



Rose Holsclaw

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Our sweet mother, Rosalie Holsclaw (Rose or Rosie to her family and friends), passed away on Thursday, March 23. Rose was a kind, thoughtful and unselfish woman who will be loved, missed, and forever cherished. Known as Grandbear to some, she was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, mother in law, friend, educator, honored high school basketball player, and a baker of cookies.

Rose's story starts in rural Iowa on March 14, 1935. She was the middle child to Rene and Louisa "Toots" Remmers. She was born in Sibley, IA, and spent her childhood on the farm in Melvin, IA. She graduated from Melvin High School, then moved to Sioux City, IA to attend Morningside College, where she would receive a teaching certificate. This is where she met and married her long-time sweetheart, Harry "Bill" Holsclaw. They moved to Clinton, IA in 1956, and raised two children, David, and Ann. Rose was blessed to work for many years with the staff and children at Horace Mann Elementary School. She had the skill and ability to bring compassion, principle, and love to everyone she met and was humbled to receive the Stan Reeves Gold Key Award. It was common for students and athletes to hang out at the house while she made bowl after bowl of popcorn. Students continued friendships with Rose long after graduation.

When not enjoying Door County with Bill, she was an avid gardener, birder, writer, sports enthusiast (Go Hawks), P.E.O. Sisterhood member, and a leader at The River Arts Center. Rose was grateful for the opportunity to meet and spend time with Eleanor Roosevelt. She loved God and dedicated herself to spiritual growth and healing and was deeply involved in the Christian Science church.

Family members who preceded Rose in death, were Rene Remmers (Father), Louisa Year Remmers (Mother), Bill Holsclaw (Husband), Renee Warning and Rita Johnson (Sisters), George and Ralph Year (Uncles). Survivors include her son David and his wife Julia, daughter Ann Holsclaw Nelson and husband Robert, two granddaughters, Emily Holsclaw, Cheris Nelson, and numerous nieces and nephews she holds dear.



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A special thanks goes out to all of Rose's friends, P.E.O. sisters and Apple Valley Lane neighbors for their kindness, love, and support. We thank all of you for being an important part of her life.

A Celebration of Life service will be held for Rose on Saturday, June 3, 2:00pm-4:00pm at River Arts Center in Clinton, IA.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made directly to either:

P.E.O. Chapter JW, c/o Shirley Kelly, 21524 River Rd North, Cordova, IL 61242

River Arts Center, 229 5th Ave. S., Clinton, IA 52732



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ME

Melinda lit a candle in honor of Rose.

I'm sad to hear of Rose passing. She was such an inspiration to me. Teaching me so much. She was the classiest, most beautiful women I've ever known. Her smile and way of being kind was natural. She was such a caring person who did so much for the Art community. I will miss her dearly. Many prayers to her family.



March 28 at 9:21 PM

AB

Al Bolty posted:

We send our condolences to the family of Rose Holsclaw. I remember so well the many visits Aunt Rose and Uncle Bill would make to our Bolty family gatherings and reunions. Rose was such a special person and she will be missed but my memories of her and her family live on. Alan and Rita Bolty

March 25 at 5:20 AM

AE

Alf Eversoll posted:

She always had a smile and always asked about my family loved talking to her sorry Dave and Ann Alf Eversoll

March 24 at 12:27 PM

MF

Matt Frett lit a candle in honor of Rose.

MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO THE HOLSCRAW FAMILY AND I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER ROSE FROM HORACE MANN DAYS



March 24 at 11:35 AM

JJ **Jean Johnson** April 14 at 11:17 AM

I first knew Rose as a church member and was impressed with her wisdom, thoughtfulness, kindness, and positive attitude. Later, I learned of her leadership in the Clinton art community and how much she contributed with her time, energy, and enthusiasm. I will miss her. Jean Johnson, Davenport, Iowa

PH **Patt Hagge** March 26 at 10:50 AM

Rose always knew me. We met through sports when my daughter ran track played basketball, volleyball, and softball. When I taught at Horace Mann she remembered me and always found time to talk and complement the kids art work. She was a gem and will be missed. Rose was one of the most genuine, kind people I've had the pleasure to know. Life will be poorer without her



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Doug Miller posted:

Wonderful lady. Second mom to a lot of kids that ran track or grew up with Dave or Ann.

March 24 at 4:56 AM



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CF

Connie Fuglsang posted:

The world is a little darker today as the bright light of Rose has been dimmed. Rose was a dear friend and co-worker and could always be counted on to brighten the days of everyone with whom she encountered. She was kind, generous, compassionate, positive, silly, humorous, and loving, and we all wanted to be just like her when we grew up. I will always remember Rose for times she made the daily announcements at school and she proclaimed to us all, "Let us love one another." RIP in peace, dear friend. You will be greatly missed.

March 23 at 11:56 AM

GM

Gary Montgomery March 26 at 3:23 PM

A wonderful lady. Always smiling and enjoyable to talk with. My thoughts and prayers are with Dave and Ann.

MP

Michelle Perino March 26 at 7:37 AM

I was lucky enough to meet Rose through the Clinton Women's Club/George Curtis Mansion and then later we were PEO sisters in different chapters. Rose always greeted me with a smile that was so genuine, it seemed she was lit from within. When she asked how I was, I knew she actually cared about the answer. I never walked away from an encounter with Rose feeling anything less than happy. Heaven is just that much brighter now! Michelle Perino

MS

Marsha Smith March 25 at 10:53 AM

So blessed to have had this lady in my life. She was a mentor, friend and PEO Sister who has left an imprint on my heart that will never leave. Rest in peace my friend.

JM

Julie Matzen March 24 at 11:35 AM

I worked with Rose at Horace Mann. There will never be another beautiful soul such as hers. Rest in peace dear Rose 🌹

RG

Richard & Cathy Grugin March 24 at 6:51 AM

One sweet lady that was always cheerful and positive in all that she did. She made everyone feel welcome at Horace Mann, and she was an avid supporter of Clinton Community Schools. Her obituary is such a fitting tribute.

LB

Liz Buech March 24 at 5:06 AM

I worked with Rose at Horace Mann, what a lovely lady!!! My condolences to her family and friends

TL

Tom Lange March 24 at 4:05 AM

Wonderful lady, wonderful family.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rose by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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