



Rose Marie Fitzgerald

December 6, 1942 - January 31, 2020

Rose Marie (Germann) Fitzgerald, 77 years old of Millstadt, IL, passed on with peace and dignity on January 31, 2020, at the Dammert Care Center, located at Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL. She was born December 6, 1942 in Belleville, IL.

Rose Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Lee Fitzgerald who passed on February 26, 2019. They were married on April 28, 1962. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Howard and Ophelia, nee Nollmann, Germann. She is survived by her son, Scott Alan Fitzgerald of Edwardsville, IL., her dear grandchildren, Bryce Fitzgerald, who is a student at Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, and Megan Renee Fitzgerald, who is a junior at Edwardsville High School. Her cousins were always very dear to Rose Marie, for her mother wanted her to learn to share and gave her the opportunity to often be with them as she was growing up.

Rose Marie loved life, people, nature and nature's creatures. She always gave God first place in her life. Throughout her banking career, she had many wonderful opportunities to relate to people and let her light shine, always enriching the lives of others in a positive way. During this time, she also assisted her husband Gary for many years as he photographed families with their animals and pets in the concept he called Rustic Originals. A great horse-lover, Rose Marie had a special fondness for her horse-loving friends, who were all very supportive during her illness, along with her wonderful family and friends.

As volunteer ambassador for the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, a life-long active member of Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt, a volunteer for Minds Eye and countless civic organizations during her banking career, her goal was to be the best she could be. She was a great believer in the Unity Way of Life, which incorporates all faiths, looking for the good in others with non-judgemental love. After her retirement from banking, she enjoyed participating in Circa 87 movies filmed in the Belleville area, where she met a diverse group of interesting and creative people.

Visitation will be held on Friday, February 7, 2020 from 4-8 p.m. at Leesman Funeral Home in Millstadt, IL., and on Saturday, February 8, 2020 an hour before the service at Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt, IL. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Zion Evangelical Church in Millstadt, IL., with Rev. Darrell Weber, officiating. Entombment will be in Valhalla Gardens of Memory Mausoleum in Belleville, IL.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be directed to Zion Evangelical Church elevator fund, the Minds Eye organization or a charity of the donor's choice. For more information, please access our website, www.leesmanfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were handled by Leesman Funeral Home in Millstadt, IL.

Cemetery

Events

Valhalla Gardens of Memory FEB

3412 Frank Scott Parkway 7

West

Belleville, IL, 62223

Visitation

04:00PM - 08:00PM

Leesman Funeral Home

7 East Mill – P.O. Box 358, Millstadt, IL, US, 62260

FEB

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Visitation

09:00AM - 10:00AM

Zion Evangelical Church

117 W. White, Millstadt, IL, US, 62260

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Service

10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Burial

11:15AM

Valhalla Gardens of Memory

3412 Frank Scott Parkway West, Belleville, IL, US,
62223

Comments



“ I met Rosie in 1982 when I began working at Belleville National Bank. I soon learned that she was a role model not only in banking but more importantly in life. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. She was warm, friendly, intelligent, gracious and kind to everyone. If you were feeling a bit down or discouraged, Rosie was there to boost you up with a genuine kind word or gesture. She had the unique ability to find good in everyone and NEVER did anyone ever hear her say an unkind word about anyone or gossip. She loved her family beyond words. She practiced her faith unconditionally and God was always a part of her life. I'm sure God will personally welcome his new beautiful angel.

My sincere sympathy to her family. May beautiful memories of her comfort you.

Jean Waeltz

Jean Waeltz - February 07 at 12:18 PM



“ Jean's comments are spot on! Beautifully said! I'm so very glad I was blessed to have worked with her years ago. Payers and condolences to her family.

Shellie (Wade) Brown - February 07 at 06:29 PM



“ Scott and Family,

I was saddened to hear of your Mother's passing and send my condolences. Your Mother was was a kind and wonderful person who greeted all with a smile and a helpful hand, her presence would light a dark room. I had the pleasure of working with her for many years and was always appreciative of her demeanor, dedication and professionalism. She managed a significant sector of our bank and we could not of had a more capable person in her role. In retirement, I enjoyed our occasional Facebook exchanges as she always focused on the lives and activities of our children and grandchildren, with her ever present kindness and support. She wa always so proud of you and your family.

Please know she was admired and appreciated by all within her circle of co-workers, clients and friends. May she forever rest in peace,

Terry W. Schaefer

Terry Schaefer - February 10 at 11:36 PM



“ Rose Marie was as beautiful inside as out. She was a genuine lady in every aspect of her life. I was privileged to know her and Gary since the 1980s at the start of Rustic Originals and training their Labrador, Tuffy. I will cherish my memories of both her and Gary. Rest In Peace dear friends.

Jackie McKay

Jackie McKay - February 03 at 07:23 PM