



Rita Jean Rosengren

March 24, 1932 - April 12, 2014

Rita Jean Rosengren, age 82, of Rock Falls, died Saturday, April 12, 2014 at Avonlea Cottage in Sterling. She was born March 24, 1932, in Poughkeepsie, NY, the only child of Bernard Joseph and Anna (Tokar) Whalen. She graduated from Poughkeepsie High School in 1949. In high school she was active in sports and she was a Junior Red Cross Representative.

While serving two years in the U.S. Army, she met Elwin Rosengren while stationed in Fort Lawton, Seattle, Washington. They Married October 10, 1953 at St Andrew Catholic Church in Rock Falls.

Rita's children and grandchildren were the center of her life. She enjoyed baking, especially homemade pies and breads. She loved to read and tend to her sedum and flower gardens.

She is survived by her husband; children John (Judy) Rosengren of Sterling, Dave (Dinah) Rosengren of Deer Grove, Sandra (Jim) Cesarek of Rock Falls, Ann (Ki) Wagenecht of Prophetstown, Theresa (Joe) Behrens of Rock Falls, Gene (Sherry) Rosengren of Rock Falls, Tom Rosengren of Sterling, Paul Rosengren of Rock Falls, Mary (Jim) Kinney of Rock Falls, Regina (Ted) Nehkorn of Peoria, and Joan Rosengren of Sterling ; 26 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; her cousin Dorothy "Dolly" Ellsworth of Poughkeepsie, NY; special friend of the family Greg Sippel of Sterling.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents.

Private services will be held. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Sterling. Funeral arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Jean Rosengren*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Rita Jean Rosengren*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Jim + Marie Cesarek Wendle lit a candle in memory of Rita Jean Rosengren*



Jim + Marie Cesarek Wendle - April 23, 2014 at 11:34 AM



Elwin, Sandy, Jim and all the family - we are so saddened of the loss of a dear sweet lady - Rita. I know she will be dearly missed by all of you. I have wonderful memories of Rita over the years. She is now your special angel in heaven with being rewarded life eternal with her Lord. Love you all

Jim Marie Cesarek Wendle - April 23, 2014 at 11:37 AM



“ *Much sympathy and many blessings from the my family to yours!
Rita Van Wassenhove*

Rita VAn Wassenhove - April 21, 2014 at 11:23 AM

TF

“ *The Devine Family. lit a candle in memory of Rita Jean Rosengren*



The Devine Family. - April 18, 2014 at 03:52 PM

JT

“ *Oh Miss Rita, you were a dear. You better be belting out those hallelujahs just like we talked about.*

Jennifer

Jennifer Tompkins - April 15, 2014 at 04:28 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rita Jean Rosengren.*



April 15, 2014 at 11:02 AM

YD

“ *YBARRA JOHN , DONELLE lit a candle in memory of Rita Jean Rosengren*



YBARRA JOHN , DONELLE - April 14, 2014 at 03:55 PM

AL

“ Dearest Grandma,
I miss you with all of my heart! I just long to
hear your sweet voice and will forever miss
precious conversations with you. I will always
remember the sound of your lovely voice
singing "Bring Flowers of the Rarest"

I pray, Grandma that you help me to be at least half the Mother that
you were to my own Sons now. Help me to instill in them the
importance of staying true to their Catholic faith.

You led my family to the True Faith, now I beg of you to please help
us to remain always faithful so that we will all see you again
someday in Heaven.

I love you, Grandma!

St. Martha, Pray for us.



Annie Lewis - April 14, 2014 at 02:36 PM

RN

“ Regina Nehr Korn lit a candle in memory of
Rita Jean Rosengren



Regina Nehr Korn - April 14, 2014 at 01:57 PM

RN

“ Mom,
Mere words cannot express the sorrow our family feels in our hearts without you here with us. We miss your smiling face. We want to thank you for everything you have done for us over the years. I will never forget all the fun times we had as a family, especially the Sunday dinners you worked so hard to make for all of us. You would do all the dishes so we could go have a baseball game in the baseball field. I just wish I had one of your cinammon breads right now to comfort me. What comforts me now is knowing you are with God as you were a loyal and faithful servant your entire life. We know you are praying for us and that you will be with us in our hearts. Thank you for loving my kids and being a good grandma to them. They love and cherish you from the bottom of their hearts. You told Bryan that he had the best sense of humor and when we came to visit you he always had you smiling about something. You always called Emily a little teacup girl. To this day she drinks coffee just like you did. You always called John, John Boy. I will forever call him John Boy. Even though he never said it to you, he liked being called that. He smiles when I call him that. And Angela, she gets her ability to bake and cook anything from you. You know how she loved to make you and dad muffins. We will miss you forever and know you will remain with us by the gift of your faith. Our faith wouldn't be what it is today had it not been for your great faith. Go enjoy being with your mom and dad since you didn't get to spend much time with them when you were little. Give them a hug and a kiss for us until we can all be together again someday. WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH MOM AND WE MISS YOU! oxoxoxoxo Forever!
With so much love,
Ted, Pink, and your grandkids

Regina Nehr Korn - April 14, 2014 at 01:57 PM

MK

“ Mom, I miss you so much. My first and last thoughts of the day are of you. I will always be grateful to you mom for the gifts you that you have given to me. Grateful for your love, for your support, for your wisdom, and for your friendship. But most of all mom, I am grateful to you for the Faith that you have led me to. Your love and devotion to our Traditional Catholic Faith has been an inspiration to me. I will spend the rest of my life trying to live up to the example you set. Strong. Faithful. Catholic. I love you, Mom.



Mary Kinney - April 14, 2014 at 12:55 PM

AC

“ Dear family of Rita: What a grand legacy of children she has left! Your support of your mother, and the support of the Faith tells much of what Rita was about.. We have learned much about Rita through the goodness of our friends Joe and Theresa.. I personally enjoyed learning of her very early ancestry from the small village of Milik(?) Now she is reunited with all those that she learned her wonderful traits from! Love to all of you, Arlene and Bob Considine

arlene considine - April 14, 2014 at 07:20 AM

MK

Dear Bob & Arlene: Thank you for your kind words and for your prayers. It means a great deal to our family. The Kinney Family

Mary Kinney - April 14, 2014 at 12:46 PM

JR

Dear Bob and Arlene,
Thank you so much for taking time to write on Mom's memorial page. Your words are very comforting and much appreciated.
God bless you both.
Joan Rosengren

Joan Rosengren - April 14, 2014 at 04:58 PM

JO

“ *Joan lit a candle in memory of Rita Jean Rosengren*



Joan - April 13, 2014 at 07:17 PM

JO

“ *Mom, I will miss you every second of the day for the rest of my life. Please know every tear drop I shed is a kiss for you. I love you with all my heart. What a joyous time it will be someday when we see each other again in Heaven. Love You Forever, Joan (aka Your Baby Girl)*

Joan - April 13, 2014 at 07:15 PM

KM

“ *Ky, Ann, Kylee, And Matt lit a candle in memory of Rita Jean Rosengren*



Ky, Ann, Kylee, and Matt - April 13, 2014 at 06:10 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Jean Rosengren.*



April 13, 2014 at 04:01 PM

GP

“ Gary & Theresa Poci lit a candle in memory of Rita Jean Rosengren



Gary & Theresa Poci - April 13, 2014 at 11:02 AM

JR

Thanks Gary and Theresa for taking the time to post a candle in memory of our mom. That means so much to us. God bless you both.
Joan

Joan Rosengren - April 15, 2014 at 07:15 AM

DC

“ We love u Grandma and we miss you. We know that you are in a better place and are home with God in Heaven. I will never forget all the times I spent at your house when I was little. You would give me my dump truck and un cooked noodles that I could drive all around your house dumping the noodles. I could pretty much do anything I wanted. Love you and say hi to Granny and Grandpa Cesarek.

Dan Cesarek - April 12, 2014 at 08:58 PM

JW

So sorry Dan Nikki - miss you both

Jim Marie Cesarek Wendle - April 23, 2014 at 11:39 AM