



Rose Ocken

November 16, 1931 - April 27, 2020

Rose Ocken, 88 of Carroll, died Monday, April 27, 2020 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

Per the family's request, Private Family Funeral Service will be held at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll on Friday, May 1, 2020. Fr. Kevin Richter of St. John Paul II Parish in Carroll will preside. Casket Bearers will be Rose's family. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

A Live Stream Broadcast and recording of Rose's service can be found by visiting the Sharp Funeral Home Carroll, Iowa YouTube Channel at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqd2eeRJK5RTdEJoEooUoAQ>. An Icon on that page will be available by 10:55 a.m. Friday.

Those wishing to mail their memorial may direct it to: Rose Ocken Family c/o Sharp Funeral Home, 226 W. 8th Street, Carroll, IA 51401.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll, and online condolences may be left for the Ocken family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on November 16, 1931 at her family farm near Carroll, Rose was sixth of twelve children born to Herman and Genevieve (Gross) Gehling. She attended Sts. Peter and Paul School through the 8th grade and then stayed home with her widowed mother to help with chores, cooking, baking and raising her younger siblings.

On February 19, 1952 Rose was united in marriage to Wilfred J. Ocken at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Carroll by Fr. Frank Greteman. Together

they raised three daughters, Diane, Marilyn, and Jolene. Wilfred passed away on April 5, 2011.

For many years Rose was a homemaker, an avid seamstress, baker, and cook. As her daughters went off to school, she went to work at the Carroll Manor and later General Electric for 16 years until her retirement in 1992. During retirement, Rose volunteered at RSVP, Carroll Chamber, and St. Anthony Nursing Home. For many years she made Baptismal bibs for Holy Spirit Church. She enjoyed many trips, birthday parties, and getting together with former GE friends. Most of all Rose loved spending time with her family. In April of 2017, she entered St. Anthony Nursing Home where she resided until her death.

Rose is survived by her daughters: Diane (Allen) Vonnahme of Arcadia, Marilyn Schaefer of Carroll, and Jolene (Gary) Riesselman of Halbur; her grandchildren: Jason (Stacey) Vonnahme, Eric (Brenda) Vonnahme, Julie (Nate) Podey, Brian Schaefer and friend Kimmy, Adam (Carri) Schaefer, Alissa (Adam) Roth, Nick (Michelle) Riesselman, and Austin (Tori) Riesselman; her great-grandchildren: Nate, Carter, Collin, Tyler, and Kody Vonnahme, Jada and Jayden Podey, Kenedy, Shelby, Destiny, Evan, Macy and Ryder Schaefer, Mya and Ellie Roth, and Jack, Jordan, Tinley, and Aries Riesselman; her sister, Sister Joann Gehling FSPA of Hiawatha; her brother, Jerry (Kathy) Gehling of Phoenix, AZ; her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: JoAnn Gehling, Linda Gehling, Bonnie Rasmussen, Delores Nagl, Paul Sailer, Frank (Ann) Ocken and Charlotte Ocken.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Wilfred; her son-in-law, Steve Schaefer in 2015; her parents-in-law, Frank and Catherine Ocken; her sisters: Rita Anstoeter, Louise Schmitz, Norma Rasmussen, and; her brothers: George, Vernon, Edward, Robert, James, and Carl Gehling.

Tribute Wall

DG

“ To Sister Joann and Jerry: I am sure Jesus met your sister Rose with a big hug and welcomed her into heaven. She joyfully embraced all of your family members already there. You both have been a great brother and sister to Rose. May God bless you both with the strength and peace you need at this time. Love and prayers, Allan and Debbie Gehling

Debra Gehling - May 09, 2020 at 11:28 PM

DG

“ To Diane, Marilyn, Jolene, and families: We will miss your mother Rose. She was special to me because she was my Godmother. Sixty-four years ago Rose was there to hold me (Allan) and show her love for me on my baptism day. She will continue to love and support you forever from heaven. Your bond of love will never be broken. Your special memories will never be forgotten. Rosie's beautiful smile and attitude towards life will continue to live on through all her children and grandchildren. May God give you peace and strength during this time. We send you our love and prayers. Allan and Debbie Gehling

Debra Gehling - May 09, 2020 at 11:20 PM

CG

“ To Diane, Marilyn, Jolene, Sister Joann, and Jerry and families, I just want you all to know I am so sorry we couldnt be there to give you all hugs today! I am so glad we were able to view Rosie's service online! She was always so sweet and loving and gentle to everyone she met and was a very special Aunt to us! I will cherish all my visits with her, especially over the past few years! May God hold you all up in His Mercy over the next days, weeks, and months to come! Love and prayers sent to all of you!

❤️ Cathy Gehling

Cathy Gehling - May 01, 2020 at 12:59 PM

BR

“ rosie was the most down to earth, caring person I have ever met.
Bonnie Rasmussen

Bonnie Rasmussen - May 01, 2020 at 10:48 AM

AR

“ Thank you for alerting me to the passing of Aunt Rosie, Mary Lynn Fayoumi. We send our warm wishes and deepest sympathies to Jolene and the entire extended Gehling family. My childhood memories are intertwined with trips to Iowa and visits to the many Gehling cousins. We mourn your loss and wish you health and togetherness in these challenging times. Anne (Rasmussen) and family, Dan, Hansen, and Luther

anne rasmussen - April 30, 2020 at 11:02 PM

MF

“ Sending love and sympathy to Diane, Marilyn, Jolene and their families as well as Sister Joann and Uncle Jerry on the passing of Aunt Rosie. She holds such a special place in all of our hearts and left a lasting legacy of dedication to family, service to others, kindness of spirit and devotion to her faith. My childhood memories are filled with trips to Carroll where Aunt Rosie would always spoil us with freshly baked Rice Krispie Treats and other delicious goodies. I so wish that we could be together with our large, extended family at this difficult time to honor Rosie. Please know that we are all there in spirit and look forward to celebrating her wonderful life soon. Love, Mary Lynn Fayoumi

Mary Lynn Fayoumi - April 30, 2020 at 08:28 PM

BM

“ My sympathy to the family. She was always so sweet and easy to visit with. She is be missed

Becki Miller - April 30, 2020 at 02:34 PM

VD

“ Sincere sympathy to all the family .Rose was a sweet lady .

Vickie schuler. Duff - April 30, 2020 at 11:46 AM

SG

“ Prayers for all of you that God helps all of you through this sad time of the Loss of Rose . May God Bless and keep you all in his care.Steve Gehling and family

Steven Gehling - April 30, 2020 at 07:14 AM

JG

“ Sending my sympathy to my dear cousins, Diane, Marilyn and Jolene and your families! Aunt Rosie was an awesome aunt! Every time I would see her around town or at our Gehling reunions she always made it a point to ask you how you were doing. You always got a big hug or she held your hand while visiting with you. She always made you feel special. She loved her 3 girls and her grandchildren so much! She is going to be missed by all of us! I feel blessed that she was my Aunt! I know God called her home to Him and she is with Uncle Wilfred, Grandma and Grandpa Gehling and all of her siblings that are in heaven. There must be a huge reunion in heaven right now! My dad is probably giving his baby sister a hard time in heaven since she was a couple of yrs younger. Love you my sweet Aunt Rosie!

Janice Gehling

Janice Gehling - April 29, 2020 at 08:57 PM

CH

“ Sending my deepest sympathy and love to my special cousins, Diane, Marilyn, and Jolene, and Sister Joanne and Uncle Jerry, for the passing of Aunt Rosie. It is so strange to not be able to be together in person to support, give hugs, and reminisce about all the reasons why Aunt Rosie was treasured by so many. There is no doubt that she was greeted at the gates of heaven by all her family and friends who have gone before her with a great celebration as Jesus brought her home. I cherish the love my Mom (Norma) had for all her sisters and brothers and how much fun we had traveling to Carroll to stay with Aunt Rosie and Uncle Wilfred house. It is those memories I will hold close to my heart.

Love, Carla Rasmussen Houck

Carla M Houck - April 29, 2020 at 08:15 PM

LK

“ *Diane, Marilyn, Jolene and families, so sorry to hear of your loss. Rosie was a special person and I have many fond memories of our families as kids growing up next door to each other. Rosie lived a good and full life. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.*

Lori (Staiert) Kayser

Lori Kayser - April 29, 2020 at 05:57 PM

JG

“ *JERRY GEHLING lit a candle in memory of Rose Ocken*



JERRY GEHLING - April 29, 2020 at 05:50 PM

JG

Rosie was a true caregiver before that title became common in the medical field. Whether it was with our mom, our sister Louise, or our brother Jim, she was always on call. Her charm and spirit will live on in infamy. Rest in peace my dear sister!

JERRY GEHLING - April 30, 2020 at 07:32 PM

CS

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to Rose's Family, I worked with her at General Electric many years ago, she was a great lady.*
Carleen (Nieland) Schwieso



Carleen Schwieso - April 29, 2020 at 01:54 PM

GG

“ Our deepest sympathy to Diane, Marilyn and Joleen, and also to Sr. JoAnn Gehling and Jerry Gehling. Aunt Rosie was a very special lady and our families enjoyed a lot of good times together! May she rest in peace!

Gail & Marty Greving - April 29, 2020 at 01:39 PM

JS

“ Diane and Marilyn,
I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. Keep all the good memories closest to your heart. I remember being at your house a lot. I hope you both were able to have great friendships with your Mom.

Jo Ann Bolster Schumacher

Jo Ann Schumacher - April 29, 2020 at 09:06 AM

BV

“ My sympathy Diane, Allen & kids and the Onken family. Moms are so special. So sorry we can't share in your loss right now. Will be thinking of all of you. God bless.

Bev Vonnahme - April 29, 2020 at 07:32 AM

KJ

“ My sincere sympathy to Rose's Girls & Families... She was a wonderful lady & had the Love of the Lord in her heart.....I will keep you in my thoughts & prayers & may God give you comfort & strength in the days ahead..May Rose rest in eternal peace.....Kristi Schuler Jorgensen....

Kristi Schuler Jorgensen - April 28, 2020 at 10:45 PM

BF

“ *Diane ,Marilyn, Jolene & families, Our deepest sympathy. Our prayers are with all of you. Sorry we can't share our sympathy in person but know that we are thinking of you and your families.*

Bruce, Mae & family - April 28, 2020 at 09:57 PM

JB

“ *Diane, Marilyn, and Jolene and families and Rose's Sister Joann and brother Jerry we are so sorry for your loss.Aunt Rose was such a loving and caring person! She was always there to help whenever needed and raised a beautiful family who carry on so many of her qualities! Thank you Rose for always giving to the Lord! We know that you are now at peace in Jesus arms and receiving the rewards and everlasting happiness God had waiting for you... Love and hugs, Jerry and Jane Brogan*

Jane Brogan - April 28, 2020 at 08:52 PM

AG

“ *Aunt Rosie created special memories for myself and my siblings as children whenever we visited Carroll. We felt welcomed and loved by her! She shared many memories with me when I worked at St. Anthony Hospital and told me when she was in labor with her first child she got front door service! The nuns would rush out to the curb to assist all the new mothers to be! My Aunt Rosie will be remembered fondly!*



*Love & Blessings
Nettie
(daughter of sibling Jerry Gehling)*

Annette Gehling - April 28, 2020 at 07:07 PM

DV

Sweet Nettie, thank you so much for your kind words. Mom loved all of your visits to Carroll. I did not hear the story about when I was born how she got curb side service. That is special that she shared that with you.

Diane Vonnahme - May 03, 2020 at 09:47 AM

JG

“ *Joann Gehling lit a candle in memory of Rose Ocken*



Joann Gehling - April 28, 2020 at 04:16 PM

JG

Rose was a special sister to me and loved her three daughters, Diane, Marilyn, Jolene and families!

Joann Gehling - April 28, 2020 at 04:19 PM

DV

Thanks Sister, We don't even have to tell you what you meant to her. You are the best and so loved by the entire Gehling family!

Diane Vonnahme - May 03, 2020 at 09:50 AM

LP

“ *Diane, Jo & Marilyn, Our sincere sympathy upon the passing of your mother. May all your sweet memories sustain you in the days ahead We all know she is now at peace.*

Lyle & Sheryl Podey - April 28, 2020 at 02:38 PM

DV

Thanks Sheryl , we will both miss our mothers dearly. Were so lucky to have them for so many years!

Diane Vonnahme - May 03, 2020 at 09:52 AM

KJ

“ *Kris Schuler Jorgensen lit a candle in memory of Rose Ocken*



Kris Schuler Jorgensen - April 28, 2020 at 11:10 AM

SS

“ *Rose was like a second "mom" to me. I spent a lot of time doing sleepovers growing up. She was a special lady! Our sympathy to all her family!*

Sharon Sporrer - April 28, 2020 at 10:50 AM

DV

Sharon, thanks so much for all of your support and kind words. We do have some great childhood memories! My mom always made sure she was there for your mom and the rest of her family.

Diane Vonnahme - May 03, 2020 at 09:56 AM

MW

“ *My thoughts & prayers go out to Rose's family! She was such a sweet lady!*



Mary Wernimont - April 27, 2020 at 09:22 PM

DV

Thanks Mary! Our mothers were the best, we are the person we are because of them.

Diane Vonnahme - May 03, 2020 at 09:58 AM