



Rita DeFries

June 17, 1943 - December 17, 2020

Rita DeFries, 77, of Kansas City, KS passed away Thursday, December 17, 2020 at the University of Kansas Medical Center. She was born June 17, 1943 in Nodaway County, Missouri, the daughter of Melvin and Sarah Brickey. On September 21, 1962 in Edwardsville, KS she married the love of her life Jack DeFries. Rita and Jack loved to go to dinner and the movies. She also loved to spend time at home. She always had a well decorated home surrounded by her well tended flowers outside. She also enjoyed sewing, word searches, and most importantly spending time with her family. Including her husband of fifty eight years, Jack, she is survived by three children, Greg DeFries (Pam) of Kansas City, KS, Kim DeFries of Great Falls, MT, and Lora Keithley (Tony) of Kansas City, KS; ten grandchildren, Ashley, Logan, Madison, Cameron, Jason (Lisa), Clay, Emily, Cole, Tucker, and Lane; three great grandchildren, Addison, Natalee, and Parker; brother, Bob Brickey (Jan); and many nieces, nephews and great friends.

A livestream of funeral services will begin at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at Maple Hill Funeral Home at <https://fb.me/e/3O85yPwW2> All are invited to a graveside service beginning tentatively at 3:30 P.M. Tuesday at the Grinter Chapel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (donate.lls.org). All flowers should be sent to the funeral home before noon on Tuesday, December 22, 2020

Cemetery Details

Grinter Cemetery

7819 Swartz Road
Kansas City, KS

Previous Events

Graveside Service

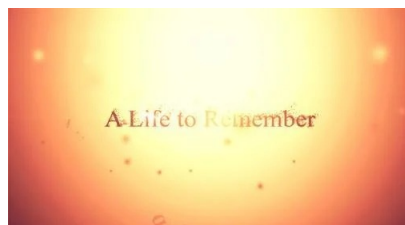
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Grinter Cemetery
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Kansas City, KS

Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita DeFries*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - December 21, 2020 at 04:08 PM

LK

My beautiful mother oh how I miss her! Lora

Lora Keithley - December 21, 2020 at 05:42 PM

DK

Such sweet pictures to remember a very special lady. She was always smiling and laughing, always so easy to talk to. She is missed. 💔

Debbi Keithley - December 21, 2020 at 10:34 PM

RB

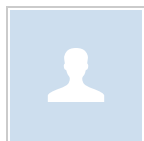
I only met your mother once at a sad time "Davids funeral " but I would have loved to of known her well. 🙏🙏🙏❤️❤�

Rhoena Bass - December 22, 2020 at 12:22 PM

TD

Our deepest condolences she was a very special woman, always happy, loved her family. She was an nice aunt. I will miss her!

Terry DeFries - December 22, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ *Rita DeFries*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ Rita DeFries

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



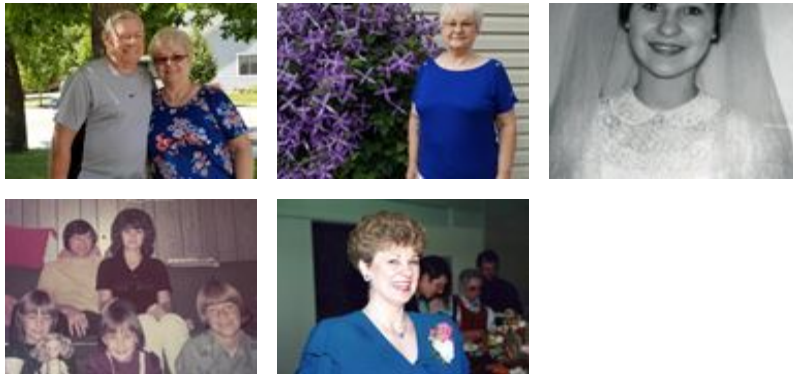
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Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - December 22, 2020 at 09:46 AM



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Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - December 21, 2020 at 04:09 PM



“ Rod, Joyce M, Ronnie, Joyce A, Cindy & Donna Sue purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Rita DeFries.



Rod, Joyce M, Ronnie, Joyce A, Cindy & Donna Sue -
December 21, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Rita DeFries.*



December 21, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ *My thoughts are with you all....i was fortunate enough to attend Coles graduation party
I new I wanted to talk with Rita to get her words of wisdom because I had decided to babysit my grandson as she had done with Cole.
When I told her my decision she had this look on her face that almost scared me and I thought what have I done. Then she said "
He has to be on a schedule it is the only way you will make it"...haha.. I said you should all be proud Cole is a very smart mature kind young man and she said "It takes a village." How lucky you all are for Rita to have been in your village.
Hugs
Donna Sue*

Donna Sue - December 20, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ *May God wrap his arms around the DeFries family and bring you comfort and peace through this difficult time.*

Staci Haase - December 19, 2020 at 01:26 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rita DeFries.*



December 18, 2020 at 09:31 PM