



Rita "Deetz" Goebel

May 22, 1949 - May 2, 2022

Rita M. "Deetz" Goebel, 72, of Evansville, passed away Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:45 AM after an eleven-and-a-half-year battle with breast cancer.

Deetz was born May 22, 1949 to the late John and Rita (Litzelman) Goebel. Deetz was a very giving and kind soul. She was affectionately known as "The Baby Whisperer" by family and friends. Although she never married or had children of her own, she showered her love on her family and friends, especially on her many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Deetz retired from Whirlpool Corporation as a salaried employee after 36 years of service and later retired from Deaconess Health Systems. Deetz was a devoted member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. She was active in the Adoration Chapel and volunteered regularly in parish functions. She also volunteered at Mater Dei for many years popping popcorn at sporting events, where she was known as the "Popcorn Lady".

Surviving Deetz are sixteen siblings, Joyce (Pat) Rhoades, Judy (Ken) Boarman, John, Jim (Faye), Janice (Larry) Schuble, Andy (Darlene), Tony (Zetta), Mike (Melanie), Tom (Karen), Gary (Cindy), Carol (Rusty) Reising, Glenn, Beth (David) Lindauer, Terri (David) Weber, Lisa (Tom) Blankenship and Chris (Jeanene); as well as many nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, Deetz was preceded in death by a sister-in-law,

Wanda Goebel; nieces, Vicki Schuble, Eleanor Goebel and Caroline Estes and nephews, Jeffrey Goebel and Jaxon Fischer.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 6, 2022 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Rev. Jason Gries officiating. Entombment will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 7:00 PM on Thursday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a vigil service beginning at 7:00 PM. Friends may also visit with the family from 9:30 AM until service time on Friday at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 918 W. Mill Road, Evansville, IN 47710.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Anthony Stephens and Heart to Heart Hospice for their kind and compassionate care of Deetz.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Redeemer Catholic Church or to Mater Dei High School Football, 1300 Harmony Way, Evansville, IN 47720.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Vigil Service

MAY 5. 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

MAY 6. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
918 West Mill Road
Evansville, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
918 West Mill Road
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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita "Deetz" Goebel*



Pierre Funeral Home - May 04, 2022 at 11:27 AM



“ *Rita "Deetz" Goebel*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *I've known Rita for close to 50 years. There was no one like her! She knew everyone & was a kind, generous, funny friend to all. She set up a blind date for me w/a guy she worked with at Whirlpool... Mike and I married now almost 38 years. Wicked sense of humor. We lost touch when we moved up to Michigan 25 years ago but reconnected on Facebook, where she always posted the best recipes. God Bless You, Friend... You were the best ~you and your Mom will celebrate your birthdays together this month in Heaven ❤️*

Kathy Neuenschwander - May 09, 2022 at 09:10 AM

NA

“ Heartfelt condolences to the Goebel family. Rita was a pleasure to work with at Whirlpool. She was very kind and supportive to all. Even when things got crazy at work, her wit and smile made it so much better. Those memories will be treasured forever. Rest In Peace.

Nancy Alexander - May 08, 2022 at 11:05 PM

PW

“ Deetz was such a sweetest lady. I have so many great memories of her and will cherish each and every one of them. It was an honor to call her my friend.

Patty Williams - May 07, 2022 at 03:21 PM

CS

“ We had so many good times! You were always there for all of us. You will be missed.

Connie Smith - May 07, 2022 at 03:07 PM

SA

“ Tom I want to sent by thoughts and prayers to you wonderful family. I know several of your siblings. I worked with Joyce and Janice was in my class at Mater Dei. They time heals all wounds but the lose of a loved one leaves a hole in your heart.

sandy - May 06, 2022 at 12:49 PM

PS

“ I am so sorry for Rita’s family and friends loss. Rita was one of those beautiful souls that everyone loved. She was always so kind and thoughtful. We always loved seeing her smiling face at all the church socials. RIP my friend.

God Bless,
Pat & Pat Singleton family

Patricia Singleton - May 05, 2022 at 10:36 PM

PV

“ My family and I send our sincerest condolences. Rita lived next door to my parents on Hanover Road when they down sized and moved there. They became friends and I became friends with her also as she was good friends with Rita Coleman as I was. We would eat out a lot together. I always said I had two Rita friends. She also knew my brother Bob from Whirlpool. Elmer & Fern Young, Rita, Rita and Bob are all resting in peace above, I miss all of them a lot. Prayers for the family, Rita will be dearly missed .

Pat (Young) Vanzant
Jim Young
Kenny Young

Pat (Young) Vanzant - May 05, 2022 at 08:57 PM

KC

“ Sorry to hear of Rita’s passing. She was a “frequent flyer” at Seekandfind Consignments. She was a staff favorite, genuinely a lady at all times. The staff dubbed her the “purse lady”. It was shocking the number of purses one woman could collect; it was a great partnership. Condolences to the family of a woman that brought great joy with her presence. Ken Colbert.

Kenneth Colbert - May 05, 2022 at 08:56 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rita "Deetz" Goebel.



May 05, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ Rita was such a kind and fun classmate at Mater Dei and generous parishioner at Holy Redeemer. Always a smile on her face! Prayers for all the Goebel family who now have a very special Angel, lap full of babies & pets, guarding them from her perch in heaven.

Becky Koontz - May 05, 2022 at 12:34 PM



“ Please know that everyone in Rita's family is in my thoughts and prayers at this sad time.
She was a wonderful classmate and will be missed.
Sr. Rose Wildeman

Rose - May 05, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ Our hearts are broken. Deetz was such a fun, kind & sweet woman. A smile every time we saw her no matter how she felt. And no better popcorn popper in any concession stand! We're praying for all of you, Goebel family. We know how much she meant to each one of you.
Sincerely,
John & Jeanne Dewig

jeanne - May 04, 2022 at 09:07 PM

BS

“ Heartfelt sympathy to the Goebel family. Rita was a blessing to all who had the honor of knowing her. Heaven has a new Angel, rest easy my friend.

Barbara Shelby - May 04, 2022 at 05:30 PM

LK

“ My sincere sympathy to the Goebel family on the death of Rita... I knew her in high school ..even though she was in class of '67 we were still always able to say hello in the years that have past as we saw each other in the community. I love this photo signifying how Rita was always the MAID OF HONOR... ready to help and prepare others ... may her reward seeing Jesus and Mary be eternal ..Well done good and faithful servant ... Rest now friend your legacy lives on.

Linda Paul Koressel



Linda Koressel - May 04, 2022 at 03:30 PM



“ 15 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pierre Funeral Home - May 04, 2022 at 02:41 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita "Deetz" Goebel.



May 04, 2022 at 01:58 PM



“ 122 files added to the album LifeTributes



Pierre Funeral Home - May 04, 2022 at 11:13 AM

BD

“ Dear Carol and Goebel Family,

I remember seeing your sister at all the Mater Dei functions I attended. We would recognize each other but never got the opportunity to actually talk. She would always smile at me when ever we crossed paths. My prayers are with you all!

Becky (Kirchoff) Doshier



Becky Doshier - May 04, 2022 at 08:59 AM

KB

“ Rita was such an amazing lady! She was smart, funny and always thought of others first! She will be missed by many. Prayers.

katny Brown - May 04, 2022 at 08:34 AM

VB

“ Lisa& family, Heaven has gained another angel. I'm so sorry for your loss. Imagine her face when she finally met Jesus! What a glow she will have! Hugs to you and your family.

Vicky Berneking - May 04, 2022 at 07:57 AM

DC

“ Deetzer, Reetzy Deetzy, The Baby Whisperer or as my grandkids called her Our Deetz had such a huge impact on our lives. I had been friends with Deetz for many years but she stepped up to the plate in a special way when I was overwhelmed with taking care of grandkids and my mom at the same time. She became our nanny and a member of our family. She taught my kids their numbers, colors and ABC's and she taught me about patience, acceptance and not to take ourselves so seriously and mostly about the goodness and beauty that was within everyone. Deetz had a way of saying something so simple and yet so profound.

I thank God that He allowed her to be in my life and that of our family. You will surely be missed, sweet friend, but I have a feeling you are perfectly at home rocking and whispering to those heavenly babies. Our Love and Prayers

Denise and Alan Corressell

Amy and Jackson Ellis

Chris, Brooke, Elliott, Stella, Oliver Corressell

Denise Corressell - May 03, 2022 at 10:10 PM

AL

“ So sorry for your loss. Everytime I saw Deetz she had a smile on her face. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏❤️

Angie Koressel Lamkin - May 03, 2022 at 10:06 PM

KG

“ Oh, what an everlasting impression you've made on my family. I can't imagine what special occasions will be without your physical presence. My only solace is knowing your spiritual presence, and the sweetest memories you've graced my family with. I will never not miss you, but am thankful you have no more pain. We love you, Deetz. Soar high and watch over us with a big, proud smile....



Karen Guzman - May 03, 2022 at 09:44 PM

LG

“ It was a privilege and a pleasure to work with Deetz at Deaconess HME! She had an incredible work ethic and sense of humor! What a blessing she was in my life and many others! RIP wonderful lady!

Leigh Ann Gamble - May 03, 2022 at 08:49 PM

MD

So sorry for such a loss. She was such a special person, everyone was her friend and may she RIP after such a hard journey!

Mary Rose Decamps - May 03, 2022 at 11:18 PM

SW

Sandy HAHN Worthington

sandy worthington - May 07, 2022 at 04:21 PM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - May 03, 2022 at 05:34 PM