



## Rita A. Ervin

November 22, 1949 - March 13, 2026

Rita A. Ervin, 76, of East Peoria, peacefully passed away on Friday, March 13, 2026, at the Apostolic Christian Home in Eureka. She was born in Chester, IL on November 22, 1949, to Ray and Myrtle (Hindman) Ervin.

She is survived by her children, Amanda England of Metamora and Raymond Marfell of West Lafayette, IN and 4 grandchildren, Mackenzie (Anthony) Zowin, Logan, Gavin, and Avery.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, Doug and Larry Ervin.

Rita graduated from ICC with a Nursing degree and began her career at OSF. She then transitioned into a role as an Occupational Nurse, working at the Ag Lab, then ultimately retiring from Caterpillar.

Rita cherished her role as a grandmother, attending her grandchildren's various sporting events and band activities. Playing Pinochle with family was something she loved and passed along to her kids. She also enjoyed dinners with friends, traveling and loved to read. Rita was passionate about many things, but above all else, she loved her family deeply and was deeply loved.

A Memorial Service will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with visitation from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. Inurnment will follow at Glendale Cemetery in Washington.

Memorial contributions may be made to OSF School of Nursing. Online condolences may be left at [www.GaryDeitersFH.com](http://www.GaryDeitersFH.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Glendale Cemetery

600 Oakwood Lane  
Washington, IL

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria  
444 E. Washington Street  
East Peoria, IL 61611

## Memorial Service

MAR 21. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita A. Ervin



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 27 at 02:28 PM



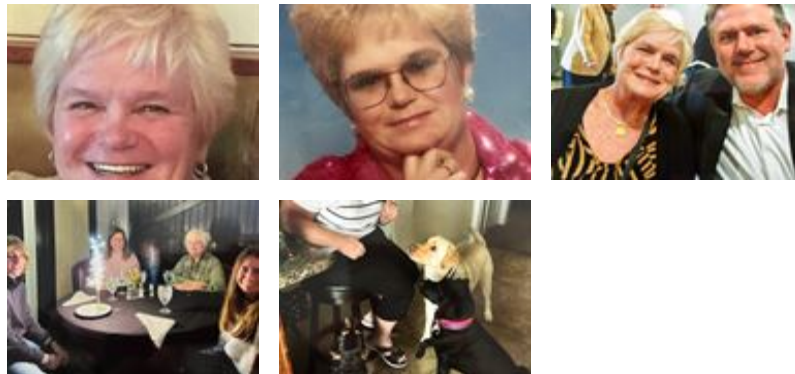
“ With Love, Jessica and Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Rita A. Ervin.



With Love, Jessica and Family - March 20 at 02:08 PM



“ 31 files added to the album Life Tributes



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 19 at 02:13 PM

CM

“ We had some good times, especially going all over following Ray's football games (usually with Mandi in tow) when he attended Tri-State University. I remember taking a vacation to Cancun with friend and; most of us came down with Montezuma's Revenge.

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**Craig W. Miller** - March 18 at 08:51 PM

TJ

“ I lived next door to Rita for maybe eight years before moving out of state and we had a lot of good laughs over the fence. God bless.  
Todd Jones

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**Todd Jones** - March 18 at 10:52 AM

ME

Thank you Todd. She loved visiting with you and admiring your beautiful yard. You were a wonderful neighbor that she spoke of often even after you moved.  
Mandi and Ray

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**Mandi England** - March 18 at 08:00 PM

JT

“ JoAnn and Joe Townes purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Rita A. Ervin.



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**JoAnn and Joe Townes** - March 17 at 09:21 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rita A. Ervin.*



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March 17 at 07:39 PM



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

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March 17 at 07:39 PM



“ *The Miller Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita A. Ervin.*



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**The Miller Family** - March 17 at 04:08 PM



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**The Miller Family** - March 17 at 04:08 PM



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March 16 at 11:28 PM



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

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rita A. Ervin.



March 16 at 09:41 PM



“ There are lots of memories over the years. Hard to believe our lockers in High School were just two doors apart and then I walked into Medical one day at Caterpillar and we were both so surprised to see each other. Just a wonderful surprise. Then the breakfasts, lunches and pizza, of course, at The Driftwood created lots of great memories all over again. You will be missed, dear friend. We are so sorry for your loss Mandy and Ray. We are sending healing thoughts and prayers to you and all of your family. Bob & Nancy (Earles) Wilson

**Bob & Nancy Wilson** - March 16 at 08:49 PM



Thank you for sharing your wonderful memories of Mom. We appreciate your kind words.  
Mandi and Ray

**Mandi England** - March 18 at 08:02 PM