



Erika Hatfield

December 20, 1941 - September 14, 2021

Erika (nee Rybczynski) Hatfield, 79, was welcomed into the arms of her Lord and Savior on September 14, 2021.

Erika was born December 20, 1941 in Salzgitter Lebenstedt, Germany to Waldemar and Lydia Rybczynski. She migrated to America with her family in 1957 and built an incredible life filled with precious memories. She most importantly, served her Savior by raising her children in the Christian faith.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Kermit Hatfield.

She is survived by her sister Liane Grolle (Carl), two brothers Waldemar Rybczynski (Nancy) and Fred Rybczynski (Karen). She is also survived by her two children Simona (Russell) Moore and Kenneth (Cynthia) Schauer; her five grandchildren Rachel (Joseph) Springer, Jordan (Amy) Moore, Jedd (Katherine) Moore, Vincent Piazza and Ciana Piazza and four great children Micah, Charlotte, Leah and Elias. She was loved and adored by her nieces, nephews and cousins.

Erika retired from Cuyahoga County Data Center in Cleveland, Ohio. She was a family focused woman who enjoyed spending her time with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and family. She was known for making apple butter, singing old hymns while holding her great grandchildren, attending every family event, and for loving those she cared about fiercely. She was an avid crocheter and made many blankets for various hospital nursery facilities and had volunteered at Parma Hospital. Her green thumb was evident all around her home.

In lieu of flowers, she would have loved your support to The Winter Sanctuary (the Emergency Homeless shelter) in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Wintersactuary.com

Private family services will be held.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Cemetery

6265 Columbia Road

PO Box 729

North Olmsted, OH 44070

<https://www.sunsetfuneralandcemetery.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Some of My Erika Memories*
Fred Rybczynski
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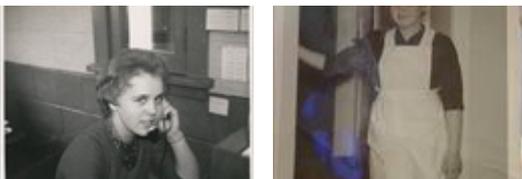
Erika touched our lives in many ways. Those touches left a memorable impression.

In my case, those touches began long ago. My earliest memory goes back to Germany in the early 1950's when she worked at a small café-store that sold, among other things, soft ice cream. Erika would occasionally take some of her pay and purchase an ice cream cone for me. What a treat that was! In the 1960's, she introduced our family to a homemade custard banana split dessert to which I was addicted for many years. Who didn't look forward to her food contributions at the family reunions? Her famous sausage and sauerkraut dish, for example. She spoiled me. She spoiled all of us.

Erika was born in Germany and lived her first 15 years there. Although she graduated from high school in the USA, became a USA citizen, and lived the next 64 years here, she never totally lost her German accent. She worked as a dispatcher for United Parcel Service in the early 1960's. Erika told me that the drivers routinely preferred talking with “the girl with the German accent”. I always loved the way she would say the word “chilly”, pronouncing it “shilly”. She always reacted with humor when teased about that. Her comebacks to me would typically start with “Listen Mister ...”.

Erika was a wise woman with well-formed opinions. She'd share them with you if you asked. She shared some of them on Facebook. It was abundantly clear that the most important thing to her was family. As her obituary stated, she attended and participated in every family event.

She will be missed. She will forever be in our hearts.



Fred Rybczynski - October 10, 2021 at 07:40 AM

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“ Erika was a lovely lady. I worked with her for many years. she was always kind and generous. May God Bless her and her family.
Linda Markowski

Linda Markowski - October 05, 2021 at 05:58 PM

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“ A wonderful friend who was respected by all. Always had a smile on her face and the time to help her co-workers and friends. She will be missed.

Andy Acklin -

Andrew Acklin - October 04, 2021 at 01:51 PM

 Birgit Thurein

“ Aus weiter Ferne, aber in der Trauer mit euch verbunden. In aufrichtiger Teilnahme. Alma, Helmut, Werner und Birgit aus Salzgitter, Deutschland.

Birgit Thurein - September 25, 2021 at 02:00 PM

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“ God's Blessings, JoAnn Haas purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Erika Hatfield.



God's Blessings, JoAnn Haas - September 21, 2021 at 01:06 PM