



Agnes "Rita" Kriech

June 6, 1930 - June 23, 2018

Agnes 'Rita' (Clark) Kriech, 88, of Indianapolis, passed away June 23, 2018. She was born June 6, 1930 to John and Eleanora (Matthews) Clark, Sr. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Francis J. Kriech; brothers and sisters, Margaret, James, John, Geneva, Mary, Gene Clark and Regina Moore (Jack); her daughter, Rita Ann (Bruce Robinson) Kriech; granddaughter, Lisa Artrip; and great-grandson, Aidan Kerry.

Rita married Francis Kriech on October 14, 1950. She was a loving mother to 11 children: Ken (Sharon) Kriech, Rita Ann (Bruce Robinson) Kriech, Karen (Chuck) Artrip, Daniel (Debra) Kriech, Mary Beth (David) Piland, Therese (Paul) Myers, Blaise (Kellie) Kriech, Laura (Bill) Shonk, Joan (Russ) Miller, Jean (Jim) Donlan and Ruth (Jason) Smith. She shared her love with 28 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. Rita had a special place in her heart for others, who also called her mom including Steve Bernstein, Linda Sanchez, Lida Toffolo and Joe Thompson.

Rita graduated from St. Philip Neri Grade School and St. Mary Academy High School, Indianapolis. She was a proud lifelong member of St. Philip Neri, from her baptism until her recent passing.

Mom worked in the cafeteria at Scecina Memorial High School and enjoyed serving all of the students. She also worked at Indy Anna's catering where she specialized in baking bread while also establishing long-lasting friendships with many of the other 'lunch ladies' working alongside her.

Rita's heart was full of serving others. For 25 years she had served as a Eucharistic minister of Holy Communion, driving the Missionary Sisters of Charity to appointments and the grocery store, volunteering weekly at the St. Paul Hermitage in Beech Grove playing games with the residents, working in the kitchen at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis, and also volunteered at the Miracle Place, a ministry of the Providence Sisters on the near eastside. One of her greatest joys was receiving the Spirit of Service award on April 24, 2018 where she was recognized by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for all of her service efforts.

Mom was most happy when she was cooking for her beloved family, especially her Sunday noon meals after church. She was always attending school and sporting events with her many grandchildren and great-grandchildren while also finding time to spend with many of her close friends. Visitation will be Thursday, June 28, 2018 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St., Indianapolis. The funeral mass will be Friday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, 550 N. Rural St. Visitation will also be held in the church on Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Philip Neri Parish, 550 N. Rural St., Indianapolis, IN 46201. To continue Rita's 'Serving Spirit', you may also choose an act of service and record it on a postcard (available at the visitation). As these are mailed back to the family we will see Mom's legacy live on. www.shirleybrothers.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

2446 S. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46225

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **28.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **29.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church
550 North Rural Street
Indianapolis, IN 46201

Tribute Wall

LO

“ Rita has been coming to our flower shop for many years. Vase in hand, she was always picking something up to take to make someone's day brighter. Even as it became harder for her to get around, I had never known her to complain; believing others' troubles to be of more concern. I will miss her sweet face and the way her thoughtfulness brightened my day. Prayers to family and friends and the blessing of a life well lived, one that made a difference in the lives of many.

Laura O'Hara
All Occasions

Laura O'Hara - September 08, 2018 at 05:29 PM

JB

“ As a friend and classmate with Ken, I send my condolences to all of the Kriech family. I met Ken's mom one time, but from what I have read throughout the Tribute Wall, she was a special mom that everyone loved. May she rest in peace.

John Bitter - June 28, 2018 at 06:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Agnes "Rita" Kriech.



June 28, 2018 at 10:11 AM

JR

“ *Thanksgiving 2013 members of the IU basketball team dropped by. Everyone was always welcome in Grandma’s house.* ”



Janine Rigg - June 28, 2018 at 07:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Agnes "Rita" Kriech.* ”



June 28, 2018 at 07:26 AM

DB

“ *She was a good Christian lady whom I was priviled to know. God bless her and may she rest in peace. Prayers for her family. Love, Donna & Butch Brown* ”

Donna Brown - June 28, 2018 at 06:03 AM



“ Today I have spent the day listening to the Sound of Music soundtrack, baking grandma’s chocolate cookies, and rereading letters from her. Rita was a wonderful grandma and I miss her dearly!



Regina Piland - June 27, 2018 at 05:28 PM

JO

“ When Rita came to work at Scecina, in the kitchen, for Anne Kirk, it was a fantastic day!

Fantastic in that, not realizing it at the time, but the Lord had blessed each and everyone of us gals to be able to share the work, and gain a super friend! If I were to think of the hymn, " Oh What A Friend I Have in Jesus "....I could easily sing: " Oh what a friend I found in Rita" and change around some of the words! My life has been enriched by knowing Rita, whom I would occasionally call "AR" for Agnes Rita. There is no one like her; and I'm sure so many people feel the same way! We shared so much working together, having fun as we worked. And if anyone knew the ladies in the Scecina kitchen, they would tell you: "what a great group of gals Anne Kirk has working for her"! Rita, I will miss you so very much but I know you are with the Lord! And I can just see you along with Ann, Tudy, Eve, Betty, Andy, Eileen and Patty, having your" Fun Milk" ! I Love You AR !

Jan O'Brien - June 27, 2018 at 01:10 PM

GC

“ I always loved Rita's smile. She would give me the look of being up to something! She had a very caring heart. Will miss seeing her!

Greg Cataldi - June 27, 2018 at 01:05 PM

MS

“ Mrs. Kriech will be greatly missed but her kindness and gentle spirit will be remembered forever. She was always so sweet to us when we were kids. She always made us all kinds of delicious food and yummy desserts. She always made us feel very welcomed and we were over there a lot! We really had some great memories and will treasure them always. Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers, God Bless.

Love Margaret (Miller) Seats

Margaret Seats - June 27, 2018 at 11:23 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Agnes "Rita" Kriech.



June 27, 2018 at 09:08 AM

LU

“ She was an incredible example of Christian charity for me. I made sure to choose my Eagle project with an organization that she and my mom worked with, St Vincent de Paul, as a small way to honor them.

She always welcomed you at her home with a warm embrace, and always tried to send you off with a plate of food. Helping her cook was a rite of passage, though I am thankful that eventually she switched to using electric mixers for the mashed potatoes, with those hand mashers it seemed they were only done when your arm was about to fall off.

I will do my utmost to keep your memory alive and pass on the servant's attitude to my children. I love you, Grandma.

Luke - June 27, 2018 at 05:37 AM

JR

“ Grandma dancing with my husband at our wedding. She told him about how she and Grandpa loved to dance.



Janine Rigg - June 26, 2018 at 08:07 PM

JR

“ Grandma dancing with my husband at our wedding. She talked to him about how much she and Grandpa loved to dance.

Janine Rigg - June 26, 2018 at 08:01 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Agnes "Rita" Kriech.*



June 26, 2018 at 05:36 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire Kriech Family. I loved your mom dearly! She amazed me so many times over the years working with her on so many fundraisers for SPN. She was such a role model to many of us at SPN. It was just a month or so ago she stopped me in church and said "let me know when our 1st meeting will be for the "Philipfest" every year I told her she could take it easy and slow down, but then she came to us full force. Maybe it helped keep her going so long staying so busy. I will miss her very much, along with everyone at SPN. Your mom was truly an angel here on earth and now she forever be your guardian angel from heaven. May she rest in peace! All my love and prayers.*

Ann Hall (Bixler)

Ann Hall (Bixler) - June 26, 2018 at 03:44 PM



Mom took over 36 yrs ago when I lost my Mom on Mother's Day May 9th 1982. Mom took me in with Love and I returned that Love , then she took my kids and grandkids in too. We will all miss her so much. I am very lucky as I have 2 Angels in Heaven looking after me now. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH MOM.

Steve Burnstein

Steve Burnstein - June 26, 2018 at 09:33 PM

JW

“ *What a sweet, sweet lady!!!! Our deepest sympathy to Dan, Debbie and the entire Kriech family.*

Pat and Julie Wilson

Julie Wilson - June 26, 2018 at 09:10 AM

KK

“ *1 file added to the album Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren*



Ken Kriech - June 26, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ *Figurine - Angel of Grace was purchased for the family of Agnes "Rita" Kriech.*



June 25, 2018 at 08:42 PM

RK

“ Grandma was one of my favorite people with which to visit! She told the best stories and gave the most sound advice! This picture is from a dinner date in Palatine, IL! She and Aunt Karen came up to visit me when I moved away. We shared so many laughs! My favorite piece of advice came during a 21st birthday party Aunt Teresa threw for the cousins, “I never had a headache!” Love you forever and always, my sweet Grandma!



Rachel Kriech - June 25, 2018 at 08:14 PM

HG

That will ALWAYS be my favorite grandma Kriech story.

Harmony Godsey - June 25, 2018 at 09:53 PM

JA

YEESSSSSSSSSS! That was hilarious.

Janine - June 26, 2018 at 07:58 PM

KK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ken Kriech - June 25, 2018 at 07:49 PM

FL

“ *My deepest sympathy to Joanne, Dan and Karen and the entire family. Your mom was a very caring lady, she was so generous and a giving person*

Fran Lake - June 25, 2018 at 07:31 PM

KK

“ *3 files added to the album Rita with her friends*



Ken Kriech - June 25, 2018 at 06:45 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Ken Kriech - June 25, 2018 at 06:43 PM

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“ 8 files added to the album *Family*



Ken Kriech - June 25, 2018 at 06:42 PM

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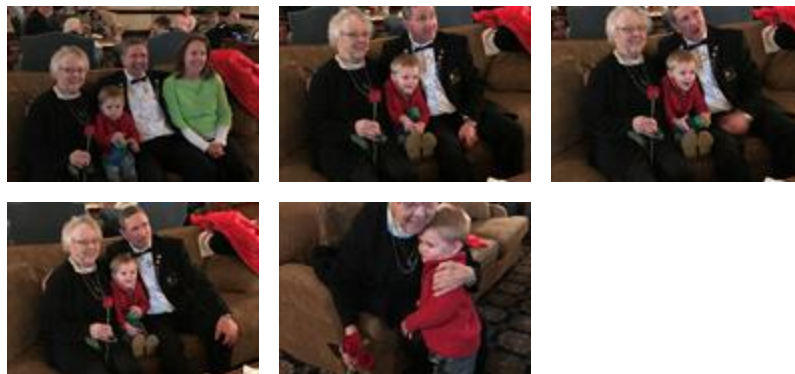
“ 3 files added to the album *Rita Kriech's Spirit of Service Award*



Ken Kriech - June 25, 2018 at 05:20 PM



“ 8 files added to the album *Memories Album*



Shirley Brothers Mortuaries & Crematory - June 25, 2018 at 02:00 PM

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“ 7 files added to the album *Rita Kriech's Spirit of Service Award*



Ken Kriech - June 25, 2018 at 12:59 PM