Rosemary Kridelbaugh

February 24, 1935 - April 9, 2019

Rosemary (Utterback) Kridelbaugh (aka Rosie), 84, passed away on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. She was born on Feb. 24, 1935, in Martinsburg, Iowa, to her parents Oliver and Vera (Seba) Utterback. She grew up in Ottumwa, Iowa, where she graduated high school and met the love of her life, Leon Kridelbaugh. They were married on Sept. 5, 1954.

After high school, Rosemary worked as a telephone operator for Northwestern Bell Telephone Company in Ottumwa, and, after getting married, transferred to Ames, Iowa, where she helped finance her husband through college. When he graduated, she managed the household and raised three boys, while following her husband throughout his forestry career. This led them through Remer, Minn., Eagle River, Wisc., Milwaukee, Wisc., Bedford, Ind., and finally to Rolla, Mo.

When the kids were grown, Rosemary worked a full career for the Missouri Division of Employment Security, retiring as a claims examiner after 17 years of service. She also worked in her husband's stone-carving booth at the Silver Dollar City craft festival in Branson, Mo., for 17 seasons.

Rosemary loved traveling and always lived life on the go, from tapping her toes at bluegrass music festivals to cheering on her favorite Nascar driver Dale Earnhardt (No. 3). She and Leon also kicked up their heels as members

of the Duck N' Dive Square Dance Club in Rolla for over 25 years, dancing in several national conventions.

Wherever Rosemary lived and traveled, she made lifelong friends, as well as some furry ones during her time as a volunteer with a local Friends of the Animals group. She also was a member of the Red Hat Mad Hatters social club.

Rosemary will be forever missed by her many friends and surviving family that includes her husband of sixty-four years, Leon Kridelbaugh of Rolla; a brother, Norman Utterback of Lincoln, Neb.; three sons, Alan and wife Shearry of Cape Girardeau, Mo., Brian of Rolla, and Curt and wife Cathy of Doolittle, Mo.; seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Visitation for family and friends will be on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 11:00AM until service time at 1:00PM at Greentree Christian Church in Rolla. The funeral service will be at 1:00PM at Greentree Christian Church. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the City of Rolla Animal Shelter.

Cemetery Details

Rolla CIty Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Greentree Christian Church
Rolla, MO 65401

Service

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Tribute Wall

Rosemary Kridelbaugh

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM

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January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM

JS

I remember Rosemary and Leon when they moved to Eagle River, Wisconsin. My sisters babysat for the Kridelbaughs. My dad worked for the forest service as did Leon. Leon was the district supervisor as I recall.
Leon was a great volleyball player. Rosemary was well liked in the community.
Jim Sarkauskas
4748 Spafford Road
Rhinelander, Wisconsin
54501

Jim Sarkauskaws - April 19, 2019 at 12:27 PM

SG

My family lived next door to Rosie and Leon when I was in elementary and middle school. They were like surrogate grandparents for me and always looked out for us. So sad to hear of Rosie's passing <3.

Susan Gill - April 18, 2019 at 08:37 AM

CJ

Condolences to the family of Rosemary. I had the privilege of knowing Leon and Rosemary through my father, Claude Ferguson and the Forest Service.
Wonderful family.

Carla Jeskewich - April 13, 2019 at 08:19 AM

WR

Met Rosie in the late 90's when I started square dancing and was fortunate not to have it stop there. We shared being collectors and other special interests. She was such a lady and made my life much richer and fun in just knowing her.

Wanda Reveal - April 12, 2019 at 11:31 AM

JS

So sorry Leon for your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with you. May you find joy in celebrating your wonderful memories and knowing she is in Glory. Thank you for your many years of service with a the Forest Service and being a mentor to so many of us. God Bless you and your family.

Judy and Mike Schanta - April 13, 2019 at 12:44 AM

CS

What an awesome lady, and family. I share the family's sorrow in the loss of such a wonderful lady. She will be missed, but never forgotten. My prayers go with the family for healing and comfort, knowing she is with Jesus. Alan and Shearry, God's speed as you continue life's journey. I love you both.

Clyde W Schremp - April 12, 2019 at 08:22 AM

BS

Barbara & George Sorrells purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rosemary Kridelbaugh.

Barbara & George Sorrells - April 11, 2019 at 03:29 PM