



## Erika Berta Christy

January 27, 1940 - May 18, 2024

Erika Berta Weinmeister Heisdorffer Christy was born January 27, 1940 in Koln, Germany to Werner "Joseph" Weinmeister and Karola Loewenstein Weinmeister. She was Baptized and Communion in her family Catholic Church, the great Koln Cathedral. Erika and her brother Kurt came to the USA with the Catholic Church Diocese after her parents' passing. She graduated from Sigourney, Iowa High School. In October 1958 Erika became a US citizen.

She married David Heisdorffer, (they later divorced) 4 daughters were born Deb Lee (Mike), Lisa Bartlett (Tom), Joni Heisdorffer (Jim Tray) and Peg Garrels (Bill). Grandchildren: Cathy, Brian, Darren, Megan, Matthew, Derik, Dustin and Kaylee.

She married Gene Christy, moving from Cedar Rapids, Iowa to Searcy, Arkansas in 1991, where she resided until her passing. Together Erika and Gene operated Karola Sales for many years.

Erika worked as a waitress, at Universal Rundle, Hormel, on the farm in Iowa and later at Karola Sales.

Erika loved her cats, German music, making breads, caramels and peanut brittle and giving them as gifts for Christmas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, first husband and second husband.

Erika's Rosary and Mass will be at 11:30 am June 14, 2024 at St. James Catholic Church 1102 Pioneer Rd in Searcy, Arkansas 72143.

Interment will be at Sidon Cemetery Friday afternoon or at a later date. We will advise burial on the day of Mass. Memorials to St. James Catholic Church.

Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JUN 14. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
1102 Pioneer Rd.  
Searcy, AR 72143

# Tribute Wall

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“ Two years gone. 😞



Peg Garrels - May 17 at 10:38 AM

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“ Mom's (Erika's) Burial will be Friday, June 14th after Rosary and Mass. Thank you.

Peg Garrels - June 06, 2024 at 05:14 PM

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Peg Garrels - May 30, 2024 at 06:05 PM

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Joni asked for this pic to be shared. ❤️

Peg Garrels - May 30, 2024 at 06:07 PM

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I knew Ericka while living in Searcy, and attended daily Mass there with her. We moved Sherwood in 2003, but I have fond memories of Ericka and our conversations. My sincere condolences to all her family....she was a special lady. 🙏🙏

Judy McMahan - June 13, 2024 at 05:17 PM

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**Peg Garrels** - May 30, 2024 at 12:37 AM

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“ Peg Garrels lit a candle in memory of Erika Berta Christy



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**Peg Garrels** - May 30, 2024 at 12:34 AM

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*Rest easy Mama.*

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**Peg Garrels** - May 30, 2024 at 01:04 AM