



Normalee Rosenbaum

January 29, 1928 - December 18, 2010

HANNA-Normalee Rosenbaum, 82, passed away peacefully on Saturday, December 18, 2010 at her home in Hanna, Indiana. Normalee was born January 29, 1928 in Chicago to Carl Gunnar and Irja (Lemberg) Carlson. When she was three years old, she and her parents moved to Sweden where she lived until her father passed away three years later. Normalee and her mother returned to Chicago, where her mother married Carl Johnson. The new family moved to Grovertown, IN where she grew up.

On February 13, 1948, Normalee married LaVerne "Bud" Rosenbaum. They settled in Bud's hometown of Hanna for the sixty-two years of their marriage. There they raised two daughters, Marylee and Susanne.

Normalee graduated from Grovertown High School and went on to receive a Bachelor's degree from Ball State University and a Master's degree from Valparaiso University. She taught school for over thirty years in LaCrosse School and South Central High School. She was an outstanding teacher of English who made a difference in the lives of hundreds of area students.

She was a talented artist who applied that talent to everything she touched, the decoration of her home, the landscaping of her garden, the creation of scores of beautiful paintings and drawings and her unique personal greeting cards. She was also a master of the art of sewing, creating over the years

everything from doll clothes to slipcovers, ball gowns to tailored suits.

Normalee was a great cook who enjoyed entertaining friends and family. Her kitchen was small but she could make a fabulous meal for twenty or more. The Rosenbaum home was a center for family events. Her Scandinavian Christmas Eve dinner of lutfisk and all the trimmings was legendary.

Normalee was a member of the First Lutheran Church of Hanna. She taught Bible School every summer and for many years was responsible for decorating the church for each season. Her drawings of the church continue to be used for church bulletins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Marylee. Survivors include her husband, LaVerne "Bud"; one daughter, Susanne Knutsen of Hanna, grandchildren, AnnaLee (Mark) Jacobs of Union Mills and John Mockler of LaPorte; two great-grandchildren, Mazielee and Cole Jacobs of Union Mills; sister, Sonja (Keith Solberg) Johnson of Bloomington, IN and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. (Central Time) at the First Lutheran Church of Hanna where friends may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Hanna Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the church. Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel is handling arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ *Normalee was a great friend and teacher back in the old SC days. She will surely be missed. My condolences to the family as she continues her journey into eternity.*

jerry

Jerry Smoker - June 18, 2018 at 12:13 PM

KM

“ *Mrs. Rosenbaum was my favorite teacher of all time. She not only taught me English, but was my Speech teacher. She taught me how to record our weekly radio programs, we toured WSBT, daily announcements, and oratoricals. I remember her telling me that I made her cry after my oratorical program my senior year. That made me cry. She was beautiful, and was such an inspiration to me. Enough so that I went on to college for broadcasting. What she taught me is still a huge part of my life. Even 27 years later! God Bless you Mrs. Rosenbaum!! You are be dearly missed!!*

Kathy Malstaff-Brew - April 29, 2018 at 08:19 PM

CH

“ *I saw Mrs. Rosenbaum at the bank, a year ago, with Bud. They were always together. They were in their convertible. It must have really been cold because the top was up. I told her that I missed seeing her Christmas cards that were always sent to Mom and Dad. A week later I received one in the mail. God bless you all.*

The Hiiglis

Charlie Hiigli - April 29, 2018 at 08:19 PM

DB

“ Normalee was a friend that was loved not only by me but by everyone she met. Her personality glowed through her eyes. Every conversation was a delightful story. Normalee and Bud were best of friends a relationship surpassed by none. Anyone who knew her will miss her. She was God's treasure shared by many.
Dianna

Dianna Barkley - April 29, 2018 at 08:19 PM

DR

“ As a kid, I remember all the great visits to Buddy and Normalee's pool. Later I remember all of the Easter celebrations where the whole family got together. Julie and I also were fortunate enough one year to be able to visit Buddy and Normalee in Biloxi. It was great seeing that part of their lives. It was great getting a new hand-painted card from Normalee every Christmas. Normalee was one of the genuinely good people that make all of our lives better. We will all miss her. Love, Danny, Julie, and Dominic

Dan T. Rosenbaum - April 29, 2018 at 08:19 PM

NR

“ Bud, Susanne, AnnaLee, John, Mazielee and Cole, I am sincerely sorry to hear about your wife, mom, Grandma and Great-grandma. She was an amazing person and I'm am happy that I knew her. She was a true gift from God and he has called her home. Peace be with you and your family. Nina Rogowski

Nina Rogowski - April 29, 2018 at 08:19 PM

SL

“ *Everyday I worked at the American Legion Post 403,I and the rest watched the windows for the red bug with anticipation waiting for her to show up. From spelling contest's and crossword answer's,there was nothing she couldn't do and we all LOVED HER. She was a teacher you would give an apple for every day you were priviliaged to see her.*

STEVE LAWRENCE - April 29, 2018 at 08:19 PM

JF

“ *So sorry to hear of the death of beloved family member. She was a talented teacher and colleague of my late husband, George at South Central. I will cherish the art that she shared with me.*

*Sincerely,
Jeri Fettinger and family*

Jeri Fettinger - April 29, 2018 at 08:19 PM

SS

“ *I was so sorry to read about Normalee. I knew her briefly through mutual membership in a local group. She was inspiring! I got to watch her paint during one of the Tri-Kappa garden walks one summer. Her artwork was beautiful. I have never forgotten that experience. May she rest in peace.*

Susan R Smith - April 29, 2018 at 08:19 PM



“ *Normalee has always been so kind to myself and my family thru the years. I enjoyed being part of vacation bible school with her & sharing God's love. She would be wearing a smile & love on the children as they enjoyed her also. She is a special person! May God be with all those who feel her loss & may He wrap His loving arms around them during this difficult time and give them peace. Be confident in knowing she has met Him face to face & He has kept His promises! Cheryl*

December 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *We all, are so sorry to hear about the passing of Normalee and we wanted to extend our sympathy and condolences to Bud and the family. Words are difficult to express at a time like this as she was a truly remarkable lady, but her memory will be with us, each time we see her watercolor that hangs in our office. Normalee was an exceptional woman and her kindness and joy for life will be greatly missed by all of us who were blessed to have known her.*

Please know that Bud and the family are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

*In memory ... Mary, Robin, Jean, Lorraine, Rose and Scott
Martinsen*

March 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM