



Rosa Mae Layman

November 12, 1928 - May 6, 2012

Rosie was born November 12, 1928 in Charleston, Illinois. Her mother passed in June 1940 and she and her father moved to Terre Haute, Indiana. Rosie married at an early age and she and her husband, Richard lived in Indiana until Richard entered military service in February 1947. She then became a “military wife” who supported and accompanied her husband throughout “Their military career”.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother. Her entire life centered around her family. She also assured that her children were baptized at an early age. She nurtured, mentored, and taught her children by example. She was a school bus monitor, room mother and chaperoned teen club activities. She participated in school functions and activities.

She traveled with her husband as his career demanded, never complaining, supporting him in all his endeavors. She was Mother and Father during Richard’s absence while on assignments at locations overseas.

Rosie was active in the Eastern Star for several years, and served as Worthy Matron and District Deputy Grand Matron for the State of Missouri. She was President of the local Shrine Wives Club, President of the Sergeants Major E-9 Wives Club, and Honorary President of the Fort Leonard Wood NCO wives club.

She was private, reserved, and always willing to help in whatever way she was needed. Rosie always saw the good in everyone.

Her entire life was devoted to her family. Although she was a “military wife”, she was a “wife, mom, and grandma” first and foremost. Rosie was never too busy for her family; she always made time for her husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enriched the lives of her family and we will be forever changed because of her love for us. She made us what we are and we are eternally grateful for being blessed by her presence in our lives. She created us and gave us the foundation upon which we live our lives. She started family traditions and her grandchildren very proudly and whole heartedly remember those special times with their Grandma, baking in the kitchen and playing games. The most treasured memory of all was being able to walk into a room or open a package from Grandma and be able to smell her presence. They each have their keepsakes, memories and love for their Grandma.

Rosie’s passing leaves a void with family members and friends. The lives she touched were so blessed and enriched by her presence.

Rosie leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband, Richard L. Layman, Sr. of the home; one son: Richard L. Layman of Honolulu, HI; two daughters: Donna M. Abril of Honolulu, HI and Belinda R. Layman O’Neill of Woodstock, GA; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren and one on the way; other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rosa Mae Layman*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *I miss you Momma. We laid you to rest today. My heart is breaking. I will think of you everyday. We will keep an eye on Daddy for you.*

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered "Come to Me." With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A pure heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.##imported-begin##Belinda Layman##imported-end##

May 09, 2012 at 09:23 PM



“ *My heart goes out to you during this difficult time!!! We are never ready to say goodbye to ones that we love so much! I always thought that Your Mother, Rosa Mae, was a wonderful person and always so sweet and kind and want you and your family to know that She will be missed sorely!!! My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family!!! May God be with you through this time and somehow give you the comfort that you probably feel is impossible at a moment like this!!!##imported-begin##Janis Casler Dunham##imported-end##*

May 08, 2012 at 07:34 PM



“ *She was a gem. I so enjoyed taking care of her while she received her radiation treatment. She was special and touched my life. My prayers are wtih you all.*

Jennifer Wittmers Mercy Hospital##imported-begin##Jennifer Wittmers##imported-end##

May 08, 2012 at 05:26 PM



“ *"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." Psalm 34:18 NIV. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##JB/Cheryl King##imported-end##*

May 08, 2012 at 02:40 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you as you go through this process.##imported-begin##Gloria Hall Huggins##imported-end##*

May 08, 2012 at 01:51 PM



“ *I enjoyed my visits with Rosa, you all are in my thoughts and prayers. May GOD bless you all with peace, strength and comfort during this difficult time. If I can be of any service, please let me know.*

Sandra and Roland Fagan##imported-begin##SANDRA FAGAN##imported-end##

May 08, 2012 at 01:43 PM



“ Dick, I am sorry to hear of Rose passing.
Will keep you in my thoughts and prayers for comfort.##imported-
begin##annette Troutt##imported-end##

May 08, 2012 at 08:29 AM



“ I feel blessed to have known you and your family. You will always be
in my heart.##imported-begin##Bobbi Cannon##imported-end##

May 07, 2012 at 10:59 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
May God wrap His arms of Comfort around you all and may you find
peace in your many fond memories of your loved one.##imported-
begin##Pam Seda##imported-end##

May 07, 2012 at 06:08 PM

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*Belinda, we are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. We
remember her, your father and the family, when we all lived on
Richland St. on post. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.
The Oberdear Family*

M. Oberdear Burke - September 21, 2012 at 12:22 PM