



## Ruth Margaret Ackert

July 13, 1923 - June 11, 2015

Ruth M "Sally" Ackert age 91 of Amboy died Thursday June 11, 2015 at her home.

She was born July 13, 1923 in Marion Twp. Lee County, IL the daughter of William B and Christina (Dinges) Oester. She had worked at Anchor Coupling in Dixon for 14 years prior to retirement.

Sally was a member of St Mary Catholic Church in Walton, the Alter and Rosary Society and had been a 4H Leader.

She married Edward F Ackert April 7, 1945 at St Mary Catholic Church in Walton. He preceded her in death Sept. 30, 1984. She was also preceded in death by a son Dennis Ackert, 3 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren, sisters Venira Sheridan, Elizabeth Ringenberg, Lois Murray, and Dorothy Friel; brothers Delmar Oester, Robert Oester and Marvin Oester.

She is survived by 3 daughters Dianna (Roger) Pettorini of Normal, Becky Gray of Bloomington, and Susan (Edward) Leffelman of Amboy; 5 sons David (Lana) Ackert of Dixon, Carl (Dorine) Ackert of Dixon, Ron (Tami) Ackert of Amboy, John (Jackie) Ackert of Dixon, and James (Maureen) Ackert of Walton; daughter in law Bonnie Ackert of Dixon; 26 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday June 15, 2015 at 10:00 AM at St Mary Catholic Church in Walton with the Rev. Msgr. Thomas Bales officiating. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery in Harmon. Visitation will be on Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at St Mary Catholic Church in Walton with The

Rosary at 4:00 PM. In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established.  
Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Cemetery

Harmon, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **14**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
Walton, IL

## Service

JUN **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
Walton, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ruth Margaret Ackert*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Ruth Margaret Ackert*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire Ackert family. Sally was an amazing woman with endless energy. I hope your fond memories help you as you mourn your loss.*

**Connie Green** - June 14, 2015 at 04:19 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ruth Margaret Ackert.*



June 14, 2015 at 08:17 AM



“ *Loren And Cindy Kaiser lit a candle in memory of Ruth Margaret Ackert*



**Loren and Cindy Kaiser** - June 13, 2015 at 11:29 AM

TP

“ *Tammy Pate lit a candle in memory of Ruth Margaret Ackert*



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**Tammy Pate** - June 13, 2015 at 10:27 AM

LW

“ *My love and prayers go out to the family.*



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**Lesley Williams Whaley** - June 13, 2015 at 09:56 AM

BN

“ *Beth & Jeremy Nelson lit a candle in memory of Ruth Margaret Ackert*



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**Beth & Jeremy Nelson** - June 13, 2015 at 09:45 AM

“ We all knew her as Ruthie or Sally! I have known her since October of 1978 when I came to Harmon and Walton as the Parochial Administrator and later became the Pastor of these two parishes 1978-1992. Through her and Eileen Oester, I got to learn about all the Oesters and their assorted relatives. Her husband, Ed, was a friend of mine as well and he had a friendly but direct way of dealing with people. He was a no-nonsense kind of guy whom I respected dearly. Sadly enough I can recall when he was afflicted with cancer that would take his life. This left Sally as the head of the family and she not only filled that role but grew it nicely as she continued to shepherd her family through prayer and example.

Sally was one of the most Faith filled women I ever knew. She and so many of the ladies at St. Mary Church in Walton were active members of a prayer group which recited the Rosary daily at church before Mass. They belonged to a Marian group called the Blue Army. Loretta Henkel, Della May McCoy, Marietta Gugerty, Eileen Oester and many of the ladies of the parish would come together each First Friday evening for a Mass at 5pm. This Mass would be followed by ALL NIGHT ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT in the church. The gals would bring food to the parish hall and took turns with adoration allowing each other time for bathroom privileges as well as getting a bite to eat. Then I would celebrate a 7am Mass on Saturday morning and after Mass we had a breakfast in the hall and everyone went home to catch a little sleep. This ritual lasted for years until too many of the old-timers had passed on and this left their group too small to continue.

Sally made sure that she was always involved with her parish church - St. Mary Church in Walton. She was part of a group of parish ladies who annually made fresh apple pies which were sold unbaked and frozen as a fund raising project. She was likewise always involved in the lives of her kids and grandkids and relatives. She had an indomitable spirit.

I last visited with her at a party in her honor at the Walton Tap....I believe it could have been for her 90th Birthday. We shared some food together and lots of stories and remembrances. She knew she was weakening physically but her tough inner core still shone nicely

*and brightly. She was the last of the siblings in her birth family....not an easy position because of the fond memories of all of them. And I know she always missed Ed! Most recently, she bid farewell to one of her own - Dennis. Now she is reunited with all her family in heaven. I will never ever forget this brave, honest, God fearing lady. She was a loyal and sweet friend to the end. As the famous saying goes "they don't make them like that any more!"*

*Sally, may you rest in peace! And may you and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN!*

*And to all of her children and relatives, you have my deepest sympathy at the loss of your Mom, Grandma, and friend! I will see you at the Funeral Mass on Monday, God willing. Sincerely - Fr. Richard R. Kramer, Pastor Emeritus, St. Mary Church in Walton*

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**Father Richard R. Kramer** - June 12, 2015 at 09:36 PM

PB

“ *Paula Benell lit a candle in memory of Ruth Margaret Ackert*



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**Paula Benell** - June 12, 2015 at 09:14 PM



“ *What a wonderful woman she was and I was so happy to have known her!*



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**Deb Whites** - June 12, 2015 at 04:58 PM

CH

“ *My sympathy to Jim and the entire family on your loss.*

cheryllallenelliott - June 12, 2015 at 03:22 PM

AA

“ *Thank you for sharing your beautiful family with me! You have shown us all great strength. Love you! Amy Ackert*



Amy Ackert - June 12, 2015 at 12:09 PM

JF

“ *Jeff Ackert Family lit a candle in memory of Ruth Margaret Ackert*



Jeff Ackert Family - June 12, 2015 at 10:12 AM

RA

“ *Ron And Tami Ackert lit a candle in memory of Ruth Margaret Ackert*



Ron and Tami Ackert - June 11, 2015 at 08:44 PM