



Rose Estella Sterk

January 4, 1938 - June 29, 2022

Long-time Alamosa resident Rose Estella Hohweiler Sterk, 84, left this life on June 29, 2022, at Stonecreek of Littleton in Littleton, Colorado.

Rose was born January 4, 1938, in Hooven, Hamilton County, Ohio, to Edward Hohweiler and Ruth Jacques Hohweiler, the youngest of five children.

Rose excelled in her studies at Taylor High School in Cleves, Ohio and graduated in 1955. She then moved to Alamosa, Colorado, to join her cousin at Adams State College. It was there that she met her husband, Paul J. (PJ) Sterk. They were married September 1, 1956, in Cleves, Ohio, then moved to Colorado permanently.

Rose worked as a bank teller, a legal secretary, and as a clerk of the District Court for the 4th Judicial District, and as Head Clerk of the Alamosa County Court. She supported her husband through his studies at Adams State, typing his papers and checking his books in order to decipher PJ's impossible handwriting. She was always organized and ready to help relatives and friends at any time.

The couple welcomed their son Paul Michael (Mikey) in 1959, followed shortly by a daughter, Mary Lynne, in 1961. Two more daughters followed, Melissa Kay in 1969 and Amy Beth in 1971.

Rose was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and served in leadership and teaching positions in Relief Society and Young Women's, including as a leader for Young Women's camp in the summer. She loved doing work in the temple. She was supportive of her husband's service to the church in his several leadership positions.

Rose enjoyed cooking, baking, traveling, crocheting, knitting, quilting, and camping. Her characteristic perfectionism showed in her sewing as well. She was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time with her book club in Colorado City. As a young woman, she showed great athletic ability in swimming, softball, and roller skating. She was a fan of John Wayne movies, Wide World of Sports, and movie musicals, as well as television shows like Mission: Impossible. She took part in community projects, helping to put together essentials for mothers of newborns and donating them to the local hospital and was a member of the Rye Women's Club, which raised scholarship funds for local high school graduates.

She is survived by her three daughters: Lynne (Frank) Harter, Melissa Sterk Sardoni, and Amy (Shawn) Kraus, nine grandchildren: Kevin, Kayleigh, Ryan, Ethan, and Sean Harter, Samuel, Maran, and Blake Sardoni, and Mason Roach, as well as several nieces and nephews She was preceded in death by her parents Edward Hohweiler and Ruth Hohweiler, siblings Paul Hohweiler, Ruth Mary Hohweiler Ross, Esther Lee Willer (Bernard) Bowman, Elizabeth Lucille Hohweiler Kraft, niece Bonnie Carr Oppelt, and by her son Paul Michael Sterk (1959-1967).

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (MT)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
Rye, CO

Interment

JUL 11. 2:00 PM (MT)

Alamosa Cemetery
2200 State Avenue
Alamosa , CO 81101

Tribute Wall

SM

“ I was so sad to read about Roses passing. I lived in Alamosa for years but didn't know her. We moved to Colorado City in 2000 and I met Rose. We visited at the PO and grocery store and a lot about Alamosa. We had a lot in common as our daughters went to Alamos High and Mr. Sterk was their history teacher and our girls knew one another. Rose was such a lovely lady and I always enjoyed her immensely. Please accept my sincere condolences.

Sharon Mahaney - July 08, 2022 at 12:31 PM

PR

“ So many memories to recall of Rose dating back to when we were children - summer fun during her visits to Loveland, attending ASC together, sharing in a multitude of family activities during our decades of living in the SLV, staying in touch through our elderly years. Her smile lingers. Cousin Pat

Patricia Richmond - July 07, 2022 at 03:13 PM

MK

“ Rose was always a bright spot on our schedule in the Co City clinic. She was smart and funny and we enjoyed discussing books as much as health care. I'll miss her.

Maureen K - July 06, 2022 at 03:31 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rose Estella Sterk.



July 05, 2022 at 09:21 AM

WB

“ *I remember when I was probably around seven years old she took me sledding and we played in the snow. That's my oldest memory. My dad called her Rosie. My mom, (her half sister) called her Rose. But I just called her - Aunt Rose. Rest in peace.*

Wayne Bowman - July 05, 2022 at 08:30 AM

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“ *Christa Hohweiler lit a candle in memory of Rose Estella Sterk*



Christa Hohweiler - July 03, 2022 at 12:56 AM