



Rose Marie Durham

March 9, 1942 - November 23, 2025

Rose Marie (Rettig) Durham, 83, of Florida Ohio passed away on November 23, 2025, after a brief stay at ProMedica Hospital in Toledo.

Born on March 9, 1942, to F. Arthur and Louise Marie (Tietje) Rettig, Rosie graduated from Florida High School in 1960, where she participated in band as a clarinetist and was a member of both mixed chorus and girls' glee clubs. She married Harry "Bud" Durham on March 23, 1963, and together they raised two daughters, Kathy (Jeffrey) Miller of Brownsburg, Indiana, and Michelle (Steven) Hunt of San Jose, California.

A devoted member of St. John's United Church of Christ in Holgate, Rosie served in various leadership positions, sang in the choir, and volunteered at Shalom Food Pantry, among other activities. She devoted her professional career to providing nutritious meals for area schoolchildren, beginning as a part-time dishwasher and cook at Florida Elementary and culminating as Director of Food Services for Napoleon schools. Alongside Bud, Rosie also co-founded and operated Bud's Pick-Up Service, a respected local business, for 34 years.

Family gatherings were especially meaningful to Rosie; she cherished holidays centered on her home-cooked meals and summer visits featuring camping at the Henry County Fair. During retirement, she and Bud traveled extensively, visiting grandchildren, exploring destinations throughout Europe and New Zealand, and touring the Southwest, Canada, and New England in their motor coach. She and Bud enjoyed many winters in the warm sunshine

of Frostproof, Florida where they proudly raised the Buckeye flag and made many new friends from near and far. Rosie's hobbies included quilting treasured gifts for her family, doting on her cats Lucky and Jasper, and playing card games such as Euchre and Pepper.

Rosie is survived by her daughters, Kathy and Michelle, and her grandchildren, Kael and Erin Miller, and Annie and Ellie Hunt. She was preceded in death by her husband Bud, parents Arthur and Louise, infant brother Richard Dean Rettig, and brother Leland "Lee" F. Rettig.

A visitation will be held Saturday, December 6, 2025, beginning at 9 AM at St. John's UCC Holgate, located at the intersection of State Route 108 and County Road J between Napoleon and Holgate, Ohio. The memorial service will follow at 11 AM. Lunch will be served in the church fellowship hall, after which interment will take place at Florida Cemetery. Messages and condolences may be shared online at rodenbergergray.com. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. John's UCC Holgate Shalom Food Pantry. Arrangements are entrusted to Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon.

Cemetery Details

Florida Cemetery

Florida, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's United Church of Christ
I-946 St. Route 108
Holgate, OH 43527

Funeral Service

DEC 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Rodenberger Funeral Home - December 10, 2025 at 04:28 PM

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“ *Linda M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rose Marie Durham.*

Linda M. - December 03, 2025 at 12:37 PM

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“ *Kathy and Michelle, we have fond memories of our time together with your mom and dad. We were in the Christian League at church, and spent many a Sunday evening with them for our meetings and social activities. We are so sorry for your loss, but know that your parents were so proud of all you have accomplished. Jim and Chris Rettig*

Christine Rettig - December 03, 2025 at 08:07 AM

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“ *Rosie and I grew up with just two houses between us. We spent a lot of our time together always laughing and having fun!! I loved her smile and her laugh! I was her matron of honor when she and Bud married. She missed him so much when he was no longer by her side.*

Nancy Walter Sasgen - December 01, 2025 at 09:58 AM

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“ Bud and Rosie were always in their yard tending to their beautiful landscaping. We always enjoyed talking to them throughout the months they were here. Absolutely wonderful neighbors.

Terri Agler - November 28, 2025 at 02:56 PM

RF

“ Rick & Katie Rettig Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rose Marie Durham.



Rick & Katie Rettig Family - November 28, 2025 at 01:33 PM

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