



Rita Gayle Grove

April 8, 1951 - December 14, 2016

Rita Gayle Grove, 65, of Owensburg, passed away at 5:40 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at her residence.

Born April 8, 1951 in Bloomington, she was the daughter of Gerald "Pete" Eads and Ruth (Sherlock) Eads Heltenburg.

She retired as a payroll tax Administrator for Indiana University. She was a member of the Cincinnati Christian Church and the Red Hat Society.

Surviving relatives include: her husband, George David Grove whom she married in August of 1969; one daughter, Kimberly Austin; one son, Gregory Grove; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, step father, Boyd Heltenburg, sister-in-law, Nancy Eads and a niece, Julie Eads.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at Cincinnati Christian Church, with Rev. Tony Stinson officiating. Interment will follow in Clear Creek cemetery in Bloomington.

Public visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday at the Cincinnati Christian Church. Jenkins Funeral Home in Bloomfield is in charge

of arrangements.

The family asks that all memorial contributions be made to the Cincinnati Christian Church.

Online condolences to the family are available at www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Clear Creek Cemetery

495 W Church Ln
Bloomington, IN 47403-461

Tribute Wall

MC

“ Greg & Kim ~ We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Your Mom was such a sweet lady, I enjoyed speaking with her and your Dad. Your Mom is in a better place, no more suffering and no more pain. We have to thank God for that aspect. Our thoughts and prayers are with your families during this most difficult time. May our faithful Lord and Savior be with you all and give you the strength and peace that you need.

Marnie Coffey - December 19, 2016 at 11:13 AM



Nathan
Sherlock

“ *My sincere condolences to all of my First Cousin Rita's immediate family. She was a lovely person and always had a smile, no matter what her physical condition.*

I was born in Smithville, IN when Rita was 7 years old. We lived there until I was 5 (ironic that Patti Eads' father bought that house from my parents) They lived about 1/2 block from our house and she had to walk to school and our house was on her way to school and I remember my mom always fixing her a snack after school. So she was a frequent visitor to our house nearly everyday after school. But one year she had this teacher, Miss Wisley (if my memory is correct) who was well known throughout the community as being a VERY mean teacher. Students were terrified of her! Miss Wisley lived 2 houses away from us, I so was subjected to hearing her screaming at any child that dared walk by her house. When the school year started and Rita found out her teacher was going to be Miss Wisley, she was TERRIFIED, to say the least. So for the first several weeks of that school year, Rita would stop by on her way to school "sick", an illness that occurred during her short walk each morning, begging my mom to let her stay at our house instead of going to school. It has been so long ago, that I don't remember how many days (but there were many) when my mom, who knew all about Miss Wisley, allowed Rita to "be sick" and spend the day at our house. I was probably only 3 years old at the time, but I remember how terrified Rita was of going to school. Obviously, Rita survived having old Miss Wisley as her teacher. But I vividly remember all those days of having Rita to play with us at our home because she was "sick". She was so much fun. My Mom was a softy and she felt sorry for Rita, though she eventually had to make Rita go to school. They had a bulldog named "Bullet" who always followed Rita to our house, so we would keep him in our backyard until Rita went home.

I have so many fond memories of Rita that I will always cherish.

She was an angel on earth for certain.

Nathan Sherlock, M.D.

J Nathan Sherlock - December 18, 2016 at 12:25 PM

JA

“ *I will miss my sister cousin so much. Rita said I was her little sister and we always called each other sister cousin. Our group of amigos will never be the same. Love you!*

jacqueline adams - December 17, 2016 at 02:09 PM



“ *Losing a parent is a painful time but there's still joy in knowing she now has a better home. Time is the best cure for your pain. Our sympathies and prayers go out to you.*

Larry & Sherry Stephens

Larry Stephens - December 16, 2016 at 08:43 AM

KR

so very sorry for your loss. ken robertson

ken robertson - December 16, 2016 at 06:37 PM

SM

“ *Sending hugs and prayers to Rita's family. I met Rita 40 years ago when we worked together at IU. She loved her family dearly. What a wonderful woman.*

Sandy McElhinney - December 16, 2016 at 08:05 AM



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Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - December 15, 2016 at 02:18 PM