



Rosemarie Grady Dieden

November 27, 1929 - October 3, 2019

Rosemarie Grady Dieden passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in the early evening of October 3, 2019. She was in ICU for a short time with her daughter, Catherine (Cathie) DeBoer, and Bill D'Amato at her side.

Rosemarie was born in Chicago, IL on November 27, 1929 to Rose M. (Neeb) & John Browne, the eldest of their three children. She was preceded in death by her brother John (Julie Dsida) Browne and Patricia A. Browne.

Rosemarie was married in her 20s to Frank J. Grady, with whom she had two daughters, Catherine A. DeBoer and Colleen T. Wertsch. Frank preceded her in death in 1973.

Rosemarie's life was focused on education as well a deep and sincere interest in and concern for her extended family and friends. She loved learning, receiving her Bachelor's Degree from Northwestern Univ. in Chicago, IL, her Masters from Wellesley College in Wellesley, MA and had completed her coursework and research for her Doctorate (in Kenesiology & Motor Development) at University of Wisconsin in Madison.

While she was a teacher for a short time, her career ended up being focused on Senior Citizen care, working for the town of Oak Lawn as Director of the Senior Citizen Center, the State of Illinois in Senior Citizen Services and Elmhurst Memorial Hospital in management of Senior Care & Transition Services.

She retired in her mid-60s when, shortly thereafter, she moved from the Chicago area to Leesburg, FL with Robert Dieden, who she married in 2008.

She lived her remaining 22 years in Leesburg.

She is survived by her two daughters as well as Cathie's daughter Christina M. (John Hildebrand) and three granddaughters, Scarlett R., Shane R. & Sydnee R. Hildebrand. Rosemarie also has a unofficially adopted son, John McNichols, who she took under her wing when he was a teen. She was Mom to him and Grandma Ree to his two children, Jeanine (Mosher) and Michael McNichols.

She is also survived by a number of nieces & and nephews who have considered her a confidant & consult over the years. She will be dearly missed by both family and friends...

Rest peacefully, Rosemarie.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in Rosemarie's name.

Flowers Miss Daisy's, 1024 West Main st, Leesburg, Fl. 34748, 352-787-6806

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Leesburg, FL

Tribute Wall

“ Warm and loving memories fill my heart as I reflect on Rosemarie Grady Dieden...known to me as simply Mrs. Grady. I recall when the Grady's moved into our neighborhood and was so pleased that a girl my age now lived on the next block...hooray...a new friend. Little did I know that that girl, Cathy, and her sister Colleen, would become lifelong friends.

The Grady household was always open to the kids in the neighborhood. Mrs. Grady took great care to always welcome us into the house to play. She was such a cheerful and loving lady...always a smile...always interested in what we were doing at school.

Mrs. Grady always created great birthday parties for her girls and sleepovers too. I remember having so much fun playing games and enjoying delicious goodies served by Mrs. Grady. You could tell she loved children and I believe she was very young at heart because of this love.

It's easy to recall that Mrs. Grady was also quite the fashionista. As a pre-teen and teenager, I was always inspired by Mrs. Grady. She was tall and stately...like a model. She always dressed beautifully and her hair was always lovely. She demonstrated to me the importance of always looking your best...an important lesson for this young teen. This important lesson has been passed to her two girls as they too always look so beautiful and fashionable.

Most importantly, Mrs. Grady raised two of the most lovely women in Cathy and Colleen. These two girls are such a credit to all the goodness, morality, values, and love that Mrs. Grady possessed. Two exceptional people...Cathy and Colleen...are her legacy. I am so proud of them and I know Mrs. Grady was also.

Can't help but think of Mrs. Grady when I hear, "Love Grows Where My Rosemarie Goes." Remember her standing in her kitchen singing it with us.

Mrs. Grady, and her family will always be near and dear to my heart. I have been blessed to know her, to gain her inspiration, and to share in all the Grady family fun. She will be missed and she will always be so loved.

Anne Buck, friend, neighbor, classmate

Anne Buck - October 08, 2019 at 10:50 AM

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“ *Images of a bright and generous smile, a twinkling eye, and heart-filled laughter are floating through my heart and mind these past couple of days. "Aunt Ree", my godmother, was a great lady, a great mother and grandmother. The closeness she nurtured with Cathie, Colleen, Chriss, and her great-grandchildren are an inspiration to me with my own family. My prayers and deepest condolences are with all of you at this time.*

With love, Lori Browne Cotterell

Lori Cotterell - October 06, 2019 at 11:28 PM

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“ *I will never forget my overnights spent with Grandma as a kid...she would take me to McDonald's for dinner where she would indulge in her favorite treat...a McDonald's ice cream cone...then in the morning she always made me silver dollar pancakes...I do have to say in all my years of eating pancakes I still have yet to eat any pancakes that can hold a candle to hers...we would walk around the lake feeding the ducks, looking for the turtle that lived there then of course spend the day at the pool.*

Christina Hildebrand - October 06, 2019 at 01:39 PM