



## Teresa Marie Heeter

August 4, 1935 - February 21, 2023

Teresa Marie Heeter, age 87, passed away on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at her home in Pierce City, MO. She was born in Wentworth, MO on Sunday, August 4, 1935; daughter of Joseph Vincent and Gertrude (Gorman) Nolan. She was a 1953 graduate of Pierce City High School. Mrs. Heeter was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. She was a devout Catholic spending many hours praying each day, was devoted to the Virgin Mary, and was a strong advocate for the Consecration of Russia to the Sacred Heart of Mary. She was a member of PCCW and was past president. Mrs. Heeter also loved Pierce City. She was the mayor's wife, served as a city alderman, and always wanted the betterment of the town. She was also a member of the Lawrence County Republican Committee. She played Ragtime piano in a kitchen band "Mayor Heeter and the Red Hot Coals and One Clinker". They enjoyed playing together and rode in many parades while playing music. She was a great jitterbug dancer. Family was so important to Teresa. She enjoyed hosting holiday dinners with her kids and grandkids. Mrs. Heeter was known for her cinnamon rolls. She loved to cook. Mrs. Heeter spent several years cooking for the students at St. Mary's School. She was always looking out for others and often blessed them with food. People were important to Teresa. She will be missed by many!

Surviving are the following: three sons, Mike Velten-Heeter of Neosho, MO, Charles "Crockett" Heeter of Bella Vista, AR, and Tom Heeter of Monett, MO;

five daughters, Teri England of Pierce City, MO; Janine "Boonie" (Carl) King of Pierce City, MO; Mari Heeter of Joplin, MO, Carrie Sanders of Monett, MO, and Amy Barnes of Joplin, MO; 21 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; one brother, Mike (Jackie) Nolan of Kansas City, MO; several nieces and nephews, and many friends and neighbors.

Welcoming her in heaven includes her parents, Joseph and Gertrude Nolan; a sister, Joan Boman; two husbands, Francis Charles Velten and Charles Heeter; a son, Steve Heeter; and three grandchildren, Chad Heeter, Francis Charles Velten, and Lindsay Heeter.

The family will receive friends at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pierce City, MO on Friday, February 24, 2023, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. Prayer Service and Rosary will follow at 8:00 PM

Funeral Mass will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pierce City, MO on Saturday, February 25, 2023, beginning at 10:00 AM with Father Matt Rehrauer officiating. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Pierce City, MO. Arrangements are under the personal care and direction of Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, MO.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church restoration, in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 24. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Prayer Service/Rosary

FEB 24. 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
200 Front Street  
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## Funeral Mass

FEB 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
200 Front Street  
Pierce City, MO 65723  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Teresa Marie Heeter*

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *Love, Jonnie, Diane & family purchased the "The Old Rugged Cross 30" Rose Gold Sonnet Chime for the family of Teresa Marie Heeter.*



**Love, Jonnie, Diane & family** - February 24, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ *The Dougherty family are thinking of you all during this deficult time. Your mom was a special lady and a great life long friend.*

**Lisa Martin** - February 24, 2023 at 02:35 PM



“ *Teresa's faith, kindness and spirit were an inspiration to me. I loved her! Love and prayers to the family for comfort and peace.*

**Julie Wolfe** - February 23, 2023 at 09:01 AM

CA

“ I will always cherish the memories made over the years at grandpa and grandma Heeter’s house! From leaving your shoes on the front porch, to sleeping in the built in bunk beds, the cinnamon rolls, the dinners around the large table and grandma playing the piano! I was so blessed to have my grandma Heeter for 40 years and my kids getting to enjoy many memories at her house too! I will miss you grandma!



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**CaitLand** - February 22, 2023 at 11:08 PM

JH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Teresa's passing, but know that her faith gave her comfort and hope that her children and grandchildren are comforted by warm memories. Though we didn't see each other often, Teresa always so kind to me and other members of our family. May her memory be a blessing to all who loved her.

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**Judy Heeter** - February 22, 2023 at 08:24 PM

TG

“ It has been an honor to know Teresa over the years, her sense of humor and that beautiful smile will be missed by many. RIP Teresa



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**Tim and Carol Goken** - February 22, 2023 at 08:00 PM

RC

“ We are so sorry for your family's loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ron and Debbie Creed - February 22, 2023 at 02:21 PM



“ Sandra and I want to express our sincerest sympathy to the great family !

Ronald Bowen - February 22, 2023 at 11:36 AM

CN

“ Clara Nichols lit a candle in memory of Teresa Heeter



Clara Nichols - February 22, 2023 at 09:15 AM

CN

“ Teresa was a neighbor of mine for several years, while I was dealing with Cancer she and Charles took me to Springfield twice for my treatments, she also gave me a book written by a surviving patient which helped me deal with the big "C" Blessings to all the family, Clara (Blackburn) Nichols

Clara (Blackburn) Nichols - February 22, 2023 at 09:09 AM

TM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Love you all. Toni Munson*



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**Tonette Munson** - February 21, 2023 at 08:41 PM

RD

*I knew Teresa Marie for 87 years as we were born the same day in  
Wentworth Mo. Sorry for your lost.*

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**Roy T Dacy** - March 07, 2023 at 10:54 PM