



Rose Mary Witmer

April 3, 1947 - April 28, 2019

Rose Mary Witmer, 72, of Palmyra passed away on April 28, 2019 at Penn State Health MS Hershey Medical Center. She was the wife of the late Kenneth R. Witmer, who passed away in 2012.

Rose was born in Lebanon on April 3, 1947 to the late Lloyd W. and Edna (O'Donnell) Hoke. Rose was a 1965 graduate of Lebanon Catholic High School and had attended Lebanon School of Practical Nursing. She was kitchen manager for Hershey Schools and Annville-Cleona School District. She was a member of St. Paul the Apostle Church, where she was a choir member for 50 plus years, taught CCD and was head of church funeral luncheons. She was a past president for the playground committee in Annville and a member of The Union Hose Fire Company. She enjoyed cooking, painting, quilting, and reading. Rose's great enjoyment in life was spending time with her beloved family.

She is survived by her sons, Steven M. Witmer and wife Kerri of Hellam, Michael S. Witmer and wife Kelly of Middletown, Brian T. Witmer and wife Connie of Lebanon, eight grandchildren, Jacob Witmer, Logan Witmer, Alex Witmer, Nathan Witmer, Anita Witmer, Tony Keck, Josh Keck, and Zachary Keck, and great grandchildren, Jayden, Monica, and Wyland. She was preceded in death by her sister, Jane Feeman,

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday May 4, 2019 at 11 A.M. from St. Paul the Apostle Church, 125 S. Spruce Street, Annville. Interment will be in Grand View Memorial Park, Annville. There will be a viewing held

Friday May 3, 2019 from 6 P.M.- 8P.M. at Kreamer Funeral Home and Crematory Inc., 618 E. Main Street, Annville. There will be a viewing on Saturday May 4, 2019 from 10 A.M. until 11 A.M. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Society of St. Vincent de Paul c/o St. Paul the Apostle Church, 125 S. Spruce Street, Annville, PA 17003 or to the Caring Cupboard, 131 North Railroad Street, Palmyra, PA 17078.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 3. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc
618 E. Main Street
Annville, PA 17003
(717) 867-4811

Public Viewing

MAY 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
125 S. Spruce St.
Annville, PA 17003

Funeral Service

MAY 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
125 S. Spruce St.
Annville, PA 17003

Tribute Wall



“ *I thank God I was lucky enough to call Rosie family. I have the gift of so many fun memories. She always made me smile. Rosie you are beautiful inside and out.*

I will miss you but I will never forget you. Hugs to you all.

Janine Leahy - May 04, 2019 at 09:25 PM

JD

“ Was heartbroken when I heard the news of the passing of such a beautiful and gracious woman -- a family rock and quiet leader of the community in which she lived and most assuredly a person of deep faith. Will miss you, Rosie! You now are forever with the Prince of Peace!

I share this beautiful poem that consoles those who may feel empty at Rosie's passing. It spurs us all to rise up and live vibrant lives as she did. How awesome a way to forever say, Thank You, Rosie!

When Great Trees Fall

Maya Angelou

*When great trees fall,
rocks on distant hills shudder,
lions hunker down
in tall grasses,
and even elephants
lumber after safety.*

*When great trees fall
in forests,
small things recoil into silence,
their senses
eroded beyond fear.*

*When great souls die,
the air around us becomes
light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.
Our eyes, briefly,
see with
a hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,*

*examines,
gnaws on kind words
unsaid,
promised walks
never taken.*

*Great souls die and
our reality, bound to
them, takes leave of us.
Our souls,
dependent upon their
nurture,
now shrink, wizened.
Our minds, formed
and informed by their
radiance,
fall away.*

*We are not so much maddened
as reduced to the unutterable ignorance
of dark, cold
caves.*

*And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always
irregularly. Spaces fill
with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.*

*Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed! They existed!
We can be. Be and be
better! For they existed.*

*John Deamer
Alabama*

John Deamer - May 04, 2019 at 07:18 PM

JL

What a perfect poem.

Janine Leahy - May 04, 2019 at 09:06 PM

MW

“ *I have many fond memories of the experiences we shared from 1st grade thru graduation at St Mary's and LCHS. It was very enjoyable reconnecting with her at our class reunions. She will be greatly missed. Our prayers and condolences to her loving family.*

Mary Alice Tobias Wagner

Mary Alice Wagner - May 03, 2019 at 07:35 PM

JL

“ *Huge memories of your mother , Rose and Ken raised three of the greatest brothers I have ever known. Jack*

Jack Lauer - May 03, 2019 at 11:27 AM

CA

“ *Rosie, you had a smile and personality that would light up not only the room, but the whole house! I appreciate all the times when we were younger that you were there to comfort when we were going through rough times or just there to celebrate and have fun with the family. I know Ken was waiting for you at the gate along with all our family and friends who went before us! Rest in Peace "Red", and we'll see you on the other side some day! Love- Your cousin Frank*

Cyril Allwein - May 02, 2019 at 11:23 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Witmer.*



May 02, 2019 at 11:01 AM



“ *Rosie was one of the kindest, most loving people I knew. Truly an Angel on earth and a ray of Sunshine in all the lives she touched. Blessings to the Family, Donna Carr*

Donna Carr - May 01, 2019 at 12:57 AM



“ *Jennifer Ulishney Koch lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Witmer*



Jennifer Ulishney Koch - April 30, 2019 at 11:28 PM



“ *Our sympathy goes out to Rose's family. Rose was such an upbeat happy friend. Always ready to lend a hand. She was a joy to work with at various church functions. She will be missed. Ron & Pat Krall*

Patricia Krall - April 30, 2019 at 11:17 PM

MB

Rosie was my niece on her dads side of the family a beautiful lady and lots of fun. We hAd lots of good time in our younger years sorry to say As time went on we would only see each other was on special times will miss her very much love and gods blessing to her family. Which was her pride and joy. Aunt Mary Lou (Hoke) Bentz 🙏

Mary Lou (Hoke) Bentz - May 01, 2019 at 09:21 PM

SS

“ I knew Rose through her son , Michael- a wonderful and loving woman. My condolences to the family and to Mike

Suzanne Simpson - April 30, 2019 at 04:42 PM