mary's Catholic Church Liturgical Director and organist, Music Teacher for St. Joseph Catholic School and was a former member of Speck Hebbel & Blue Velvet Band.

Visitation will be from 3-8pm on Friday November 16th at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home. Reciting of the Rosary will also be on Friday at 2:30pm. Closed casket visitation will be held at the church from 10-11am Saturday, November 17th followed by a 11:00 am Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. Father David Voors will be officiating, burial will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to A.C.C.F. Rita Girard Music Scholarship Fund.

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