



Rita M. Johnson

August 10, 1929 - October 4, 2017

Rita M. (Stoeckinger) Johnson, 88, of Evansville, passed away Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at the Solarbron assisted living facility.

Rita was born August 10, 1929 in Mishawaka, IN to the late Franz and Mabel (Irion) Stoeckinger. In 1954, Rita and her husband, Dr. H. Victor Johnson moved to the Westside to make their home. She had worked as a registered nurse and homemaker and was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church.

Surviving Rita are four children, Jane (Herb) Tuttle of Lawrence, KS, Robert (Claudia) Johnson of Indianapolis, IN, Richard (Gilda) Johnson of Kansas City, MO and Sharon (Tom) Ruder of Evansville; six grandsons, Victor and Peter Tuttle, Aaron Marshall, Andy Johnson, Bryan and Alex Ruder; two great granddaughters, Allison and Elizabeth Tuttle and a sister-in-law, Marthagene Johnson.

In addition to her parents, Rita was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, H. Victor Johnson, MD in 2008; by a sister, Katherine Gladden; four brothers, Richard, Robert, John and Karl Stoeckinger.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, October 9, 2017 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Rev. Anthony Govind officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 until 4:00 P.M. on Sunday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:30 A.M. until service time on Monday at St. Boniface Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Evansville Junior Football League, P.O. 6214, Evansville, IN 47719 or to the House of Bread and Peace, 250 E. Chandler Ave, Evansville, IN 47713.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

2200 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

OCT 9. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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

funeral

OCT 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita M. Johnson*



Pierre Funeral Home - October 07, 2017 at 05:48 PM



“ *Rita M. Johnson*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



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Pierre Funeral Home - October 08, 2017 at 09:14 AM

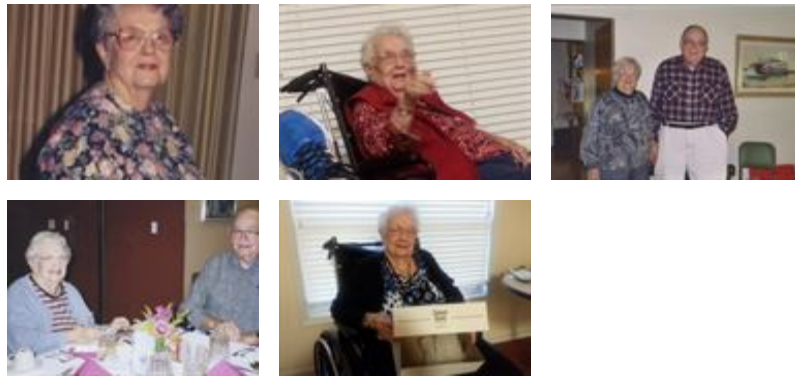
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“ Richard, my thoughts & prayers go out to you and the family. I know losing your Mother is very difficult and I send my deepest sympathy to you. Hang in there my friend and God Bless everyone during this emotional time.

Jon Moore - October 07, 2017 at 11:10 PM



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Pierre Funeral Home - October 07, 2017 at 04:32 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita M. Johnson.



October 07, 2017 at 01:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita M. Johnson.*



October 06, 2017 at 01:08 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Rita M. Johnson.*



October 06, 2017 at 11:53 AM



“ *I remember visiting Richard and his mom was so giving and making sure that we were welcome into their home. She was a wonderful person and will be missed!*

Robert Pacey - October 06, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ *EJFL and it's football family would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Dr. and Rita Johnson, with Rita's passing. She will forever be EJFL's leading lady and the "woman behind the man."*

LeAnn Martin - October 05, 2017 at 11:49 PM



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



October 05, 2017 at 10:59 PM



“ Mrs. Johnson was a true standard bearer of the spirit of Evansville’s West Side. Together with her husband, she was instrumental in forming the Evansville Junior Football League, leading the West Side Nut Club, Civitan, St. Boniface, and countless other endeavors.

Year after year, many thousands of Easter eggs destined for the annual Nut Club egg hunt at Helfrich Park received their colors in Rita’s kitchen.

Her home was a magnet for neighborhood kids, and she kept watch over “the field” behind her house. She welcomed the hustle and bustle of kids of all ages while raising her own brood. Various cats, a monkey, and a succession of toy black poodles rounded out her home.

She touched so many with her twinkling blue eyes, knowing smile, killer Scrabble game, and “I’ll tell you what, kid!”

A woman for all ages, Mrs. J was a servant/leader and a classic mom yet ahead of her time.

I’ll always cherish her spunky Dutch spirit.

My love and condolences to Jane, Bob, Richard, and Sharon.

Barbara Laib Simonson - October 05, 2017 at 08:58 PM