



Rosie May Meister

March 12, 1953 - June 24, 2013

Rosie May Meister, 60, of Coloma died Monday, June 24, 2013, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Services celebrating her life will be held at 11 AM on Thursday, June 27, at the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma. The family will receive friends and relatives from 5 PM to 8 PM on Wednesday at the Davidson Chapel. Cremation will follow the service. Memorials may be made to the Berrien County Humane Society. Please share messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.

Rosie was born on March 12, 1953 in Benton Harbor and her parents were Albert and Marjorie Meister. Before retiring she had worked at Wollen Products. She was a volunteer for "Paws For A Cause" with the 4H program with the therapy dogs. Rosie is a member of Plymouth Congregational Church in Watervliet. Loving and independent, Rosie had a special love for animals and had a soft spot for those in need.

She is survived by her sister, Anna Springer of Coloma; her nieces and nephews, Tristan Barton, Matthew Barton, Tyler Barton and Macey Barton; and her cousins, Nancy Hipkind, Patti Ruth Miller-Preston, and LaRinda Harlan.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **26**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
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Service

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Tribute Wall

PM

“ *If anyone gets this message, please respond. I would like to know more about Rosey. Met her and just knew her briefly. Love and miss Rosie. Patricia McGee*

Phil McGee - November 10, 2022 at 04:46 PM

PM

“ *Did Rosie have a husky dog?*

patricia mcgee - June 02, 2022 at 11:10 PM

PM

If it is the same Rosie I met, she was such a wonderful person. When we were in Michigan, we met Rosie. She showed us so much kindness and made us feel so welcomed, We were invited to her home to dine with her and to church, I know Rosie had a lot of health issues years ago but still so faithful to the Lord. I have thought about her many times. Will miss her. Love you Rosie. Gone but not forgotten,

patricia mcgee - June 02, 2022 at 11:18 PM

MW

“ *May the hope of Psalms 34:18 bring the family some comfort during this time, God's word assures us that he sees the difficulties and hard times that we go through. He will help you and your family in this time of sorrow.*

Mrs. Williams - June 30, 2013 at 11:21 AM

SC

“ hello to the family of my sister. i know she will be truly missed, I also miss her even tho i did not no her for the last twenty yrs or better i did not forget her i thought of her often im truly sorry for not being there for her please forgive me sis but i did love her the hard part is over i hope she is having fun now. I want to think you guys for being there for her (her family) and close friends thanks agin her sister shirley chapman

Shirley Chapman - June 28, 2013 at 08:22 AM

PL

“ Rosie had such a kind heart. Any time I saw her she was always smiling. Knowing that her health was not good, she still had that gorgeous smile. She will be missed may she rest in peace! Sorry Anna & Nancy I'm unable to come to the services I will be working. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Peggy Lloyd - June 26, 2013 at 10:44 AM

ST

“ Bye Rosie. Pet Gracie for me and you enjoy the whole pizza.

Sally Turner - June 25, 2013 at 08:49 PM

“When I first met Rosie Meister in 1996, it was at a Best Friends 4-H Club dog class for youths with disability. Rosie shyly asked me if she could help out with training the children on how to train dogs. I observed that Rosie walked with a crutch and I had a child, Meredith Snyder, who had trouble with walking and would need a calm, patient and slow Team Instructor. Rosie was the right match for her. Both Rosie and Meredith would need a quiet, confident, yet somewhat small size dog to train, so I choose my own Tug-a-Lug Foxmore (Finish Spitz/Chow Chow mix) to be on the team.

Rosie was phenomenal! By the time the Berrien County Youth Fair had arrived, Rosie’s canine team was so well versed on each other body language that Tug-A-Lug anticipated Meredith’s hand signals, while Rosie’s just had to ask Meredith to, “Stop and think. What comes next?”

Rosie was a 4-H Leader for nearly 12 years, before her health finally told her she could not contribute anymore. As part of Best Friends 4-H Club leadership, Rosie and her own Siberian Husky, Amazing Grace, contributed to many a meeting and assisted by experimenting with new ideas on dog training, and sitting with me reviewing and rewriting the 4-H dog class standards for children with disabilities in canine therapy dog competition training program.

Let us not forget that she did the same for the Berrien County Youth Fair’s Canine Exhibitor with Disability Judging Program in Canine Obedience and Agility as well.

The 4-H’ers enjoyed her lessons on canine anatomy and dog safety as she would always make it fun to listen and participate, but she never back away from the goals of canine therapy for our 4-H’ers. Rosie was always patient, spoke softly but firmly, and would laugh at any joke the 4-H'er would tell her. She was always there for the 4-H'er in assisting to solve his/her dog training problems and to congratulate them at ringside on what a fine job the team did in the competition ring.

During all of this, especially when I was feeling somewhat down about the progress of Best Friends Canine Therapy Program, Rosie would often say to me, "Linda. When you come t the edge of all the light you know and are about to step off into the darkness of the unknown, FAITH is knowing one of two things will happen. There will be something solid to stand on, or you will be taught how to fly. So... get ready to fly." Then she would nudge me in the right directions. After all ... isn't that what best friends do for each other?

Rosie, with her canine companion, Gracie by her side, accomplished so much in their lifetime. All for the benefit of our 4-H'ers with disabilities.

You will be sorely missed, Rosie. Rest now in God's home. You have earned it.

Linda Shannon-Chaillet - June 25, 2013 at 03:32 PM

LS

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Linda Shannon-Chaillet - June 25, 2013 at 03:32 PM

PM

Love it. Rosie was and is a beautiful soul. She had a special bond with her pets. My heart is broken to find out she is gone, but she will never suffer again. Rosie

is in a better place with Jesus. Met her a long time ago but never forgot her. Just found out today June 2022 she has passed away,

patricia mcgee - June 02, 2022 at 11:32 PM