



Rose Lewis

August 10, 1959 - February 28, 2010

Rose Ann Lewis, 50, of Bourbonnais, formerly of Bonfield, passed away Sunday (Feb. 28, 2010) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley. Father Tony Nugent and Deacon Jerry Gregoire will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her memory to the Relay for Life Cancer Fund. She was born Aug. 10, 1959, in Kankakee, and began a life filled with dedication, devotion and hard work. The dedication was given to Armstrong World Industries Inc. for 31 years, where she was involved in the management of the company's computer networks and safety operations. The devotion was given to the Relay for Life, where she spent her time as a Bank Committee Chair, fighting to find a cure. The hard work, the thing that was most admired by all, provided her with the ability to spend countless hours caring for family, providing service to the Kankakee County Fair and helping all that were in need. Surviving are her husband, Keith A. Lewis, of Bourbonnais, whom she married Oct. 11, 1991; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Matt Beckner of Bourbonnais, Mike and Briana Beckner of Indianapolis; her mother, Dorine (Lagesse) Schafer of Bonfield; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Marie and Don Feller of Reddick, Sara and Terry Faber of East Peoria, Sally Hansen of Peoria, Ariz.; six brothers and four sisters-in-law, Thomas and Lola Schafer, Michael and Brenda Schafer, all of

Bonfield, Peter Schafer of Limestone, Sam and Lori Schafer of Manteno, TonySchafer of Chebanse, Andrew and Paulina Schafer of Windsor, Ga.; 29 nieces and nephews; 21 great-nieces and greatnephews; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, John Schafer; one brother, Joseph Schafer; and one sister, Susan Schoth.

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“ Keith and family,

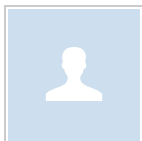
I wish to convey my deepest sympathies for your loss. I'm sorry I couldn't attend and wish you all the peace that Rose has now found. If you ever find the time I wish you would look up "The Woman and the Fork". I found it on the internet and it's a comfort to some.

You will all be in my prayers as is Rose.

Sincerely,

Sherry Rashenskas
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“ Family of Rose Lewis:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please accept our sincere sympathy on your loss. Sorry, we couldn't express our sympathy in person.

###imported-begin###Ralph & Natalene Ferrari###imported-end###

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“ Keith told me that Rose was very sick, and I am SO sorry to have missed her services. ĩ½She was a very good person and a wonderful mom. ĩ½I have many great memories of watching our sons play baseball. ĩ½She will be missed by all who knew her.

Carol ĩ½i½###imported-begin##Carol Whittington###imported-end##

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“ I am certain the wonderful memories you have of Rose will comfort you during this difficult time. ĩ½She was an awesome woman and for that I am certain she will always be remembered and honored by all that knew her. ĩ½Through those memories and her hard work through the Relay for Life effort her legacy will continue to live on and hopefully one day lead to a cure! ĩ½Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this time. ĩ½Peace and blessings to all of you. ĩ½

Jennifer and Anthony Reynolds and Jake, Kolby and Noah Tutt###imported-begin##Jennifer Reynolds###imported-end##

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“ Keith,I am just in shock. ĩ½I just got online to look at the Journal and the obituaries. ĩ½I am so sorry for your loss. ĩ½Words fail me. ĩ½What a beautiful and fun loving woman. ĩ½I am sorry I wasn't there for you tonight and I have to be out of town tomorrow. ĩ½Please accept my sympathy. ĩ½I have such wonderful memories, all of that beaming smile. ĩ½Please take care of yourself....again,I am so sorry for your loss. ĩ½Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family. ĩ½Debra Foulks###imported-begin##Debra A Foulks###imported-end##

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“ I am sorry I cannot be there with you, but please know that I love you all and you are in my prayers. I will see you in April. Love and Prayers
Aunt Elsie

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We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Keith and Rosie's sons. I worked with the Schafers and the Beckners for many years at Armstrong.

Sincerely
Bob & Kay Zirkle
Bob Zirkle

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“ My thoughts go out to Michael, Briana and their family. I am truly sorry for your loss.
Ranee Weedon-Tennison

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“ Marie and Donnie, Pete, and the family of Susan Schoth,
You have my deepest sympathy in your time of loss.
Diane Sorensen

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“ I just want to say what a ray of light you were when you were here! Peace be with your family while they struggle through life without you.
Michelle Hoekstra

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“ I quite literary owe my life to Rose. ĩ½Instead of wallowing in self pity over being dealt an undeniably unfair hand, Rose conducted research until she discovered why cancer affected her family in such dramatic numbers. ĩ½Not resting until an answer was found, she and her doctor eventually realized that we (the Schafer family) are victims of the BRAC-2 gene mutation. ĩ½Without Rose’s diligence, I would have never found out that I am positive for the mutation. ĩ½Devoid of this knowledge, my children and husband would have faced the same fate as Keith, Mike, Matt, Bud, Melissa, Greg, and John, burying a wife/mother way before her time. ĩ½Now, not only can I spare myself this fate, but also my daughter can be saved.

Though her earthly presence is gone, hundreds of Schafer women will live long, healthy lives because of Rose’s tenacity. ĩ½Her death is undoubtedly unfair, tragic, and most of all, sad; but her legacy, her intelligence, her wit, and her ability to tell the truth even when you didn’t want to hear it? another Schafer trait?will always be revered by those who love her.

I may have lost a beloved aunt on Sunday, but through Rose’s pain came knowledge. ĩ½ĩ½And above all, Rose believed with knowledge comes power. ĩ½

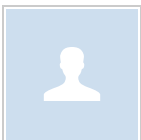
Rose, you will always be my hero.

Love Always,

Angie

##imported-begin##Angela Kanak##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Keith, Mike and Matt at this very difficult time. ĩ½Rose has touched so many lives. Rose will not be forgotten.##imported-begin##Debbie Bourassa##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and paryers are with you at this time##imported-begin##Joseph Giacchino##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##James Link##imported-end##

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“ We are deeply saddened to hear about Rose. i¿½She always brightened our day with her smile - no matter how she felt. i¿½She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. i¿½##imported-begin##Dr. Weyers Staff##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers to Keith and the boys. You 3 guys were Rose's/Mom's world, hold on to all of the good times, smile when you remember even the smallest thing. To the Schafer family, I think of you today and pray for each of you also. i¿½God has taken another sister from you, yet has taken her to be with him, he has opened his arms to her and has joined her with Sue, what a joyous place to be. Hugs to all##imported-begin##Pam Tolly##imported-end##

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“ Keith,

I am so sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathy.

Ray Wren##imported-begin##Ray Wren##imported-end##

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“ I have no words. Just tears. I've known Rose for years. Most recently crunching numbers together for the Relay For Life.
What a dear, dear person she is. My sympathies go to all of you: Keith and the boys; as well as, Doreen, Marie, Tom, Mike, Pete, Sam, Sally, Sarah, Andy, and Tony.##imported-begin##Sandy (Emling) Dion##imported-end##

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“ To Rose's Family
I am sorry to hear of your loss. Your in my thoughts!
Kris Trombley##imported-begin##Kristine L. Trombley##imported-end##

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“ I'm very sorry for your loss Keith. Rose was a very wonderful person to work with when I was at Armstrong. She will be missed. You and your family are in my prayers. My wife and I just got back from vacation and I heard about Rose.##imported-begin##David Boudreau##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of Rose. I graduated from high school with her, then lost touch until the last five or six years when we reconnected through Relay for Life. I enjoyed getting to know her again, and I am in awe of her spirit and positive attitude, even when the going got rough. She will be missed! I am unable to make the wake service tonite, but wanted to share my heartfelt sympathies.##imported-begin##Beth Walther##imported-end##

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“ Keith, I was surprised to see the paper last night. You have my sympathy. I truly am sorry for your lost. If you ever need anything or just to talk please call. It's nice sometime to talk to some one who has been where you are. Extend my sorrow to Rose's family. It is hard to loose your child and sister. May god bless you naed help you through your ordeal.

Your Friend Flora##imported-begin##Flora Wood##imported-end##

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“ I was deeply saddened to hear about Rose. She was a joy to work with at Relay for Life each year we will all miss her smile. My prayers are with all of you.##imported-begin##Debbie Witheft##imported-end##

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“ ROSE WAS ONE OF THE BRIGHTEST AND FRIENDLIEST PEOPLE I KNOW. HER LOST WILL BE FELT BY MANY PEOPLE.##imported-begin##Don & Lisa Winge##imported-end##

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“ to ROSE LEWIS family may god keep you bless you all.##imported-begin##charles jackson##imported-end##

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“ I just returned from an out of town family funeral to read that Rose has passed away. My heart is heavy with sadnes as I remember the incredible person she was. Rose will be missed by all her relay friends, but we were all fortunate to have known such an incredible person.##imported-begin##Jeanie Luehrs##imported-end##

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“ You fought hard and now you are resting with our Lord. I will miss you.##imported-begin##Rene Schnell##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to Rose's family. I met Rose through my sister-in-law Sarah and through her volunteer work at relay. Rich and I are currently on vacation at Cape Hatteras so we cannot attend her wake i;½buy know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Richard and Linda Faber##imported-end##

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“ NULL##imported-begin##MARK & DEBBIE BENOIT##imported-end##

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“ Dear Schafer family,

My deepest sympathy to you all. I seen Rose probably a year ago, she was just so bubbly and happy. I just can't believe this has happened. What a wonderful woman! she will be so very missed! Again, you all have my sympathy.##imported-begin##Sue Sorensen Jensen##imported-end##

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