



Rose Mary Gripka

June 22, 1951 - March 8, 2012

Rose Mary Gripka, 60, formally of Pierce City, MO, passed away Thursday, March 8, 2012, at Ocala Regional Medical Center in Ocala, FL. She was born on June 22, 1951, in Kansas City, MO, to the late William (W.T.) and Loretta Carlin. She was united in marriage to Charles E. Gripka on May 9, 1980, who survives at their home. Since her early retirement due to breast cancer, Rose and Chuck have resided in Grey, TN, Charlestown, WV, and, finally, Ocala, FL. She was an active member of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, volunteering her time and talent to the church and its thrift store as well as being an active member of the Red Hat Society. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Richard Schultz and Ray Bowman. Other survivors include three daughters, Denise A. Gripka, stationed in Bluffton, SC, Deanna L. Herron and her husband Nathan A. Herron, of Jefferson City, MO, and Lori L. Dunmire, also of Jefferson City, MO; eight grandchildren, Tiara and Tarin Gripka of Bluffton, SC, Cailey Garoutte, Keaton, Kamryn, and Kynsie Herron of Jefferson City, MO, and Geoffrey and Sydney Dunmire, also of Jefferson City, MO; one sister, Bernadette (Bernie) Carlin of Springfield, MO, and two brothers, Gene Schultz of Neosho, MO, and Danny Bowman of Kansas City, MO. A rosary service with visitation to follow will be Monday, March 12, 2012, at 6 pm at Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO. Funeral Services will be Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at 11 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pierce City, MO and burial services will follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery with Father Peter Morciniec officiating.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

Previous Events

Rosary Service

MAR 12. 6:00 PM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
501 N Elm St.
Pierce City, MO 65723
(417) 476-2626
lakinfuneral@suddenlink.net

Visitation

MAR 12. 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Lakin Funeral Home
501 N Elm St.
Pierce City, MO 65723
(417) 476-2626
lakinfuneral@suddenlink.net

Funeral Service

MAR 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
200 Front Street
Pierce City, MO 65723
(417) 476-2827

Tribute Wall



“ *Rose Mary Gripka*

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *Penny Schnake Acheson lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Gripka*



Penny Schnake Acheson - March 17, 2012 at 08:00 PM



“ *Christine M. Leigh lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Gripka*



Christine M. Leigh - March 15, 2012 at 10:56 PM



“ *Debbie Murphy lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Gripka*



Debbie Murphy - March 14, 2012 at 08:34 PM

MH

“ *Mark Henderson lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Gripka*



Mark Henderson - March 13, 2012 at 08:54 AM

LM

“ *The Mills family will miss Rose greatly. She was such a sweet lady, always doing for someone. Even our kids says she was one of the nicest person they knew. Remember learning new card games with her. Spending time with her in the Knights of Columbus. We were known as "Ladies of the Knights" :). R.I.P. Rose, hope you are enjoying a cup of tea up there in heaven.*



Lucy and Rick Mills - March 12, 2012 at 08:29 PM

CG

“ *1 file added to the album Rose Gripka*



Chuck Gripka - March 12, 2012 at 05:19 PM

DF

*Charles and girls so sorry to hear of rose. wish we could be there for you today. we are in paryers and happy thoughts. sending a kiss and a great big hugs for all of you.Love you all
David and Kay*

David and Kay Foster - March 13, 2012 at 10:01 AM

CL

Chuck and family...Our deepest sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. She touched so many lives and will always be thought of so fondly.

*Sincerely,
Chris and Rick Leigh*

Christine M. Leigh - March 15, 2012 at 11:00 PM

PA

Chuck, Denise, Deanna & Lori....My deepest sympathy and prayers for your family and your loss. Rose was a wonderful, wonderful person. She will be greatly missed.

Penny Schnake Acheson - March 17, 2012 at 08:02 PM

CG

“ 1 file added to the album mom



Chuck Gripka - March 12, 2012 at 05:16 PM

CG

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Chuck Gripka - March 12, 2012 at 05:04 PM

DG

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Denise Gripka - March 12, 2012 at 05:02 PM

DG

“ 26 files added to the album *Fond Memories*



Denise Gripka - March 12, 2012 at 04:59 PM

LC

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Rose at Immaculate Heart bingo on Monday afternoons, about 3 years ago. I was always impressed with her jovial attitude, how lovely her hair was, and always dressed fashionably. She and I "bonded" and shared life stories as though we'd known each other for years. When my Mother died in Sept. 2010 she called me and sent a most lovely card. My heart ached for her at the breast cancer news; but I was amazed that she still volunteered at the Thrift Store. She was amazing; strength that only a select few have and always with a big and bright smile on her face. Her attitude was incredible. Then the news she told me that the cancer was in her brain. My heart broke. Today, at bingo, it was shared that Rose had passed; and again, I am heartbroken. She was truly a one-of-a-kind lady; my sincere sympathies to her family. I will miss her. Linda Christensen

Linda Christensen - March 12, 2012 at 04:02 PM

BM

“ Chuck & Girls,
You are in our thoughts and prayers. May it bring you comfort to know that she will always be with you in your heart and in the beautiful memories you have of your time with her. She was a beautiful lady and will truly be missed. Keith & Brenda McCracken

Brenda McCracken - March 12, 2012 at 02:04 PM

BS

“ I remember Rose as fun loving woman and she was always smiling. I sat for the girls when they were little. Girls you are in my thoughts and prayers, as well as your dad.



Brenda (Jarvis) Sims - March 12, 2012 at 09:46 AM

CS

“ Chris, Tina, Lauren & Sydney Sebastian lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Gripka



Chris, Tina, Lauren & Sydney Sebastian - March 12, 2012 at 09:42 AM

SF

“ Rose, all the good times are still so fresh in my mind. I cherish every one of them. You were a beautiful person. God bless your family.

Sebastian Family - March 12, 2012 at 08:05 AM

CJ

“ remember when we seen the both of you in an unlikely place. remembering the fun times and thinking of you Chuck mand the family



Carroll and Betty Jarvis - March 11, 2012 at 08:31 PM

FE

“ Fred & Sue Eimer lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Gripka



fred & sue eimer - March 11, 2012 at 02:38 PM

SI

“ My husband and i got to know Rose when she worked at V.B.Hall, she was the sweetest lady always had a huge smile on her beautiful face, The world is missing a great lady but Heaven just received an Angel. Phillip and Sherry Ishmael

Sherry Ishmael - March 11, 2012 at 01:08 PM

WS

“ Chuck and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Many happy memories of you and Rose.
wayne self

wayne self - March 10, 2012 at 07:51 PM

WS

“ Wayne Self lit a candle in memory of Rose
Mary Gripka



wayne self - March 10, 2012 at 07:50 PM



“ We will miss your wonderful smile and dancing. You were like a sister to us and our thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Chuck
I know you have lost the love of your life and your best friend!
This is from the Simon families -Allen, Beth, Barb and Larry

Barbara Graham - March 10, 2012 at 04:46 PM

SP

“ Sharon Privett lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Gripka



Sharon Privett - March 10, 2012 at 03:32 PM

WD

“ Wayne And Kaye Dunmire sent a virtual gift in memory of Rose Mary Gripka



Wayne and Kaye Dunmire - March 10, 2012 at 11:38 AM

RK

“ I will never forget our times in the church kitchen. Dancing, cutting up and just having fun. I will miss you Rose very much

Roger Kappel - March 10, 2012 at 08:49 AM

GH

“ Gerald & Roberta Hickey lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Gripka



Gerald & Roberta Hickey - March 10, 2012 at 08:12 AM

PL

“ Paul And Sherry Londo lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Gripka



Paul and Sherry Londo - March 10, 2012 at 08:03 AM

DH

“ Daniel Hickey lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Gripka



Daniel Hickey - March 10, 2012 at 07:33 AM

DH

Almighty Father, eternal God, hear our prayers for Your daughter Rose whom You have called from this life to Yourself. Grant her light, happiness, and peace. Let her pass in safety through the gates of death, and live forever with all Your saints in the light You promised to Abraham and to all his descendants in faith. Guard her from all harm and on that great day of resurrection and reward raise her up with all Your saints. Pardon her sins and give her eternal life in Your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Daniel Hickey - March 10, 2012 at 07:37 AM

PB

“*Rose was a shining presence at Totally Awesome Massage & Bodywork. We eagerly looked forward to her visits because we knew there would always be a new story to hear! No matter the pain she was enduring day to day, she was always smiling and she was a live wire that we were truly blessed to share time with. We remember the time that she told of us how she organized a male gendered fashion show at the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We're not sure how she managed to convince so many men to dress up in nylons, dresses and makeup for this event, but anyone who knew Rose would do anything in the world for her! She had us giggling and laughing out loud at her memories of this event and we only wish that we could have been there to see it first hand! She was always so filled with so much spunk and we adored that about her. We will truly miss her smiling face, beaming presence and unconditional love at our office. She will be sorely missed and always remembered as one of our most Totally Awesome friends. - Raquel, Paula and Martha -Totally Awesome Massage & Bodywork in Ocala, FL.*

Paula Bleau - March 10, 2012 at 01:27 AM

PB

“*Paula Bleau lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Gripka*



Paula Bleau - March 10, 2012 at 01:20 AM

LD

“ I will miss you so much Mom! Your strength and spirit through the last two years was awe-inspiring. You hid how badly you ached and were in pain for our benefit and gave of yourself so unselfishly. Proof of your generous and loving personality is how many people love you and remember you so fondly. Life will never be the same now that my sounding board of strength and reason is no longer here to calm my worries about life's ups and downs. All you wanted was ten more years to see the grandbabies almost grown. God had other plans for his angel. Now you can be everywhere for the kids looking over them and being with them every day in spirit. Geoffrey, Sydney and I love you so much! We will take good care of Daddy, I promise!

Lori Lynn Dunmire - March 09, 2012 at 11:27 PM

DC

“ DONNA Caton lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Gripka



DONNA Caton - March 09, 2012 at 09:32 PM

TK

“ I remember Rose from her having worked in the office for Tyson Foods, Inc. I found her to be a pleasant person as she worked in personnel and edited Chicken Scratch, the local plant's news letter.



Tom & Yvonne Kerr

Tom & Yvonne Kerr - March 09, 2012 at 08:41 PM

CA

“ Cameron & Abramovitz lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Gripka



Cameron & Abramovitz - March 09, 2012 at 08:20 PM

DF

“ David And Kay Foster lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Gripka



David and Kay Foster - March 09, 2012 at 08:01 PM

MM

“ May God bless you and your family at this time. My heart is breaking for you Geoffrey.



Michelle Mendez - March 09, 2012 at 06:33 PM

NM

“ Natasha Mejia lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Gripka



Natashia Mejia - March 09, 2012 at 06:06 PM