



## Marietta Rafferty

April 22, 1927 - April 17, 2021

Marietta (Latoski) Rafferty, 93, of Rensselaer, Indiana, formerly of South Bend, IN, passed away peacefully at home on April 17, 2021 after suffering from COVID-19 for 10 days. Born April 22, 1927 in the home her father built on Ironwood Dr in South Bend. She is survived by her husband, Florn Patrick (F.P.) "Wedge" Rafferty, her favorite daughters Diane (Donald) DeBlock of Osceola, IN, Brenda Yadav of Scottsdale, AZ, and Bethanne (Greg) Hall of Hawthorn Woods, IL: grandchildren, Isabella Yadav of Scottsdale and Christopher (Allison) DeBlock and great-granddaughter Ara Louise DeBlock of South Bend: along with her sister-in-law Jannette Rafferty and many loving nieces and nephews. Marietta is pre-deceased by her parents, Stanley Blaze and Barbara Margaret (Niezgodski) Latoski, two infant sisters, Theresa and Josephine, her sister Bernadette (Leonard) Micinski, and brothers, Stanley and Thomas, and son-in-law, Stephen Szrom. Marietta and Florn were married October 10, 1959 at St. Anthony de Padua Catholic Church in South Bend. Relocating to Rensselaer in 1972, they built their forever home in 1978. Marietta was employed as the Assistant Registrar of St. Joseph's College from 1973-1993. She always went out of her way to make the students from the South Bend area feel extra welcomed when they came into her office. Marietta enjoyed researching her family history, reading, playing solitaire, embroidery, and just visiting. Throughout their married life she supported Wedge's many endeavors: business owner, sports car racing, airplane construction, building a 48 home Cranberry Estates subdivision in Penn Township, just to name a few. They enjoyed becoming snowbirds in the Port Charlotte, FL area after retirement. Marietta was generous and kind and took selfless care of Wedge and the girls; and as they grew older, he took wonderful care of her. Theirs was a good marriage. She is forever loved and greatly missed.

A special Thank You to Donna Bailey and family and Germaine Schenk for their loving attention.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Augustine Parish in Rensselaer, IN. The family prefers no floral or plant arrangements.

# Events

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**MAY**   **Visitation**                      09:00AM - 10:45AM

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Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue P.O. Box 70, Rensselaer, IN, US, 47978

**MAY**   **Funeral Mass**                      11:00AM

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St. Augustine Catholic Church  
318 North McKinley Avenue, Rensselaer, IN, US, 47978

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - May 04 at 10:52 AM



“ Auntie Mary will be greatly missed Jenny and Mike micinski send our love to your family

**Mike micinski** - May 06 at 09:45 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marietta Rafferty.



May 07 at 12:57 PM

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“ 81 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - May 04 at 10:42 AM

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“ Diane & family. Sorry for your loss. A life long Puma, who is surely in Heaven. Imagine the positive influence she had on countless lives at St Joe's and elsewhere.



Louis "Skip" Streer - April 27 at 12:18 PM

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“ It was an honor to work with you, in the Registrar's Office, at SJC for many years. I see that you have graduated to your new and eternal classroom. I hear your new teachers will be Jesus, Mary and Joseph and that the holy angels and saints will be your classmates. May your classes go well and your transcript always show "A" grades. You are hereby awarded highest distinction and may St. Joseph, patron saint of a happy death, be at your side as he guides you around your new campus of heaven.

Dr. Edward P. Habrowski

Edward P. Habrowski - April 25 at 09:20 AM

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“ Don & Gloria Waymouth lit a candle in memory of Marietta Rafferty



Don & Gloria Waymouth - April 25 at 08:32 AM

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“ I am saddened to learn of Marietta's passing. Our offices were across from each other for many years at Saint Joe. She was a dear lady. Sincere sympathy to Wedge and her daughters. . May she Rest In Peace

Chris Bormann - April 24 at 12:28 AM



“ Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Marietta Rafferty



**Judy Burvan** - April 23 at 10:58 PM

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“ We are saddened to learn that Mrs. Rafferty has passed. She was one of several wonderful "other moms" I had in high school and was always kind and available. Many years after leaving Rensselaer, I made sure to bring my own two daughters to see them several times. So glad I did. Our prayers go out to Mr. Rafferty and the entire Rafferty family. Lina Chesak Liberace (and all of the Chesaks)

**Lina Liberace** - April 23 at 03:40 PM

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“ What a beautiful lady she was, so sweet, great family. Prayers

**Nancy Bledsoe Nagel** - April 23 at 07:54 AM

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“ Jim Steiner lit a candle in memory of Marietta Rafferty



**Jim Steiner** - April 23 at 07:49 AM

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“ As a student at Saint Joseph College, Marietta was one who left a lasting impression on my life. She was always helpful and generous. I will always remember her asking me to paint her house. The color was blue. It took me some time to get it done. It was summer and I was working on campus. I only had time at night and Marietta was there but many times as a distraction, in a good sense of the word. I met up with her and Wedge many years later after I gave the commencement speech at the College. It was a short visit, but meant alot to me.

Today, here in Bogota, Colombia, I celebrated mass for her, remembering her birthday. Knowing that she was smiling down on us, we sang happy birthday, in spanish of course.

All of the family are in my prayers.

Joseph Deardorff - April 23 at 12:41 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marietta Rafferty.



April 22 at 08:26 PM

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“ Wedge, Diane, Brenda, Beth - I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Marietta made so many of my days at St. Joe College brighter. She was great to work with...and we had some great times. Her patience and smile, even when things were not going smoothly, made the Registrar's Office a good place to be. You (her family) were the center of her life - she loved you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Nancy Homan



Nancy Homan - April 22 at 08:11 PM

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“ Rose Nesius lit a candle in memory of Marietta Rafferty



**Rose Nesius** - April 22 at 08:05 PM

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“ Wedge, Diane, Brenda, Bethy, I was so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was such a sweet lady and always made me feel welcomed no matter where we would meet. Our deepest condolences.

**Roane Heston** - April 22 at 07:58 PM

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“ I miss you Momma.  
Happy Birthday in Heaven today.  
I love you.  
Brenda (one of your 3 favorite daughters)

**Brenda Rafferty Yadav** - April 22 at 04:23 PM