



## Rita A. Hoefling

September 21, 1935 - April 27, 2020

Rita A. Hoefling, 84, passed away peacefully Monday, April 27, 2020 at Solarbron Memory Care Unit.

Rita was born on September 21, 1935 in Evansville to the late Joseph D. and Veronica (Steckler) Mayer. She was a 1953 graduate of Mater Dei High School. Rita was devoted to her family. She was married to Donald Hoefling for 62 years. She enjoyed her part-time jobs; helping in the Mater Dei cafeteria, then as a Special Education Aide for EVSC and as a sales clerk at Rose Maries. Rita and Don enjoyed a long retirement traveling, spending time with grandchildren and golfing with friends. They loved volunteering at The Ronald McDonald House, and St Boniface Catholic Church. They received the Brute Award in 2014 recognizing them as outstanding models of Christian fellowship.

Rita is survived by two daughters, Tammy (Tom) Spahn and Amy (Mark) Schlachter and three sons, Dan (Laura) Hoefling, David (Dodi) Hoefling and Andy (Patty) Hoefling. Rita was most proud of her sixteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. Her surviving grandchildren include Matt Spahn, Sarah (Ryan) Beuligmann, Andy (Jenna) Spahn, Ryan (Samantha) Hoefling, Brittany (Terry) Roudenbush, Austin Hoefling, Aaron Hoefling, Anna Hoefling, Abby Hoefling, Lauren (Andrew) Rance, Maggie (Eric) Weinzapfel, Jacob Hoefling, Drew Schlachter, Cara Schlachter and Audra Schlachter. Rita

is also survived by her sisters Rosemary Kirschner, Virginia Schoolfield, and brothers Joseph (Mary) Mayer and Bernie Mayer.

In addition to her parents and husband, Rita is preceded in death by her brother, Sylvester (Bud) Mayer and two sisters Carolyn Bray and Ruth Waters, as well as Rita's angel grandchild Gwen Schlachter.

The visitation, funeral service and burial will be private.

The family would like to extend a sincere thank you to Solarbron Memory Care Unit staff. We are forever grateful for your love and compassion toward our parents.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Boniface Catholic Church at [www.saintbonifaceevansville.com](http://www.saintbonifaceevansville.com).

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

## Cemetery Details

### St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive  
Evansville, IN

## Previous Events

### Private funeral services

APR 30 (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church  
418 N, Wabash Avenue  
Evansville, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Rita A. Hoefling*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - April 30, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ *Rita A. Hoefling*

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January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Rita's passing. I remember the trip to Oldenburg to see Sister Dorothy and Julitta. We had so much fun and lots of laughs. Rita was a super lady and the memories are many. Be assured of my continued prayers for you and your families.*

*Sister Bridget Arnold*

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**Sister Bridget** - May 06, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to Rita's family. May she rest in peace and that peace ease the sorrow of her loved ones.*

*Sincerely,  
Paul and Chris Schapker*

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**Chris Schapker** - May 02, 2020 at 04:56 PM

LG

“ So sorry to hear of your Moms passing. She was always sweet to me way back when we were kids, Tammy you may remember me better than your brothers but I have good memories of playing in your back yard! Prayers for your whole family.

Lynn (Esche) Griffin - April 30, 2020 at 07:57 PM

LG

My maiden name was Esche

Lynn (Esche) Griffin - April 30, 2020 at 07:58 PM

FM

“ From your friends in the FSS group MJN/RB purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rita A. Hoefling.



From your friends in the FSS group MJN/RB - April 30, 2020 at 12:41 PM

MD

“ Our deepest sympathy to your family. May Rita rest in peace.

Marilyn Durchholz & Betty Buchanan

Marilyn Durchholz - April 30, 2020 at 11:30 AM

JP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Your Mom was such a lovely person. Always enjoyed talking to her she always made my fall festival complete when I ran into her there! She will be missed

judy preske - April 30, 2020 at 10:29 AM

DR

“ I was so sorry to hear of Rita's passing. I met her through golf and enjoyed her friendship so much. She was a delightful lady and always had a kind word. We had some fun times together on the golf course. My sympathy to the family. Donna Reeder

Donna Reeder - April 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM

JW

“ Sympathy and prayers to the whole family. Such a loss for all. May her kindness comfort you at this time of sorrow.  
Joyce (Hoefling) Wilzbacher

Joyce Wilzbacher - April 30, 2020 at 09:45 AM

ML

“ Mark and I were saddened to hear of Rita's passing. She is remembered with a kind, generous heart and quick wit! We hope it comforts you to know she is back in Don's arms and celebrating Jesus' love. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Mark & Cheryl Lannert

Mark, Cheryl Lannert - April 30, 2020 at 04:17 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hoefling.



April 29, 2020 at 11:14 PM

KR

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Karen Reibel - April 29, 2020 at 10:48 PM

EG

“ *I cleaned st.Boniface church with Rita, worked socials and special dinners, she was an awesome lady who smiled all the time. Great admiration for her Don and family. Deepest sympathy to all from Mark and Evie Guetling*

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**evie and mark guetling** - April 29, 2020 at 10:29 PM

CL

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Christine Lutz** - April 29, 2020 at 07:44 PM

TS

*Chris-thank you so much for posting these great pictures. Many great memories. Tammy*

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**Tammy Spahn** - April 29, 2020 at 08:06 PM

CL

*Happy times to share!*

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**Christine Lutz** - April 30, 2020 at 10:59 AM

CL

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Christine Lutz** - April 29, 2020 at 07:42 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Christine Lutz - April 29, 2020 at 07:03 PM

CL

“ Oh, I am so sad to hear of Rita's passing. She was the sweetest lady. I enjoyed every time was in our Sunday service. She would always give me such a sweet smile. That sweet smile. Oh I will miss it so much. We loved your parents so very much. Please know we are praying for the family. If there is anything we can do, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Tony and Carrie Lord  
Co-ministers at Sunday Services

Carrie Lord - April 29, 2020 at 01:24 PM

RA

“ Dear Kids of Rita and Don, Margaret and I are blessed to have known your mom. We loved Rita's spunk and zest for life. Spending time with her and Don, and all of you, was always a joy. The memory of Rita's kind heart will live on with all of us who knew her. We send love to all of your family.  
Sincerely,  
Ron and Margaret

ron angermeier - April 29, 2020 at 01:02 PM

TH

“ I was saddened to hear that your mother, grandmother, great-grandmother had left this crazy world of ours. It does bring me happiness and comfort to know that she is re-united with Don, her loving husband, and other members of the family who have left us.

Rita was such a joy to be around and so easy to talk to. She pretty much told it like it was, which I always liked about her since I'm also that way.

We all have so many loving memories of Rita and that should bring us joy as we say our final good-byes.

Rita and Don were both such caring and compassionate people and that has been passed down to their children and grandchildren. I'm sure they will be looking down on all of you with bright smiles as each of you continue their legacy in your own way.

You all have my love and most heartfelt condolences as you lay this beautiful lady to rest.

Tina Hargrove

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**Tina Hargrove** - April 29, 2020 at 12:32 PM

JB

“ Her smile at my shenanigans will always give me a smile. Joy Kramer Barrett (Janet Kramer's daughter)  
May All The Souls of tge Faithfully Departed Rest in Peace.

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**Joy Barrett** - April 29, 2020 at 12:24 PM

AC

“ So very sorry for the loss of your mother and grandmother! Our thoughts and prayers are with you!

*Ann Craney*

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**ANN CRANEY** - April 29, 2020 at 12:13 PM

BD

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with all the family and friends.

*Becky Doshier*



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**Becky Doshier** - April 29, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hoefling.



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April 29, 2020 at 11:09 AM

DC

“ So sorry for your family's loss, Rita was a big part of my memories thru the years. There were many happy times & a few sad with our closest cousins. Wish there could be a showing, will be there in spirit. Love & Prayers

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**Donna Cassin** - April 29, 2020 at 11:01 AM

MF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.  
With deepest sympathy.  
From your friends in the FSS group. MJN/RB*

MJN/RB FSS - April 29, 2020 at 09:58 AM

KE

“ *Sorry for your loss. May God bless your family. Kenneth Mossberger. 🙏*

kennethmossberger - April 29, 2020 at 09:21 AM

LB

“ *Andy & Patty, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother. I pray you will find comfort in the arms of our Lord. Embrace the wonderful memories you have as they will get you through the days ahead. My prayers for your all. Hugs!*

LaDon Berlin - April 29, 2020 at 09:05 AM

MT

“ *Mike And Brandi Tyler lit a candle in memory of Rita A. Hoefling*



Mike and Brandi Tyler - April 29, 2020 at 08:06 AM

SF

“ I always remember Rita with a smile. She was a servant of a God for sure, always volunteering and helping others. She and Don were always together and raised a great family. I know she is happy in his arms Again and with our Lord. Prayers for peace and comfort to the family.

Stephanie Freeman - April 28, 2020 at 10:59 PM



Stephanie, Thanks so much for your kind words!!

Amy Schlachter - April 29, 2020 at 10:09 AM

SH

“ She was always so friendly when she & Don played golf at Howell Par 3 , with the K of C, when I worked on Wednesday afternoons. She made it a point to come in the clubhouse & say hi! Prayers for the family. Sandra Humm

Sandra Humm - April 28, 2020 at 10:36 PM

AE

“ My Rita Roo. I am going to miss your smile and your giggles. Along with your spurts of sassyness! Taking care of you and Don were a honor! Also getting to know all of your amazing kids you raised, along with their own families! We all are going to miss you so much Rita. You were always able to lighten up my bad days with your smile, you ALWAYS had perfect timing for those you knew when I needed it. I will always adore the unconditional love you and Don shared. Along with the love you passed along to your kids. Love you sweet angel. I bet Don welcomed you with the biggest huge ever! She is so loved by all of us on 400 and will always be apart of us along with Don. We all are going to miss her terribly. I am thinking of you all through this time. With love Alex Eaton

Alexandra Eaton - April 28, 2020 at 10:03 PM



*Thank you so much Alex!! We can't do enough to express our gratitude for all of you. Us kids are brought to tears every time we talk about the care mom and dad recurred from all of you!  
You are all angels on earth and we love you all!*

**Amy Schlachter** - April 29, 2020 at 10:08 AM

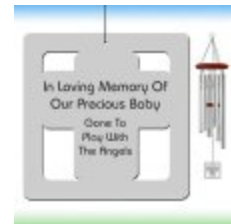
KH

*“ Rita was always so sweet I will always remember the beautiful smile she always had. I remember her always helping with the social and funeral dinners. Many prayers to the family. Love, The Koewler Family.*

**Kathy Henderson** - April 28, 2020 at 09:36 PM



*“ Cross Wind Chime - Silver was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hoefling.*



April 28, 2020 at 09:18 PM

JW

*“ I am so sorry to hear this. I have always thought so much of Rita and Don. Nothing but special memories. The Hoefling family will be in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you. --Jim Wolf*

**Jim Wolf** - April 28, 2020 at 06:21 PM

BS

“ I was in Aunt Rita s wedding wearing a pale pink dress. Later I would babysit for the children. This woman had everything scheduled and organized. I actually admired her routine of cleanliness and organization. Aunt Rita created an atmosphere of confidence and stability. You always knew you were welcomed in her home. She made you feel safe and special. Her family and husband were her life as well as being a devoted Catholic

BECKY MAYER SMITHER - April 28, 2020 at 05:56 PM



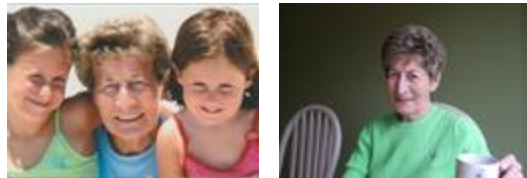
“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hoefling.



April 28, 2020 at 05:41 PM

DH

“ 2 files added to the album Grandma



Dodi Hoefling - April 28, 2020 at 05:03 PM

KM

“ She was such a beautiful women inside and out. Her smile was truly infectious! So sorry for your loss. The Harrison Family

kathy mathew - April 28, 2020 at 04:08 PM

DH

*I don't personally know Rita but my sister, Barbara Muensterman (deceased) did, I am sure. I recognize the name. I am Barbara's only living sibling. Pierre Funeral includes me in FB of those whom I'd know or know of May Rita Rest In Peace*

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**Dorothy Ann Hendry** - April 28, 2020 at 10:32 PM

CL

*Dear Cousins,*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we will be with you in spirit as you celebrate Aunt Rita's life and send her home with Uncle Don.*

*Peace to you and your families and happy memories to share,*

*Chris, Kyle and Jackie Hoefling*

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**Christine Lutz** - April 29, 2020 at 07:59 AM