



Kathryn "Rosie" Amidei

May 7, 1930 - January 19, 2025

Kathryn "Rosie" Amidei, of North Judson, left her Christian life here on earth for her eternal home in heaven on Sunday, January 19, 2025, at 7:37 AM after a brief illness. She passed away in her home at the age of 94. Rosie's life began in Missouri on May 7, 1930. She was born to Charles & Iva (Budd) Rigsby and grew up in Ora. Much of her childhood is unknown and she insisted to keep it that way.

On August 23, 1947, Rosie married Robert Widner and they were blessed with 3 children: Patricia, Sheri and William. Robert passed away July 10, 1954, due to an auto accident. It was tough raising 3 young children alone, but she always made the best of it. She learned the hard way that tragedy builds character and strength.

On December 28, 1957, she married Al Amidei. Al adopted the three older children and together they were blessed with a son, Donald.

North Judson became their home and the kids grew up together as a loving family. They were proud Bluejay fans and served the community in everything they were involved in. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was an excellent cook. Her signature meal was fried chicken, mashed potatoes and apple pie. She also made the best "dippy" eggs and fried taters. There's a sign on her wall "If Mom says no, ask Grandma" and she held that title proudly! Al passed away September 30, 2010. Rosie's strength never wavered.

Rosie was very well known in the community from her many years working at Brantwood & Doug's Restaurant waitressing and making her famous potato soup. After the restaurant switched hands, she worked as a lunch lady at the NJSP Jr High until she was 90 years old. The staff, students and co-workers loved her and called her "Grandma". Her positivity could be heard and seen always whistling and humming, wiping tables or enjoying her daily walks. Most recently, Rosie attended the North Judson United Methodist Church. She enjoyed retirement, spending time with her special companion, Robert McKee. She attended the Pickin' Palace every Saturday night and breakfast club after church on Sundays. She had wonderful friends and family that took care of her. Most importantly, she was ready to be with the Lord. The last few weeks she would say, "I love you and I'll see you in Heaven." Rosie was a light in this dark world and she was loved and will be missed by so many.

Survivors include: a daughter Patricia (Edsel) Cox, Rotonda West, FL, a son Donald (Janet) Amidei, Francesville, IN. A son-in-law John Petramala Rotonda West, FL and a daughter-in-law Carol Widner, Monterey, IN. She had 15 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, 3 nieces and one nephew.

Anxiously awaiting Rosie at the heavenly gates: first husband Robert Widner, second husband Al Amidei, daughter Sheri Petramala, son William Widner, her companion Robert McKee, great-grandson Matthew Taylor Cox, brother-in-law & sister-in-law Frank & Norma Amidei.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 from 10:00 AM CST - Noon CST at the North Judson United Methodist Church with the Celebration of Life Service starting at Noon at NJUMC. O'Donnell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may consider a gift to the North Judson United Methodist Church or North Judson Athletic department in Rosie's memory.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **29**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

North Judson United Methodist Church
210 W. Central Ave.
North Judson, IN 46366

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ Donny and Cat Raub purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathryn "Rosie" Amidei.



Donny and Cat Raub - January 27, 2025 at 12:41 PM

DM

“ Best pie maker, and the pecan was award winning. Peace for her family and love ones. Deb and Doug

deb mcgee - January 23, 2025 at 11:20 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Rosie" Amidei.



January 22, 2025 at 08:17 PM

JS

“ Jill, Andrew, Ryan & Emily Schmidt purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Kathryn "Rosie" Amidei.



Jill, Andrew, Ryan & Emily Schmidt - January 22, 2025 at 03:01 PM

KF

“ She and my Mom (Beverly Jean (Budd) Fox) were inseparable for so many years. What an amazing pair they were.

Kerry Fox - January 21, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Rosie" Amidei.



January 21, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kathryn "Rosie" Amidei.

January 21, 2025 at 04:08 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Rosie" Amidei.



January 21, 2025 at 04:01 PM

JL

“ John, Shawne, Tony and Lilly purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kathryn "Rosie" Amidei.



John, Shawne, Tony and Lilly - January 21, 2025 at 01:57 PM

JL

“ John, Shawne, Tony and Lilly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kathryn "Rosie" Amidei.

John, Shawne, Tony and Lilly - January 21, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Rosie" Amidei.



January 21, 2025 at 01:56 PM



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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Kathryn "Rosie" Amidei.



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January 21, 2025 at 01:46 PM

JV

“ Rest In Peace my sweet co-waitress, you are a restaurant icon, and always helping your guests! Missed but never forgotten.

Jo viallo - January 21, 2025 at 10:53 AM