



Rita Carol (Meyer) Bilbrey

May 17, 1935 - February 25, 2021

Rita Carol (Meyer) Bilbrey was born May 17, 1935 in St. Paul, Minnesota to Raymond Charles and Katherine Elizabeth (Lynch) Meyer. She passed away surrounded by her loving family on February 25, 2021 at her home in Salem, Missouri at the age of eighty-five years.

Rita grew up in Minnesota before moving to Chicago as a teenager, and attended Catholic schools. She began her working career in New York and met the love of her life, George Richard Bilbrey, in Riverside, California. On January 24, 1970, they were unified in holy matrimony and together shared fifty-one years of selfless love and dedication to each other and family. Rita and George were blessed with two sons, Daniel and David.

Rita was a faithful military wife for twenty-two years, supporting her husband's career and raising their two sons. She took great pride in caring for her home and being a devoted wife and loving mother. Rita adored her grandchildren and cherished the memories they made together. In her spare time, she enjoyed crafting and keeping up the home George built for her.

Rita was a sweet, humble, soft-spoken true woman of God. She was an inspiration to all who knew her, and was dedicated to the Catholic faith. Rita was passionate about serving the Lord and has been a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church since 1986.

Rita leaves to cherish her memory: her loving husband George Bilbrey of the home; her sons Daniel and his wife Danielle, David and his wife Mikiko; her grandchildren Josiah, Rebekah, Kei and Aya; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death are her parents Raymond and Katherine Meyer, her brother Raymond Meyer, and her sisters Suellen Johnson and Cathleen Meyer.

Rita leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and family. The memories created by her legacy will be remembered and treasured forever.

Funeral Mass for Rita Carol (Meyer) Bilbrey was held Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Salem, Missouri with Father Antony Jose Thundathil, CMI officiating. Serving as Pallbearers were Daniel Bilbrey, Josiah Bilbrey, David Bilbrey, Jamie Bilbrey, Robert Heard, and Dennis Crocker. Honorary Pallbearers were Rebekah Bilbrey, Kei Bilbrey, and Aya Bilbrey. Burial was in the Cedar Grove Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Grove Cemetery

Salem, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Mortuary - Salem
1000 West Scenic Rivers Blvd.
Post Office Box 45
Salem, MO 65560
(573) 729-5555
<https://www.wilsonmortuary.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Salem, MO

Tribute Wall



“ George,
Sending all my love to you now. Please know
Rita is Heaven in good hands.

Love,
Brenda Goodnight



Brenda Goodnight - March 10, 2021 at 07:42 PM



“ Carol Bennett purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rita Carol (Meyer) Bilbrey.



Carol Bennett - March 01, 2021 at 09:33 AM



“ 102 files added to the album LifeTributes



Wilson Mortuary - February 28, 2021 at 04:49 PM

VC

“ I will always treasure the memories I have of the yearly Thanksgiving visits that Uncle Richard and Aunt Rita made coming to our house with Daniel and David. Aunt Rita was the sweetest aunt ever. She was truly an inspiration to me and I loved her devotion to the Catholic faith. If not for her example, I might not have married a Catholic and become one myself. I know she is now pain free and in a much better place than we are right now. God bless the Bilbrey family! Love you all. Vickie Bilbrey Coronel

Victoria Coronel - February 27, 2021 at 11:14 AM

LC

“ Love, Carlos and Vickie Coronel purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rita Carol (Meyer) Bilbrey.



Love, Carlos and Vickie Coronel - February 27, 2021 at 11:05 AM

JP

“ I am forever grateful to have had an aunt like our Aunt Rita. She was such a sweet, humble, soft spoken woman, a true woman of God. I loved her passion for her church and how she would love to visit St. Rose on her trips to Murfreesboro. The sweet way she would “JulieAnn” my name touched me. I still have most of “the Sunshine Family” dolls I received one year from her and Uncle Richard and cherish them every time I see them thinking she must have had joy in choosing that perfect gift for me knowing I would enjoy them. She was truly a blessing to those that were lucky enough to have known her. Rest easy, until we meet again Aunt Rita. Keeping the family in my prayers and close to my heart. I love you all!!! Julia Ann Elizabeth (Bilbrey) Peck (and family)

Julia Peck - February 26, 2021 at 10:01 PM

MB

“Rita was one of the kindest people I’ve ever known. Although it’s been a long time since I’ve been with her, I cherish every visit and every conversation I ever had with her. Her love and compassion and her devotion to the Lord were evident. “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints” is a favorite scripture of mine. I’m certain God and all of Heaven are rejoicing at her homecoming.

Mary Helen Bilbrey - February 26, 2021 at 09:55 PM



“I am going to miss Aunt Rita. I will always cherish the childhood memories of her, Uncle George “Richard”, Daniel, and David’s visits at Thanksgiving most years. Aunt Rita was a very loving Christian woman. I know she is rejoicing in Heaven now and is no longer in pain. Praying for you all and your families. I love you. Carol Bilbrey Bennett



Carol Bennett - February 26, 2021 at 09:33 PM