



Alexia M Scutchfield

February 10, 1944 - November 27, 2024

Alexia Mary (Sis) Scutchfield (nee Grzymalski) passed away peacefully with family by her side on Wednesday, November 27 after a courageous and hard-fought 5-year battle with ovarian cancer. Born on February 10, 1944 in Chicago to Cecelia and Joseph Grzymalski. With two older brothers (Joe and Larry), she picked up the nickname “Sis” almost immediately and was known as Sis throughout her entire life. Growing up on Chicago’s near south side, Sis was a graduate of Our Lady of Good Counsel Elementary and Visitation High School, and a debutante with the White Rose Society. Sis enjoyed a lot of independence as a teenager, running around the city along with her friends, cousins, and brother Larry. Their adventures included riding horses throughout Lincoln Park, swimming at 63rd Street Beach, and “exploring” the highrise buildings being built at the time. Set to attend Northern Illinois University after high school, her college dreams were dashed when her brother Joe had a major accident in California and the family directed her college money to his recovery. Instead, Sis went to work downtown at Dun and Bradstreet with her best friend, Margie. Sis met the love of her life, Jim Scutchfield, while vacationing with her family at Bass Lake, where he worked as a lifeguard. Married in January of 1964, they began a beautiful 50 year journey together raising their 3 kids “out in the country.” Sis immediately took to rural life picking up the creative arts of gardening, home improvement DIY, sewing, and crafting, as well as adopting the many animals that showed up at their old English Lake farm house. Married to a public school teacher and being the

money manager of the family, Sis learned to stretch a buck through growing, canning, and cooking food for her family, making handmade Halloween costumes and dress clothes for the kids, and planning driving trips with a cooler full of sandwiches and a thermos of Kool Aid. She was an active Mom, engaged in everything from planning classroom and birthday parties to guiding 4-H projects, and playing catch with the kids. When the kids were old enough Sis went back to work outside of the home. She worked happily for 20+ years with the farmers of Porter County as an office manager and bookkeeper at Cargill (Heinold) Grain Elevator in Kouts and Aylesworth. Together with Jim (and his Building Trades class) they created their “dream home” complete with a pond and flower and vegetable gardens, where they loved to spend summer evenings watching the birds and swinging together beneath their “Big Oak Tree.” She loved hosting their kids and grandkids for holidays and summer gatherings with bonfires on the hill and swimming, sledding and skating on the pond. Sis was an active member at All Saints Catholic Church in San Pierre and a member of their Ladies’ Sodality. She was an avid gardener, a voracious reader, and enjoyed working on crossword puzzles. Sis is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Joel and Jill Scutchfield, daughter and son-in-law Jodi and Mark Thyen, and daughter-in-law Monika Scutchfield, grandsons Justin (Megan), James, and Diedrich, granddaughters Jennifer (Jack), Keiara, Amelia, Cecilia, Abigail, and Josephine, and great grandchildren Viviann, Rhett, Channing, Kurt, Pierce and Wells. Sis was preceded in death by her husband James Scutchfield, her son Jesse Scutchfield, her parents Cecelia and Joseph Grzymalski, her brothers Larry Grzymalski and Joseph Gray.

Visitation will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, December 28, 2024, followed by a funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at All Saints Catholic Church in San Pierre, IN. Private interment will be in St. Jacob Cemetery in North Judson, IN. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Sis’s honor can be made to the American Cancer Society or

Habitat for Humanity.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family & Friends

DEC 28. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

All Saints Catholic Church
201 W Eliza St
San Pierre, IN 46374-9582
(219) 828-4281

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Christina Scutchfield lit a candle in memory of Alexia M Scutchfield*



Christina Scutchfield - December 28, 2024 at 03:28 PM

CS

“ *I always loved the summers at Bass Lake with aunt Sis and my cousins. May your star shine bright for eternity. Love, Christina.*

Christina Scutchfield - December 28, 2024 at 03:28 PM

LF

“ *Love, The Marsico Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Alexia M Scutchfield.*



Love, The Marsico Family - December 25, 2024 at 06:14 PM

CF

“ *Carla Rosen family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Alexia M Scutchfield.*



Carla Rosen family - December 14, 2024 at 11:48 PM

SD

“ Sandra D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alexia M Scutchfield.

Sandra D. - December 06, 2024 at 07:07 PM

SD

“ 2 files added to the album *The Three Amigos*



Sandy Durante - December 06, 2024 at 06:59 PM

SD

I have so many wonderful memories of Sis. We were more than cousins we were like sisters. I will miss her more than words can say. From when we were little kids in the city to when we both lived in different States we always had a special bond. Three of us cousins called ourselves the three Amigos and now two of them are gone. Rest in peace my sweet cousin and join Jim and Jesse in heaven. I love you more!

Sandy Durante - December 06, 2024 at 07:04 PM

AS

“ Sis was an amazing person. Brought up great kids. Hard worker. Beautiful cousin to me. Rest in peace Sis. The picture was taken in 1977 when her mom and dad (my aunt & uncle) were moving to California.



Anita Stayner - December 05, 2024 at 04:46 PM

JO

So cute! Happy sun-kissed Bass Lake crew! Where was this taken?

Jodi - March 08, 2025 at 09:05 AM

KH

“ *Knew this family my entire life. She was an amazing woman and she will be missed by many.*

Kimberlee Halik - December 03, 2024 at 08:34 PM

RM

Sis was a wonder woman. She was tough, yet so caring. She was a great cook, had a great sense of humor and even forgave me when I cut her daughter bangs too short playing beautician. She was going through her own trials, yet was concerned and caring when my father was going through his cancer treatments. They don't make many like her. She will be missed. My prayers to Joel and family and Jodi and her family.

Robin A. Moser - December 04, 2024 at 06:23 PM