



## Rita Karin Zaerr

January 12, 1949 - January 5, 2021

Rita K. Zaerr, 72, of Bolivar, MO, passed away Tuesday, January 5th, 2021 in her home after a 5 year long battle with lung cancer. She was born January 12, 1949 in Heavener, OK., to Pat Cherry and Zelpha Grace.

She has been a member of Open Hearts United Methodist since 1993, a volunteer of The Emmaus and Show Me The Way Walk to Emmaus of Southwest Missouri for over 20 years.

She was married June 3, 1973 to James L. Zaerr in Heavener, Oklahoma.

Rita dedicated her entire life to her husband, Jim Zaerr, and her three sons.

She spent her entire life watching her family grow and blossom and she loved spending time with her grandkids.

She is survived by her husband, Jim, of the home; a son, Lance Randolph Zaerr of Peoria, IL.; a son, Curtis J. Zaerr of Springfield, MO.; a son, Jeremy L. Zaerr of Kansas City, MO.; and four grandchildren, Gavin Zaerr and Adyson Zaerr of Kansas City, MO., Lance Zaerr and Lacey Zaerr of Peoria, IL.; and two great grandchildren, Kindle and Khloe Zaerr of Peoria, IL.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, January 8th, 2021 at 11:00 a.m, at the Open Hearts United Methodist Church of Bolivar, MO.; with the Pastor David Collum officiating. Burial will be at the Jasper Cemetery, near Jasper, MO.

Visitation will be Thursday January 7, 2021 from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at Butler Funeral Home, Bolivar, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Open Hearts Methodist Church of Bolivar, MO.; and to the Multiple Sclerosis Society and Foundation.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bolivar United Methodist Church  
105 E Division  
Bolivar, MO 65613

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Karin Zaerr*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Rita Karin Zaerr*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Just today I was thinking about Rita. We were friends in the late 1970s in Dixon, MO. Can't believe we lived not far from each other-I live in Marshfield. So sorry to hear about her struggles and her passing. She was a good person.*

**Harlene Bramer** - June 06, 2021 at 07:02 AM



“ *Rita's husband , Jim is a dear classmate of mine ( class of 62) Jasper high school Jasper Missouri and we all loved Rita too. So sorry to hear of her passing. I just now found out. My thoughts are with you Jim.*

**Beverly Morris** - May 08, 2021 at 11:45 PM



“ *one of the nicest person I have ever met. God bless the family.*  
*Walter Yang*

**walter yang** - January 14, 2021 at 06:10 PM



“ Thinking of you Jim, Curtis, & your entire family on Rita's birthday! Rita was one of the most special ladies I knew! I was so BLESSED to know her & you!!! Y'all are in my thoughts & PRAYERS! LOVE, Marsha Jolley Kirk. 🙏🙏

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**Marsha Jolley Kirk** - January 12, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Rita Karin Zaerr.



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January 07, 2021 at 05:13 PM



“ Rita was a very dear friend that we went to school from first to graduating together. We shared many memories and made many memories that I will cherish. Gary and I got to spend some time her and Jim before they moved to Bolivar. Fly high my dear friend and I will see you again. Gary and Nancy Tanner

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**Nancy Tanner** - January 07, 2021 at 04:53 PM



Rita and I were born 4 days apart 8 to the 12. We were very close friends and she would laugh at almost anything we went to school together through high school . So glad she has no more pain and is with her savior. Gail Vickers Loar

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**Gail Loar** - January 08, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Karin Zaerr.*



January 07, 2021 at 12:40 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rita Karin Zaerr.*



January 06, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Karin Zaerr.*



January 06, 2021 at 02:33 PM



“ *Carol Roush lit a candle in memory of Rita Karin Zaerr*



**Carol Roush** - January 06, 2021 at 11:36 AM

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“ *Your servant hood was amazing. You will be missed by so many. So proud to call you a friend.*

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**Marsha Ham** - January 05, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ *Rita was a very special lady. She went out of her way to make sure everyone felt welcomed and comfortable. And always willing to help. She certainly was loved and will be missed.*

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**Maggie Lacey** - January 05, 2021 at 07:13 PM

 Cher Hargis

“ *May God wrap his arms around you and the entire family and give you peace. We love you all and are so blessed to have had Rita as a dear friend.. she fought the battle so bravely against that horrible cancer and never wavered in her faith and her love of Jesus Christ. She lived her faith and will be missed*

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**Cher Hargis** - January 05, 2021 at 08:00 AM

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“ *Rita, my very dear friend.*

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**betty doyle** - January 05, 2021 at 06:52 AM