



Rose Laman

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Rose Laman died at her home in Covington, LA. She was 86. Rose was born in Weston, WV, the first child of Bessie Irene Sine and Ernest Henry Keifer. She married August Alfano in 1952 until his death in 1986, She married John Laman in 1990 until his death.

Rose was a licensed practical nurse who worked for many years in south Florida. In 1990 she served in the Peace Corp in Sierra Leone, west Africa. She volunteered on the Broward County, Florida MediVan project to take health care to uninsured senior citizens. She also donated many hours to the St. Tammany Parish Friends of the Library. Rose was an avid quilter, with many friends that shared her love of sewing. She is survived by her two children, Sam Alfano and his wife Abigail, of Covington, LA, and Michele Alfano Simons and her husband Lyle, of Durham, North Carolina. She had three grandchildren, Samuel Clayton Alfano and his wife Danielle, of Slidell, LA, Jessica Rose Simons and Dustin Christopher Simons of Durham, NC. She has four great-grandchildren, Alexis, Hannah, Carley and Ethan Alfano. Rose was beloved by her large extended family of step children and grandchildren, half brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews. She was especially close to three nieces who became as dear to her as though they were her own daughters—Trena Keifer Topper, of Florida, Rose Alfano Labiak and Grace Alfano Brown of Michigan.

The family would like to express our deepest gratitude to Paula White, RN, of Tucson, AZ. Paula was Rose's closest friend, and she provided loving care and tender attention to Rose for the past two months. Her devotion allowed Rose to pass away in the comfort of her own home, as was her heartfelt desire. We are indebted to Paula for her immense kindness, not only to our beloved Rose, but also to the family. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Hospice Compassus, www.hospicecompassus.com, or to St. Benedict Catholic Church in Covington, <http://stbenedictcovington.org/>.



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Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the memorial mass on Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 6:00 PM at St. Benedict Catholic Church, 20307 Smith Rd., Covington, LA 70435.



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JM

Jennifer (Walker) Markos posted:

Thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of loss but take comfort in knowing that she is at peace and no longer feels any of the pain that she may have felt. My fater was Paul Walker who was her half brother.

August 9 at 5:57 AM

PM

Pam Myers posted:

Dear Sam & Michelle, Aunt Rose e-mailed me when she was diagnosed. She told me not to worry or feel badly for her. Aunt Rose said she'd had a good life, wonderful people who had loved her, and she wasn't afraid of passing on. I told her what my mom always says to me when I leave her. "Be careful, have a great day, & remember I love you." My heart goes out to you, because my mom is all I've ever had, & I can't imagine life w/o her. May God be with you & comfort you. Please remember that you do have family in MI who care about you. Love, Cuz Pam

August 7 at 10:42 AM

BH

Becky Laman-Hynes posted:

Grandma Rose Loved Big! She taught me alot about living and loving. I loved her deeply and I will miss her, probably for the rest of my life! Much love and blessings to all her friends and family. Becky

August 6 at 8:11 AM

SM

Sandi Miller posted:

I met Rose through the Queen Bee quilting group - we attended one retreat together and several meetings - I was always amazed at her mental awareness, talent she shared, and her agility - she was a true lady and an inspiration - at retreat she was always up sewing when I went to bed - what a delight she was to have known -

August 5 at 5:17 PM

JG

Jeanine Gautreaux posted:

Rose came into my life right after I had lost my good friend, my mother-n-law who was the same age. I immediately loved Rose. She was just one of those rare, special people who touch your heart. She made me laugh. She was witty, talented, spunky and courageous.

August 5 at 9:25 AM



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BC

Brenda Kiefer Coleman posted:

May God bless you all and see you through this difficult time.

August 5 at 7:23 AM

PS

Pat Walker (Cox) (Sister) posted:

Even though we lived many miles apart for many years, she was always in my thoughts. I only got to visit her two times in Florida, it was a real nice time and I enjoyed her hospitality. One time my Son Drew and I went to see her when he was only 12 years old and we enjoyed it. My Son and his wife later moved to Miami Beach for awhile (before blessing me with grandchildren (2) We visited Rose and her 2nd. husband there once again and had a nice visit and picture taking time. With love.

August 4 at 2:45 PM

SH

Sheri And Steve Hamlin posted:

Sorry we are not able to be there with you. We were blessed to be loved by Rose. She was a great deal of support to us. It was great to have a extra Grandma to love. May God bless you and give you comfort and peace as only he can. Bless all of you.

August 4 at 1:56 PM

SR

Sue Rountree posted:

I have enjoyed knowing Rose from our sewing group at Annie's. She seems to have lived a wonderful and full life. I have enjoyed her stories and her spunky nature. I am glad she did not suffer long and is now free from pain.

August 4 at 7:17 AM

JL

Jack And "Pete" Laman posted:

We were so fortunate to have Rose for an extra Mother. We are sure that Heaven is shining brighter because she is there! We're very thankful for the caregivers she had during her final days. Jack and "Pete" Laman

August 3 at 1:08 PM



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JL

Janey Lively posted:

Rose's love, smile and humor will be sadly missed. God's arms filled with love are protecting her.

August 3 at 3:19 AM

TB

Tom And Diana Babin posted:

Dear Sam, Michelle, Abbey, Paula and Family, It was such a pleasure knowing your wonderful Mother, and friend, Rose. She brought so much love, talent, laughter and fun to everyone around her, as she was a beautiful lady. I shall miss her. May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together for Rose's life was well-lived. Take comfort in knowing that now you have a special guardian angel to watch over you. Our deepest sympathies are with all of you.

August 2 at 5:16 PM

RS

Rose Labiak And Barry Shannahan posted:

Dear Family, Sorry for your loss, thank you for sharing her with us. She will be missed awaiting our meeting someday. Wish we could be there. Love and Peace to all Rose and Barry

August 2 at 4:33 PM

JD

Joycelyn Drum posted:

I know the loss you feel at this time, we have cried for Rose awhile, now we cry for ourselves. However she is now in the hands of the Creator and we must have faith that she is where there is no sickness no pain and all fears have been washed away. For me it is goodbye to a lovely, funny, creative and loving friend. God keep all of in this hour of need. Written in love. Joycelyn Drum

August 2 at 3:07 PM

RD

Raymond And Marie Douthwright posted:

Rose was special. We will miss her.

August 2 at 10:41 AM



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Donna Dusang posted:

I like to think that God sends us special friends to share our lives... very special people we can be ourselves with, talk with, laugh with, hope with, and believe with.... friends like Rose I'm sure He knows just how special you were to us... and I know you knew it, too. Rose has received the ultimate healing!! See you later friend

August 2 at 9:47 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rose by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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