



Bertha "Bert" Giere

November 8, 1955 - January 11, 2015

Bertha "Bert" Giere, age 59, of Powell, OH met her Lord and Savior on Sunday, January 11, 2015 at The James Cancer Hospital after fighting her long, courageous battle. A native of Maria Stein, OH, she was a graduate of Marion Local High School, Class of 1974. Everyone who had the pleasure of meeting Bert will remember her for her kind words, quick wit, selflessness, and ever-smiling eyes. She approached life and touched those around her the only way she knew how-with grace, courage and a positive spirit. Her charismatic charm was admired by those around her, and she will be dearly missed. Bert was preceded in death by her parents Leonard and Edna Heitkamp, brother Luke Heitkamp, sister Gladys "Gladie" Heckman, father-in-law Norbert Giere and sister-in-law Lorraine Giere. She is survived by her loving husband of nearly 37 years, Tom Giere; daughter and son-in-law, Nicole and Richie Melendez of Hilliard, OH; son, Adam Giere of Upper Arlington, OH; grandchildren, Jayde and Bryson McKinney and Lyric and Madison Melendez; brothers and sisters, Lillian (Bob) Guggenbiller, Stan (Marilyn) Heitkamp, Paulette (Jim) Hemmelgarn, Vivian (Ron) Hartings, Brenda (Dave) Moran, Annette (Russ) Wortman, Howie (Sue) Heitkamp and Ted (Janet) Heitkamp; sister-in-law, Frances Heitkamp; brother-in-law, Jeff (Anne) Heckman; and many, many nieces and nephews; mother-in-law, Ruth (Francis) Brown; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Connie (Gary) Schmitz, Paula Giere, John Giere, Annette (Joe) Steiner, Amy (Dennis) Smith and Molly Giere and their families. Family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m.

MONDAY at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, OH 43065, (614)-792-1471. (The funeral home is on Powell Rd./SR 750 1/4 mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11 a.m. TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015 at ST. BRIGID OF KILDARE CHURCH, 7179 Avery Road, Dublin, OH 43017 with The Reverend Kevin Kavanagh, Celebrant. Private burial will be observed by the family. In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to consider memorial contributions to Bert's favorite charity: Pelotonia, 351 West Nationwide Blvd., Columbus, OH 43215. Include Bert's name with any check donation so the family can acknowledge your gift. Please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com to send condolences to the Giere Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
(614) 792-1471
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Brigid of Kildare Catholic Church
7179 Avery Road
Dublin, OH 43017
<http://www.stbrigidofkildare.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Bertha "Bert" Giere*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bertha "Bert" Giere.*



January 18, 2015 at 12:08 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bertha "Bert" Giere.*



January 17, 2015 at 07:22 PM



“ *I am sorry to here of your loss,had many of good times with Bert many years ago. Our prayers are with you and your family, take care Tom and stay strong.*

Sam & Tina Thobe

Sam Thobe - January 17, 2015 at 05:33 PM

BK

“ Betty K. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Bertha "Bert" Giere.



Betty K. - January 17, 2015 at 11:03 AM



“ 12 files added to the album Memories Album



Rutherford Funeral Homes - January 16, 2015 at 06:30 AM

GJ

“ With our deepest sympathy for one of the best people in the world. Few people in the world can brighten your day just with her words alone! I have been blessed just to know such a caring, wonderful woman.

Thank you for being part of my life. Your strength and joy for life has helped me in more ways than I could ever articulate.

Our prayers go out to the entire Giere family. Your memory will live on through the joy you brought us all!

Greg, Karen, Frankie, and Lou Janowicz

Greg Janowicz - January 15, 2015 at 12:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bertha "Bert" Giere.



January 15, 2015 at 10:04 AM

BI

“ Burke Inc. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bertha "Bert" Giere.



Burke Inc. - January 15, 2015 at 08:48 AM

AG

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Adam Giere - January 14, 2015 at 11:24 AM

PW

“ *Patricia wright purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bertha "Bert" Giere.*



Patricia wright - January 14, 2015 at 09:48 AM