



Rita Mae Martin

September 14, 1952 - June 22, 2026

Rita Mae Martin, 73, of Poseyville, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, June 22, 2026, surrounded by her loving family.

Rita was born on September 14, 1952, in Evansville to the late Kenneth and Genevieve (McMillen) Perry. She was a 1970 graduate of North High School and had worked for Dr. Koehler, Dr. Schmidt, the Evansville State Hospital, and retired from Vanderburgh and Posey County FSA office. She dearly loved her dogs and through her life had rescued many. Rita was the recipient of a double lung transplant in 2014.

Surviving Rita are her husband of 54 years, Mike Martin; children, Erin (Chad Shafer) Norwood, Brandon (Amy) Martin, Lindsay (John) Schaefer, and Lauren (Brian) Lasher; brothers, Dennis (Ellen) Perry and Kelvin (Kasey) Perry; grandchildren, Blake Regel, McKenzie, Mason, Tristan, Taylor, and Bailey Norwood, Drew Martin, Ellie, Chloe, and Henry Lasher, with one more on the way and a great grandson, Colton Marx.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 26, 2026, at St. Wendel Catholic Church, Rev. Ed Schnur officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Wendel Church Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 4:00 until 7:00 PM on Thursday at Pierre

Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:00 AM until service time on Friday at St. Wendel Catholic Church, 10542 W. Boonville New Harmony Road.

Rita's family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Heart to Heart Hospice and the transplant team at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis for all of their kind and compassionate care.

In honor of her beloved dogs, memorial contributions may be made to It Takes A Village No Kill Animal Rescue, 1417 Stockwell Road, Evansville, IN 47715.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Wendel Church Cemetery

10542 W. Boonville-New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN 47712
(812) 423-6471
info@pierrefuneralhome.com
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

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St. Wendel Catholic Church
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Evansville, IN

Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

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“ Joe and Becky Koester purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rita Mae Martin.



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“ Joe and Becky Koester planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Mae Martin.

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