



Loretta May Padgitt

September 25, 1933 - May 4, 2022

Loretta M. Padgitt, 88, of Rensselaer, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at her residence. Loretta was born on September 25, 1933, the daughter of Gerald and Lora (George) Gifford.

Loretta graduated from Rensselaer High School with the Class of 1951. On March 18, 1955, she married Thomas Padgitt Jr., and he preceded her in death on October 9, 1989. She was primarily a homemaker but also worked at JC Penney's for two years.

Loretta was involved with the Easterseals charity providing services to children and adults with disabilities and veterans. She was also one of the founders of Opportunity Schools in the mid-1960s. In her spare time, Loretta was an avid reader. She always enjoyed time spent with her family. She will be dearly missed.

Loretta is survived by her children, Jeffrey Padgitt, Diane (Mike) Lyons, and Janet Padgitt, all of Rensselaer, IN; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; siblings, Larry (Muriel) Gifford of DeMotte, IN; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Thomas; four

brothers; two sisters; one step-great-grandson.

Friends may call upon the family at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM CDT on Monday, May 9, 2022. A Funeral Service will take place at Jackson Funeral Chapel at 10:00 AM CDT on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, with Pastor Andy Martin officiating. Interment will follow at Memory Gardens of Rensselaer.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5125
info@jacksonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 9. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
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Funeral Service

MAY 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Loretta May Padgitt



Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 06, 2022 at 06:46 PM



“ My heart goes out to Janet and her family. Your mother was always so sweet, so kind, and so caring from the times I was around her. I have also been praying for Jeff. I have a little story, I can't remember if I've ever shared it with you guys. Rick and I used to be coaches and volunteers with Special Olympics of Indiana. Every year they had the Special Olympic Summer Games, the leaders would pare up coaches with olympians. And the most hilarious matchup ever was my first year. I who am 5'2" was put with Jeff who is what 6'6" or something. I am a slow walker and Jeff is fast as a cheeta, i finally had to tell Jeff when he couldn't hear me calling his name he needs to stop and turn around and look for me. He did good, and the best part was with Jeffs joy of talking, he stopped so much, I was able to catch up most of the time I had so much fun with Jeff that day. I pray that God gives everyone comfort and peace during the hard times.

Linda Lowry - May 11, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ *Linda Lowry lit a candle in memory of Loretta May Padgitt*



Linda Lowry - May 11, 2022 at 10:14 AM



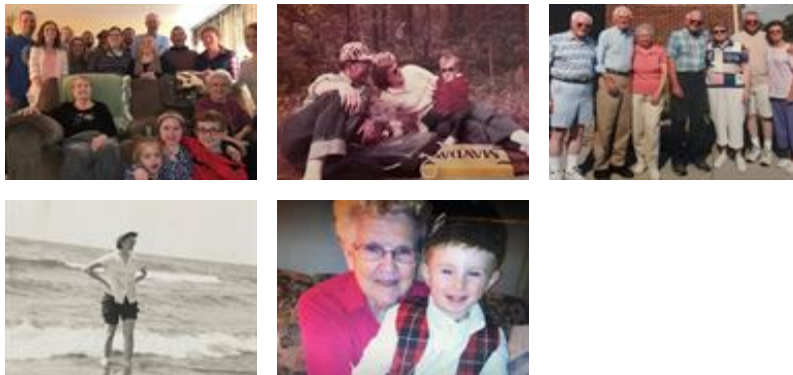
“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta May Padgitt.*



May 09, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *31 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 06, 2022 at 07:30 PM

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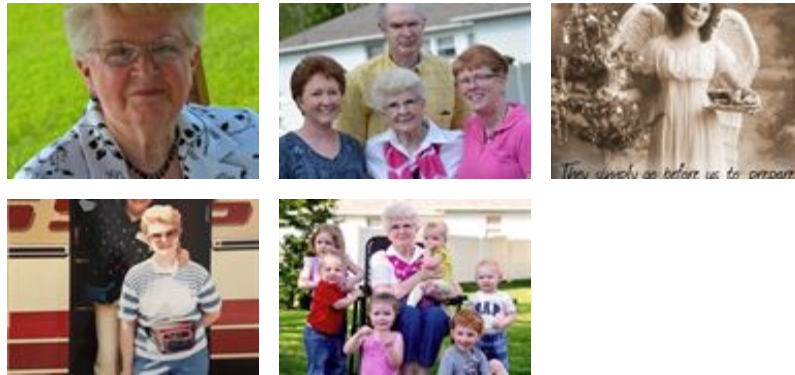
“ Anne Wuthrich lit a candle in memory of Loretta May Padgitt



Anne Wuthrich - May 06, 2022 at 07:29 PM



“ 17 files added to the album Life Tributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - May 06, 2022 at 06:12 PM

SA

“ Steve & Jan Albertson lit a candle in memory of Loretta May Padgitt



Steve & Jan Albertson - May 06, 2022 at 01:26 PM

PW

“ *Phil & Noelle Weishaar lit a candle in memory of Loretta May Padgitt*



Phil & Noelle Weishaar - May 06, 2022 at 11:13 AM

JS

“ *My sincere sympathy to the family. Loretta and my first husband were cousins. I'll be unable to attend viewing and will keep you in my prayers. Judy Pettet George Smith*

judith Smith - May 06, 2022 at 10:03 AM

CS

“ *Cindy Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Loretta May Padgitt*



Cindy Sheffer - May 06, 2022 at 09:42 AM

GS

“ *Gary Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Loretta May Padgitt*



Gary Sheffer - May 05, 2022 at 08:24 PM

LM

Sorry to hear of Loretta's passing Larry. She was such a nice lady.

Linda Miller - May 06, 2022 at 09:00 AM

DE

“ *I'm so sorry for your families loss.*



Deb Rose Ellis - May 05, 2022 at 08:21 PM

NL

“ *Norma Schultz Liersch lit a candle in memory of Loretta May Padgitt*



Norma Schultz Liersch - May 05, 2022 at 08:07 PM

JM

“ *Jim & Sandy Miller lit a candle in memory of Loretta May Padgitt*



Jim & Sandy Miller - May 05, 2022 at 05:52 PM

MK

“ *Missy Tiede & Kevin Klemme lit a candle in memory of Loretta May Padgitt*



Missy Tiede & Kevin Klemme - May 05, 2022 at 05:09 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Houston lit a candle in memory of Loretta May Padgitt*



Lisa Houston - May 05, 2022 at 04:34 PM

KM

“ *Kenny, Maureen lit a candle in memory of Loretta May Padgitt*



Kenny, Maureen - May 05, 2022 at 04:10 PM