



Rosa Lee Smith

October 31, 2023

Rosa Lee Smith, of Merrillville, passed away October 31, 2023. She was born in Florence, SC to James and Mary Howard. Rosa was married to her loving husband of 62 years- Major Gilbert M. Smith, USMC (retired). She was a U.S. Navy Veteran and retired from the Merrillville School System as a teacher. Rosa was a member of Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church. She loved volunteering, cooking and arts and crafts. Rosa is survived by her sons- Master Sargeant Gilbert M. Smith, USMC (retired), Colonel Erik J. Smith USMC; four grandchildren and one great grandchild. A planned memorial is in Quantico National Cemetery (Virginia). Burns Funeral Home, Crown Point entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

AL

“ To the Smith Family, especially Michael and Eric...your Mom, Rose, was one of the kindest, most considerate, gentle, caring and considerate persons I have ever known. Rose contributed so much to the Merrillville Schools family by way of her kindness to others and especially to the children whose lives she touched. Never did I ever hear a cross word from Rose. Rose was a blessing to the Merrillville Schools. Whenever my wife, Allyson, and I met her she always wanted to hear about our family spending little time talking about herself but sharing updates on her husband, her boys and their families. My family will always remember her for the warm and thoughtful person she was.

Dr Tony Lux, Retired Merrillville Superintendent of Schools

Anthony Lux - November 16, 2023 at 04:44 PM

DR

“ Going to miss you, my beautiful and kind-hearted friend from Academy Moms Club! Sincere sympathies to her sons and their families.

Diane Reimer - November 11, 2023 at 02:31 PM

BM

“ Rose was an integral member of the OLC family. Always present, always welcoming, always smiling. She was a beautiful woman, a beautiful soul. She will be remembered; She will be missed. May the Perpetual Light shine upon her. God bless the family. Barbara Moloney

Barbara Moloney - November 08, 2023 at 10:56 AM

CB

“ Words can not express the love, warmth, and caring Rose had for everyone. Always getting that special hug. She called me her sister from another mother. Rosie will always be in my heart. Loved you
Rosa Lee Smith

Carolyn Bier - November 08, 2023 at 09:27 AM

JA

“ There are not enough words to describe the kindness and love of this woman. So blessed to have both her and Mike as our neighbors and friends. Janet Sienicki

Janet - November 08, 2023 at 06:24 AM

GI

“ Rose was a dear person. Always cared about others. She loved me and my grandson Brody(9). She always gave him a dollar when she seen him . He put it in his bank. He was sad of the news of her passing as we all are. I do know she was proud of her sons and family and always talked about her grandchildren. We are sad to be without her but know she is with her husband and our Lord. I will never forget Rose. She was very special to me and I always told her she reminded me of my sweet mother that I lost when I was 18 and her name was Rose. GOD BLESS Rose and her family. I know Rose at peace. Love Gina Yukon

GinaYukon - November 07, 2023 at 08:43 PM

WB

“ Rose was an angel, so loving, she will definitely be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family at this difficult time! God Blessings!

wendy Bohl - November 07, 2023 at 08:28 PM

NN

“ Rose was truly an Angel. She brought Christ to all who were blessed to be touched by her smile, her kindness, her loving embrace. She radiated His light in this world by the love she demonstrated to all who were blessed to know her. God and His Church were her life and she truly lived what she believed. Rose, I know you are resting in God’s loving arms. I miss you dear friend!
RIP

Norma Nowaczyk - November 07, 2023 at 05:06 PM

MP

“ Rose was the nicest lady ever. She was always so beautifully dressed and so friendly when she greeted us at church every Sunday. She always talked with me about how my daughter was getting so big, and how she thought she was so cute. It was always so nice to see her as we walked into church and at most church events. I was so sad to hear of her passing. Our church will not be the same without her smiling face at the front door, and I will truly miss her.

Maggie Paterson - November 07, 2023 at 03:12 PM

MS

“ Rose, you and Michael and your boys were as if Family to Us 🙏
Rest In Peace

Marcel KumOk Sumi Scott - November 07, 2023 at 02:54 PM

ET

Rosa was a beautiful person and I loved her hugs. She will be missed.
Rest In Peace.

Esther Tonevich - November 10, 2023 at 08:31 AM