



Rosemary (Sands) Wilke

September 30, 1933 - September 7, 2020

Obituary

Brodhead – Rosemary Wilke, age 86, of Brodhead passed away on September 7, 2020 at Aster Assisted Living in Monroe. She was born the daughter of George and Ruth (Rodebaugh) Sands on September 30, 1933. She attended Orfordville High School where she met her husband Verne E. Wilke and was married on August 22, 1952.

Rosemary worked along with her husband on their dairy farm in rural Brodhead raising their 2 children. She is survived by her children Steven (Marilyn) Wilke, Christine (Dan) Drefahl; grandchildren, Samuel (Jessica) Wilke, Maxwell (Sadie) Wilke and Stephanie (Pranav) Drefahl and a great grandchild, Cayden.

Rosemary was preceded in death by her parents, George and Ruth (Rodebaugh) Sands; her brother, Arthur Sands; a great-nephew Michael Sands and her husband, Verne.

Her greatest joys in life were spending time with family and drinking coffee and getting together with all her friends. She loved music and especially loved listening to her granddaughter play piano. Rosemary always tried to get to all Maxwell's sports events and loved spending time on the farm with her first grandchild, Sam and taking enough photos to fill several albums.

She also enjoyed many other things in life – cooking, baking, crocheting and trying new hobbies such as cake decorating, ceramics, sewing and trying new recipes.

Rosemary was a Spring Valley 4-H cooking leader for several years, a cook at Hanover's Ding-A-Ling for 7 years and later in life worked at the Piggly Wiggly Deli in Evansville until retiring from all and moving to the City of Brodhead. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Brodhead and a former member of Orfordville Lutheran. She spent the last year of her life at Aster Assisted Living in Monroe, with her beloved cat Sweet Pea.

Graveside services will be held at the Greenwood Cemetery, County Road T in Brodhead on Friday, September 11, 2020 at 1:00 PM. Per Covid-19, the family asks that everyone wears masks and social spacing apply according. The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family.

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To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Rosemary (Sands) Wilke, please visit our floral store.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Betty N. Condolences to Christine, Steve and family. Sorry for you loss. Rosie was a wonderful and caring person. We will miss her.*

Betty Niedermeier - September 25, 2020 at 04:26 PM

CA

“ *Christine, condolences to you and your family from my family. Rosie' was a wonderful woman.*

Catherine - September 22, 2020 at 02:18 PM

SS

“ *Rosie was such a nice lady—fun to visit with— quick to offer help— sincere sympathy to Christine and Steve and families. Shirley and Bruce Sutherland*

Shirley Sutherland - September 11, 2020 at 06:21 PM

TK

“ *To Christine, Steve and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I had the privilege of knowing your mom for the past 46 years. As I think back to the days when we were neighbors, I recall that I was at your home more than I was at my own. From the first time I met your mom, she made me feel like family. She was a wonderful cook and was always trying to get me to try new things like her yummy Watermelon Rind Pickles. She was a very warm caring person and her great sense of humor made her a joy to be around. There's a special place in our hearts for our moms and our grandmothers, just like there was a special place in her heart for all of you. Her sweet smile and beautiful nature will live in your hearts forever. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time, Tammy Knapp*

Tammy Knapp - September 11, 2020 at 09:50 AM

GM

“ *A candle was lit in remembrance*

Gary and Mary Mason - September 09, 2020 at 04:19 PM

RV

“ *I always enjoyed visiting with Rosie. She was such a smiling, friendly people person. RIP*

Rita Vickers - September 09, 2020 at 09:23 AM

AR

“ *We, who grew up in 'that neighborhood', had lots of 2nd moms! Rosie was one of them. We were very lucky to have her in our childhood years and after. Rest In Peace Rosie. ❤️*

Ann (Popanz) Reifsteck - September 08, 2020 at 09:30 PM