



Susan J Gries

June 27, 1943 - July 2, 2025

Susan “Sue” Jane Gries (Hillenbrand), 82, of Evansville, Indiana, passed away peacefully on July 2nd, 2025, surrounded by family, leaving behind a legacy of love, faith, and steadfast devotion. Born on June 27, 1943, in Evansville, Sue loved her family deeply and was a lifelong servant to others.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Sue met her husband and best friend, Gene, at the West Side Nut Club Fall Festival. Their love story blossomed into a 61-year marriage built on laughter, trust, and companionship. Together, they built their brick home by hand—a labor of love that became the heart of many family gatherings, barbecues, and celebrations, warmly welcoming all who entered.

Sue graduated from Marion Heights Academy in Ferdinand and spent much of her professional career at PPG. She was a faithful member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. Her faith was the cornerstone of her life, and she lived it fully through decades of service in various capacities, including her involvement with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, where she ministered to others with compassion and humility.

Simple joys and building memories defined her life—through camping with her grandchildren, cooking family meals, and escaping to Gatlinburg and the Smoky Mountains, her favorite place to reconnect with nature and her faith.

She believed that nothing mattered more than family sticking together and walking with Christ. That belief ripples through the generations she nurtured, friended, and mentored.

Sue walked with conviction and an abundance of love. She was a steady source of strength in times of hardship and a joyful light in times of celebration. Her warmth, grace, and generosity shaped the rhythm of family life, leaving an enduring imprint on everyone who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Loretta, and her beloved sister Ann. She is survived by her husband, Gene; her children, Julie (Tony), Jeff (Wendy), and Jim (Angelena); and her treasured grandchildren who called her “Nana”: Daniel (Chris), Amanda (Brian), Aaron (Megan), Kelsey, Zachary, Bailey (Kasey), Kerstin (Hudson), and Caroline. She also leaves behind great-grandchildren Carson, Will, Xander, and Bo—each of whom she adored and prayed for daily.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the staff at the Linda E. White Hospice House for their extraordinary care and compassion in her final days.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 7, 2025, at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Rev. Jason Gries officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 6:00 PM on Sunday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:30 AM until service time on Monday at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 918 W. Mill Road.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry, 809 N Lafayette Ave, Evansville, IN 47711 or Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 918 W Mill Rd, Evansville, IN 47710.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 6. 2:00 PM - 6:00 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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Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
918 West Mill Road
Evansville, IN

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Susan J Gries*



Pierre Funeral Home - July 05, 2025 at 10:03 AM

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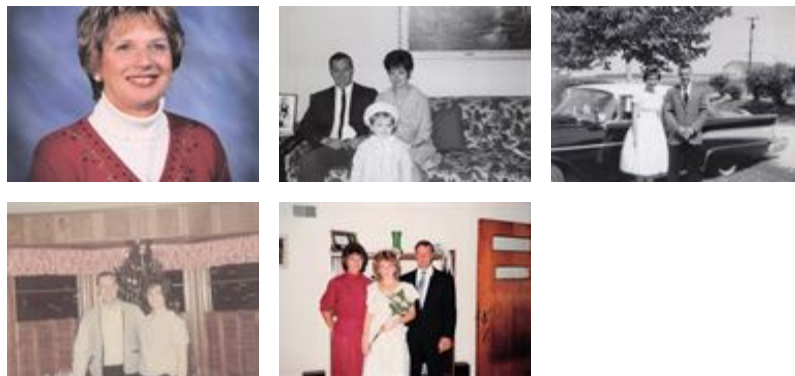
“ *My condolences to Sue's family and friends. Eternal rest grant unto Sue, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. ~Amen~*



Cathy Funkhouser - July 16, 2025 at 10:57 PM



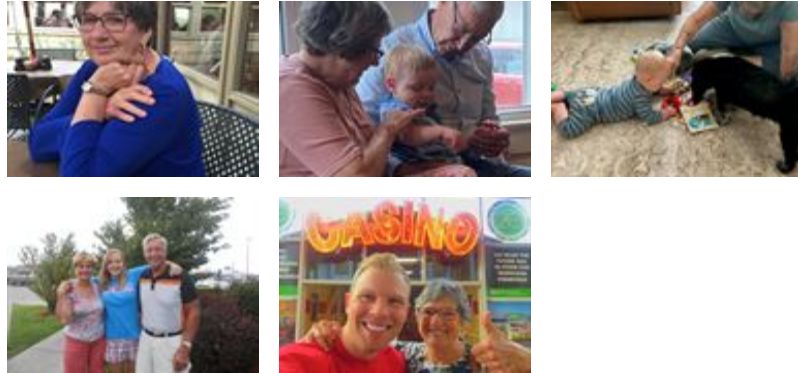
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Pierre Funeral Home - July 05, 2025 at 11:53 AM



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Pierre Funeral Home - July 05, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ The Open Lending Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Susan J Gries.



The Open Lending Family - July 04, 2025 at 07:30 PM



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

July 04, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Susan J Gries.



July 04, 2025 at 12:20 PM

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“ *The Grandkiddos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Susan J Gries.*

The Grandkiddos - July 04, 2025 at 10:11 AM

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“ *The Grandkiddos purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Susan J Gries.*



The Grandkiddos - July 04, 2025 at 10:11 AM

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“ *Daniel & Chris purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Susan J Gries.*



Daniel & Chris - July 04, 2025 at 10:08 AM

PM

“ *I had the honor of meeting Sue years ago through her sister in law, Dorothy. Over the years, having known all the siblings and their spouses, I can tell you I was very touched by the comment from her and Gene, that I was family to them. She was like that ... very kind and nice to be around and very pleased to have known. God Bless her!*

Patricia McIntire - July 04, 2025 at 06:00 AM



“ *TMMI MOISTURE SAND and Big Tom purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Susan J Gries.*



TMMI MOISTURE SAND and Big Tom - July 03, 2025 at 09:32 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Susan J Gries.*



July 03, 2025 at 05:17 PM