



Anita L. Goebel, 85 of Gilman, passed away on

Friday, October 21, 2022 at her home surrounded by her family. She was born at the family home in Thorp on October 8, 1937 to the late Frank and Edna (Conrad) Bogumill. Anita moved north of Gilman and graduated from Hannibal High. Anita married John Goebel on July 6, 1957 at Saint Peter and Paul Catholic Church-Gilman. The couple farmed and raised their six children on the farm west of Gilman. Anita was a faithful church secretary at the First Apostolic Church; East of Gilman, for over 30 years. She enjoyed basket weaving, crossword puzzles, and cooking for what seemed like the entire village, and always put spending time with her family first over anything else. Facebook and Snapchat were her ways to keep tabs on her family and friends. Mom/Grandma, there are many reasons why we love you: You were designed specifically for us. You were our guiding light, our lighthouse, our biggest fan, our most consistent cheerleader. No one in this whole world has ever loved us the way you did, and you made sure we always felt that. You were always the one to celebrate us. You were in the front row seat of every play, sporting event, church solo, or baptism. You were our everything and our gift from God. You were always stronger than you thought, and braver than you knew. You are the epitome of what a real woman should be. Thank you for making us who we are. Anything good in us is because of you. Thank you for showing us by example what it meant to get up, dress up and show up. You always looked like a lady, and dressed so beautifully. The scent of your perfume would make us want to go back for a second hug. The world is now short the best mashed potato maker, and pancakes will never taste the same. We will think of you every time we see a pansy or a snowman, and probably always say things like "close but no cigar", which was said every time we misspelled a word or failed a math problem. Or the phrase "let's do it" whenever a plan of fun was presented. You never turned down any kind of invitation. Food was the cure for everything and bacon made all things better. Never have we seen someone savor the little things in life the way you did. You were a giver, a life speaker, and a comforter on the days the world felt a little too cruel to face. Sitting on your couch, or in one of your MANY recliners, being with you while you set your hair for the next day, enjoying homemade popcorn paired with a glass of orange juice, is the place we will go to in our hearts, until we can hug you again on that golden shore. Until then, never forget that the small things you did were ultimately the biggest things that added value to our lives. You are loved. You are treasured. You matter. You were more than enough. Our hearts ache at your loss, but our spirits celebrate your heavenly welcome.

Your favorite verse:

**I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.
III John 4**

She is survived by her children, Jack (Barbara) and Dan (Theresa) Goebel both of Gilman, Jill (Vince) Anglemeyer of Hannibal, Deanna (Gary) Jordan of Texas, Judy (Sam) McFadden of Cadott and Jeremy of Thorp, 25 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. Anita is preceded in death by her parents, husband, Jack (2021), grandson Jack, and granddaughter Abigail.