



Rose Marie Meier

September 12, 1933 - October 22, 2024

NORFOLK – Funeral service for Rose Marie (Stivers) Meier, 91, of Norfolk, formerly of Hillsboro and Litchfield, IL, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, October 28, 2024 at the Stanton Health Care Center in Stanton, Nebraska. Hospice Chaplain John Steadman will be officiating. A service will then be held at the Union Avenue Christian Church in Litchfield, Illinois. Interment will be immediately following the service at the Elm Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Litchfield, IL joining her husband, H. Dean Meier. Memorial gifts should be given to the Union Avenue Christian Church in Litchfield, as suggested by the family. Rose died at the age of 91 at the Stanton Health Care Center in Stanton, Nebraska on October 22, 2024. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the local arrangements. Arrangements in Litchfield, IL are by Plummer Funeral Services.

Rose was born Rose Marie Stivers in Hillsboro, Illinois on September 12, 1933, to Bernie F. and Velma L. (Gerhard) Stivers. As a small child she was given the nickname “Bootie” by her grandfather, presumably because she wore baby booties everywhere. She was known affectionately by that nickname throughout her childhood. Rose graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1951, marrying Harry Dean Meier on October 23, 1954, in Hillsboro, sharing nearly 50 years together before his death in February 2004. She maintained relationships with class members for almost 70 years, before moving to Nebraska to be near family as health issues dictated.

Surviving family members include son Michael D. Meier and wife Julie (Zimmerman) of Columbus, Texas; daughter Cynthia Meier of Stanton, Nebraska (formerly of Litchfield); and daughter Denise (Meier) Wilkinson and husband BJ of Norfolk, Nebraska. Rose was blessed with 6 grandchildren: Andrew, Megan, Zachary and Michael Meier; Alexander Lueker, and Victoria (Lueker) Bannon. She also had 14 great grandchildren.

Rose was a faithful member of Union Avenue Christian Church in Litchfield, Illinois for many years, serving on the Board of Elders and as the Church's Financial Secretary. Rose was also active in the community, serving as a volunteer for Hearts United and Meals on Wheels. She was a member of the International Order of the Eastern Star, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the PEO Chapter of the HKA Sorority.

Rose assisted her husband, Dean, in the running of their family business, Meier Decorating Center, for almost 50 years. She continued to be an important part of that business after their daughter, Denise, bought the business in 1997. In addition to those duties, Rose considered herself a stay-at-home mother, raising the children and providing for their daily care. Once they were grown, she worked for a time at the Ethan Allen showroom in Springfield, Illinois, and taught interior design at Lincoln Land Community College in Litchfield. Rose made it very clear that her first priorities were her family members, while enjoying an active social life playing golf, cards, and vacationing. Rose ensured there was always fun and laughter in the Meier home and will be missed by all who knew her.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Stanton Health Center
301 17th St.
Stanton, NE 68779