



Willie Ann Petroff

April 22, 1934 - November 16, 2021

Willie Ann Petroff, age 87, of Hobart, formerly of New Chicago, passed away November 16, 2021. She was born in Jonesboro, AK. She met her husband Jim “Rock” Petroff, at Arkansas State, where he played football and she was a cheerleader. Willie loved spending time with her family playing Five Crown, planning holidays, and attending church. She wanted to be at every softball, baseball, basketball, soccer and swim meet.

Willie adored her grandchildren and most recently, Willie’s goal was to attend her granddaughter Katie’s wedding to Dustin in Southern Michigan. With determination and the help of her family, she proudly celebrated with all of us at the wedding. She will be greatly missed.

Willie was preceded in death by her parents; husband-Jim “Rock” Petroff. She is survived by her two daughters-Melissa (Sam) Gokey and Lee Ann (Scott) O’Kelley; grandchildren-Rachel (Mike), Katie (Dustin) Tucker, Braden (Ariel), Lauren and Emily; dear friend-Lynda Koppen.

Per Willie’s wishes, there will be no formal services. Burns Funeral Home (Hobart) entrusted with arrangements. www.burnsfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ I am a 74 year old woman and Willie and I worshiped with the same church. We developed kind of a "ritual greeting". I would come up behind her, place my hand on her neck or shoulder and start massaging. I would ask how she was doing and she would say something like "keep doing that for 30 minutes and I'll tell you". She always had something clever or spunky to say. Gotta' say.....I really loved that sweet woman! I am going to miss seeing her at church services and having our special greetings.

Carmen Winters - November 19, 2021 at 12:32 PM

DN

“ I will so miss Willie, she was a joy to be around. 💖 God's Blessings and my condolences to all her family for your loss.

Deborah Neier - November 18, 2021 at 01:18 PM

PC

“ 🎵 Go rest high on that mountain!
Your work on earth is done
Go to heaven a-shoutin'
Love for the Father and the Son 🎵

Patti Claxton - November 18, 2021 at 07:53 AM

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“ Carolyn Bailey And Chyna lit a candle in memory of Willie Ann Petroff



Carolyn Bailey and Chyna - November 17, 2021 at 10:28 PM

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Willie, Oh how I'm gonna miss your fudge this Thanksgiving and Christmas. It was the best I've ever tasted even when you said it didn't turn out good. It was chocolate heaven to me. I'm so glad I remembered to have you write the recipe out for me. Chyna and I both will miss you waking me up to come fix your TV, computer, or microwave. I don't know why she thought I was an electrician, but I always managed to get it right! I already miss you in the building, but not to be able to talk to you on the phone will be a new normal. Rest My Dear Friend, You Did Good!

Carolyn Bailey and Chyna - November 17, 2021 at 10:58 PM

MG

Thank you for your kind words and for being there for her. She really enjoyed the friendships at Linden House!

Melissa Gokey - November 18, 2021 at 11:37 AM

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You're more than welcome Melissa. You see almost 2 years later and I still think about her.

Carolyn and Chyna - May 01, 2023 at 11:39 PM

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“ *Carolyn Bailey And Chyna sent a virtual gift in memory of Willie Ann Petroff*



Carolyn Bailey and Chyna - November 17, 2021 at 10:27 PM

SP

“ *It was so wonderful you could attend Katie and Dustin's wedding and also the reception.*

sherry pollock - November 17, 2021 at 07:20 PM