



Rita C. Yeager

July 26, 1949 - August 13, 2025

Rita C. Yeager, 76, of rural Matthews, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday afternoon, August 13, 2025, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born on July 26, 1949, in Huntington County, Indiana to Fred J. & Sarah K. (Homier) Covey and attended high school in the Fort Wayne School System.

Rita enjoyed helping set up and conduct auctions and loved to play games, especially Yahtzee. She enjoyed watching movies and would always stay up late to finish a movie, before going to bed. She had a love for animals and a special place in her heart for her dog, Ronnie, whom she had for many years, before he passed on.

Rita and David Earl Yeager were married on February 2, 1995 in Arizona, and he preceded her in death on November 7, 1999.

Survivors include her siblings: Judy C. Alford of Bluffton, Chuck (Karen) Covey, Gary (Carol) Covey and Mike (Alice) Covey, all of Fort Wayne. She is also survived by a special cousin, Chuck Homier of Huntington, a very close friend, Becky Swathwood of Matthews, and many nieces and nephews.

Rita is preceded in death by her parents and 3 brothers; Keith, Bob & Jim Covey, and 2 sisters: Carolyn Covey and Jean Ann Frain.

Funeral services will be held at 11 A.M. on Monday, (August 18, 2025) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Matthew Gullion officiating. Burial will follow at Van Buren Cemetery. Friends may visit the family from 10 A.M. to the time of the service on Monday at the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can share online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Van Buren Cemetery

3870 N 900 E
Van Buren, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Funeral Service

AUG 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ Teri Beeks lit a candle in memory of Rita Yeager



Teri Beeks - August 27, 2025 at 03:47 PM

SW

“ My condolences to Rita's family, my memory of her is the day we met each other after 53 years through Ancestry DNA. To finally meet the woman who was my birth mom will be the most wonderful memory and blessing to me. I'm grateful for the few years we had to get to know one another and wish we would have had many more however I know you are with Jesus and we will have all eternity to share what we missed out on here on earth. I know I wasn't listed as your son in your obituary however I know that was beyond your control, but what really matters is that our names are written in the Lambs Book Of Life. Rest in Jesus's presence Mom. Your son Shane.

Shane Watson - August 17, 2025 at 12:25 PM

MC

“ Rest peacefully Aunt Rita. Sending heartfelt prayers and love ❤️

Melissa Covey - August 15, 2025 at 07:55 AM

BG

“ *Judy and family,
So sorry for the loss of your sister.
Marion & bj Gray*



Bj gray - August 14, 2025 at 01:34 PM