



Rose Mary Burke

April 26, 1932 - September 15, 2018

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Jefferson, Iowa

Date of Death: September 15, 2018

Rose Mary Brunner was born April 26, 1932. She was the middle child of Mike and Elizabeth Brunner. She had two older sisters, Bonnie Kienzie and Mary Ann Holden, and two younger brothers, Dick Brunner and Fr. Bill Brunner. Rose Mary grew up in Jefferson and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1950.

Following high school Rose Mary attended Creighton University. She took two years off to join the Maryknoll novitiate in New York. Upon her return, she finished her degree in medical technology from Creighton.

Rose Mary and Bob were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jefferson, IA on January 31, 1959. They raised seven children: John (Maureen), James (Maria), David (Audrey), MaryAnn (Hans-Peter), Steve (Katie), Mary Beth (Tim), and Theresa (David). Rose Mary was grandmother to twenty-six grandchildren: Robert, Matthew, Michael, Elena, Emily, Nathaniel, Sofia, Caleb, Joshua, Peter, Sarah, Maria, Abigail, Vincent, Frederick, Hans-Peter, Isabella, Elizabeth, Ian, Maura, Marisa, Katie, Daniel, James, Isaac, and Benjamin.

Rose Mary stayed active in the Jefferson community as religious educator and member of Guild and Peace & Justice Committees at St. Joseph, Renew Director for the Sioux City Diocese, member of bridge club, and Friday Club.

She spent her final years in Cedar Rapids to be closer to her family. The family wishes to send their gratitude for the care she received at Evergreen Ridge in Jefferson and Meth-Wick Community in Cedar Rapids. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Relief Services, Greene County Community School, or Genesis.

Funeral Mass for Rosemary Burke, 86 of Jefferson will be 10:30 Friday, September 21, 2018 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jefferson. Visitation with the family present to greet friends will be Thursday, September 20, 2018 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home in Jefferson. A Rosary Service will begin at 7:00 pm followed by a time of sharing. A private family burial will take place at a later date at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Jefferson, IA.

Online condolences may be left at www.sliningerschroeder.com.

Slininger-Schroeder Funeral Home

515-386-2171

Events

SEP **Funeral Service** 10:30AM
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St. Joseph's Catholic Church

503 North Chestnut St., Jefferson, IA, US, 50129

Comments



“ So many memories of years gone by!
Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone of you.
Bill & Jo Lawton

Jo Lawton - September 21, 2018 at 09:31 PM



“ To Rose Mary's Family:

My heartfelt condolences at this time. No matter the circumstances it is always a tremendous loss when a parent passes. Your mother was ever kind and gracious and warm to everyone. I know you will miss her greatly. I am very sorry to have missed the services as travels have me on the west coast this week and unable to return in time but I have kept your mother in my prayers. My deepest sympathies for you all. May your mother rest in peace and may you find solace in her reunion with your beloved father.

Randy Easton

Randy Easton - September 21, 2018 at 05:34 PM



“ Thinking of your family at this sad time. Our deepest sympathy.
Sid and Linda Jones



Linda Jones - September 20, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ Todd & Molly Clubb & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rose Mary Burke.



Todd & Molly Clubb & Family - September 20, 2018 at 10:24 AM



“ I took care of Rosey the last few months of her life and she stole my heart. I was truly blessed to have known her. She holds a place in my heart forever

rachel niemi - September 20, 2018 at 12:46 AM



“ Rachel Niemi lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Burke



rachel niemi - September 20, 2018 at 12:43 AM



“ Dear cousins and Uncle Bill and Aunt Rosemary’s grandchildren,
You are in our thoughts and prayers! We are so happy we had such a nice visit with Aunt Rosemary in July!
I have many happy memories of visiting all of you relatives in Iowa!
One special memory I have is Aunt Rosemary’s inspiring advice on a parent’s job. She said:
A parent’s job is to raise your children with Roots and Wings! The Roots are the strong foundation of values and faith you instill in them. Then you encourage your children to develop— like a cocoon— gradually opening up and learning and growing. And then— you let them use their Wings, to Fly! And yet, they are grounded by their Roots.
Aunt Rosemary and Uncle Bob raised you 7 children, with Roots and Wings. You are an inspiration to the world, now passing on your values to your own children. Her job is done, and now she has used her Angel Wings to join her beloved husband in Heaven.
I’m sure she’ll be smiling down on you all. May your fond and loving memories live on in your hearts.
May you too, provide Roots and Wings to your family!
May God bless you all!
Love and Prayers,
Eric and Betty (Kienzle-)Watje
Hillsboro Oregon

betty and eric watje - September 19, 2018 at 03:49 PM



“ It was always a treat to visit Rose Mary and the family when we took summer trips to Okoboji. Going to Jefferson Ia. was a very special and Rose Mary was always so gracious. I have many fond memories....my thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Mark Burke, Timnath, Colorado

Mark Burke - September 19, 2018 at 01:35 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Burke.



September 19, 2018 at 08:01 AM



“ I enjoyed your mom very much. I took her and my mom ,Fran safley, to the Greene co. Fair . It was a wonderful time. The two of them had quite a time seeing everything and eating fair treats. They were like two giggly young girls for one nice afternoon. A true treasure to not only your family but for our community as well. Rest in peace rosemary. Ann frederick

Ann frederick - September 18, 2018 at 07:26 PM



“ RoseMary and Bob were Southfield Drive neighbors of my parents, Gene and Sara Melson back in the early 1970s. They were both such wonderful caring folks. When my little sister Tina died suddenly in 1973, they made their home and indoor swimming pool totally available to my heartbroken parents. My Mom talked about that sweet gesture for many years. That meant the world to our family. RoseMary was a wonderful gal. Thoughts and prayers from the Melson family.
Carrie Melson Hollenbeck

Carrie Melson Hollenbeck - September 17, 2018 at 10:02 PM



“ Rose Mary was a wonderful person who will be missed by all who knew her. Thinking of your family at this sad time and in the days ahead.

Terry Murphy

Terry Murphy - September 17, 2018 at 11:22 AM



“ One of the very best friends I ever had! Super plus lady!

Jean Tucker - September 17, 2018 at 11:21 AM



“ So sorry to hear this sad news of your mother passing. Prayers for peace and comfort are going up.

Class of 1980

Terry Murphy - September 17, 2018 at 11:19 AM



“ To all of the Burke Kids, Grandkids and Father Bill - the phrase that best describes your Mother, Grandmother, and sister is "Rose Mary Burke was a sweetheart". She had such a calmness about her - and where she got that talent while raising 7 children we'll never know. We prized her friendship for the many years we lived in Jefferson. You're in our thoughts and prayers. Heaven just gained a good one.

Joe and Joyce Gitch

Coralville, iowa

Joe Gitch - September 17, 2018 at 08:53 AM