



## Rita Bergwitz

November 27, 1939 - February 28, 2026

Rita Bergwitz, 86, of Evansville, passed away at home on Saturday, February 28, 2026, surrounded by family.

Rita was born on November 27, 1939, in Evansville to the late Carl, Sr. and Barbara (Bender) Zenthoefler. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Riverbend Association, the Owls, the Red Hat Society, and Rita was Fall Festival Queen in 1954. Rita worked in the cafeteria at Mater Dei High School for over 10 years.

Surviving Rita is her husband of 66 years, Ed Bergwitz; daughters, Debra Gores and Angie (Jeff) Decker; sons, Tony (Billie) Bergwitz, Michael (Soon) Bergwitz, and Ed (Elizabeth) Bergwitz; sisters, Helen Hardesty and Rosalie Edwards; brother, Daniel Zenthoefler; nine grandchildren, David James, Todd Bergwitz, Emily Gores, Mallory Gores, Eric Bergwitz, Phil Bergwitz, Ashley Bergwitz, William Bergwitz, and Jessica Decker; 13 great grandchildren, Damion, Dakota, Katelynn, Makaylah, Sydney, Haley Jo, Kylee, Hunter, Cecilia, Nickolace, Dylan, Shelby, and Decker; and six great great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Rita was preceded in death by her sisters, Betty Harrison, Mary Ann Berry, and Cecelia Mayer; and by her brothers, Carl Zenthoefler, Jr. and Thomas Zenthoefler.

There will be a Memorial Mass held at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 6, 2026, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Friends may visit with the family from 9:00 AM until service time on Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2701 West Franklin Street.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, TN.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
2711 W Franklin St  
Evansville, IN 47712  
(812) 423-1721

## Memorial Mass

MAR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
2701 W. Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ I am sorry to hear of this. Mom really loved her baby sister.  
Judith Hardesty Martin

Judith Hardesty Martin - March 03 at 11:22 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Bergwitz.



March 02 at 04:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rita Bergwitz.

March 02 at 04:35 PM



“ Eddie Bergwitz and all the Bergwitz family - sending my sincere sympathy at your time of loss. Lots of love and prayers to you all 🙏  
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Peggy Schmitt Quiroz - March 02 at 04:25 PM



“ Tony, I'm so sorry for your loss. Such a sweet lady. Keeping you & your family in my prayers.

Erin Gidcumb (McAtee) - March 02 at 03:54 PM

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“ Ed, Elizabeth, and family,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
Dr. Kim Haywood-Pfender and the team at Evansville Eyecare Associates

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**Evansville Eyecare** - March 02 at 01:39 PM

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“ Your Quality Automotive Family purchased the Divine Light for the family of Rita Bergwitz.



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**Your Quality Automotive Family** - March 01 at 06:32 PM

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“ Rick and Amy Martin family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rita Bergwitz.



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**Rick and Amy Martin family** - March 01 at 05:23 PM