



## Rosalind J. Backus

February 7, 1940 - June 19, 2018

.PIERCE — Memorial services for Rosalind J. Backus, 78, Pierce, will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, June 22, at Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce. Jesse Baker will officiate. Private burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be prior to services on Friday at the chapel. She died Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at Faith Regional Health Services in Norfolk.

Born Feb. 7, 1940, at Dodge City, Kan., she was the daughter of Leroy and Lillian (Corcoran) Speer. She attended Dodge City Public School and Dodge City High School, graduating in 1958.

She married Thomas M. Backus on June 10, 1961, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Dodge City. The family lived in various places: Dodge City, Michigan, Kansas, Iowa and Ord, before moving to Pierce in 2015.

Rosalind worked as a bookkeeper and later on was a stay-at-home mom. Her spouse, Tom, was an optician.

Rosalind enjoyed collecting and making dolls, reading, flowers, birds and spending time with family.

Survivors include her spouse, Thomas M. Backus of Pierce; a son, Tom (Teri) Backus of Olathe, Kan.; a son, Carroll “Greg” (Wanda) Backus of Pierce; a daughter, Cynthia Backus of Pierce; a son, Kevin (Kathi) Backus of Sioux City; a daughter, Teresa (John) Jacobson of New Orleans, La.; 18 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Shirley (William) Baum of Raymore, Mo., and Madeleine Black of Clarendon, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leroy and Lillian, and four siblings, Theresa, Stanley, Dorothy and Gale.

Recorded songs will be “Just A Closer Walk With Thee,” “Amazing Grace” and “You Raise Me Up.”

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at <http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com>.

# Events

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**JUN** **Visitation** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Stonacek Memorial Chapel - Pierce  
403 West Main Street, Pierce, NE, US, 68767

**JUN** **Service** 10:30AM

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# Comments

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“ I'll never forget traveling across the country and making a stop at Aunt Rosie and Uncle Tom's. We stayed up until the wee hours listening to her poetry (had no idea she was a poet!) and seeing Tom's drawings. Aunt Rosie was a creative soul with a heart as big as Texas. May she Rest In Peace.

**Sasha** - June 29, 2018 at 01:38 AM

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“ Dear Tom and family, I'm so sorry to hear of Rose's passing. I really enjoyed working with her in Ord. She showed me some of the beautiful dolls she made. She loved sharing the latest news about her family. Rose was so fun to work with, she was always so good to me. My Sincere Sympathy, Janice Anders

**Janice Anders** - June 27, 2018 at 07:33 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rosalind J. Backus.



June 21, 2018 at 05:34 PM

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“ To my "big" sister who was always there for me whether holding my hand, giving a hug, or word of encouragement, or a scolding of needed. She took me to the library when I was little and she helped instill a love of reading especially mysteries and history and movie magazines to this day. She took me to get my first library card. Rosie, Shirley, Mama and I were a quartet that shared one candy bar among us so that we each had some. Then it became a trio of Shirley, Rosie and me for 51 years. Now it is just Shirley and me. It is hard to let go of my big sister but I know she is no longer struggling with pain and one of the last gifts she gave me last week was to open her eyes, recognize me, smile at me, squeeze my hand in recognition, even at one time moving her one finger in a wave to me. Dear family please know that I am with you there in spirit at the service and arms wrapped around you. I know she is looking down at us in love. Please recall the Bible verse "weeping may tarry in the night but joy comes in the morning." I know she passed Tuesday morning from pain and weeping into joy where there is no more pain or sorrow. She and I used to go to church together and sing in the church choir. I know she is once more singing. May God's peace sustain us all at this difficult time and in the days to come. I know His strength and loving presence from previous trials of losing a loved one so I know He will be with us if we let Him. She loved yellow roses and she had them in her wedding bouquet. So I'm lighting a yellow candle for her. Love all of you. Aunt Maddie to some and sister Maddie to some.



**Madeleine Speer Black** - June 21, 2018 at 11:44 AM

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“ My deepest regret that we have to say a temporary good-bye to our sweet Rosie. Our worlds are going to feel an emptiness that only God can fill. We have our memories and that will help us through. Rosie and I met when we were 7 years old and have stayed connected over the years. Because we share the same birthday we decided we were twins in some fashion. Not having a sister she filled that role and I couldn't have asked for a better one. Rosie was a beautiful soul. Kind, smart, wise, loyal and so caring. She loved her family with an unyielding love. Tom and family, know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Pat Rogers and Don Rogers Oklahoma City, Ok

**Pat Rogers** - June 20, 2018 at 06:59 PM



“ Thanks, Pat and Donnie

**Madeleine Speer Black** - June 21, 2018 at 12:49 PM