



Caroline J. Rush

August 26, 1929 - July 10, 2023

Caroline J. Rush, 93 of Poneto, passed peacefully on Monday morning, July 10, 2023, at Envive Healthcare of Hartford City.

She was born on August 26, 1929, in Poneto, Indiana to Howard & Mary (Roof) Smith. Caroline graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1947. She was a longtime member of the Poneto United Methodist Church, where she served with her husband, Cliff, as the custodian for 33 years, and was a current member of Living Water United Church.

On November 28, 1947 in Poneto, Caroline and Clifford "Cliff" Rush were married. They shared 70+ years of marriage together, before he preceded her in death on April 8, 2018.

She is survived by her children; Steven (Kelli) Rush of Poneto, Rev. Dennis (Lana) Rush of Farmland and Gisele (Daniel) Schmit of Uniondale and 10 grandchildren: Adam Rush, Aaron (Katie) Rush, Lucinda (Curt) Reinhard, Andrea (David) Shepherd, Stacy (Andrew) Bush, Katie (Greg) Hinshaw, Kristin (Sean) Chamberlain, David Rush, Rebecca (Brian) Hunt and Matthew Schmit, and 24 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a sister-in-law, Mary Smith Sprunger of Poneto.

She is preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Jack Smith, Robert Smith and W. Allen Smith.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday, (July 14, 2023) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Clark Stoller officiating. Calling Hours will take place from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Thursday,

(July 13, 2023) at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Grove Cemetery in Poneto.

Memorials may be made to Living Water United Church.

The family would like to thank the staff of Envive Healthcare of Hartford City for their kind and compassionate care.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Grove Cemetery

5136 South 100 East
Bluffton, IN 46714

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 13. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

JUL 14. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JUL 14. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Caroline J. Rush*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - July 13, 2023 at 02:51 PM

KF

“ *Aunt Caroline, I will always remember the chats we had when I came back to visit mom. I tried to visit you each time I was home. You always made me laugh. You had that sense of humor that I always understood. What a joy you must be feeling to be in the arms of Jesus, and reunited with Uncle Cliff. I am so grateful that I had the honor of calling you “my aunt”. To Steve, Den, and Gisele and families, I send my condolences. Aunt Caroline was a good mom, and a hard worker. You three were blessed to have her. And never a visit went by without her showing me pictures of all her grandkids, and their families. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers in the coming days, as you remember your mom. God bless and keep you all.*

Kammy

Kammy Fair - July 14, 2023 at 12:38 PM

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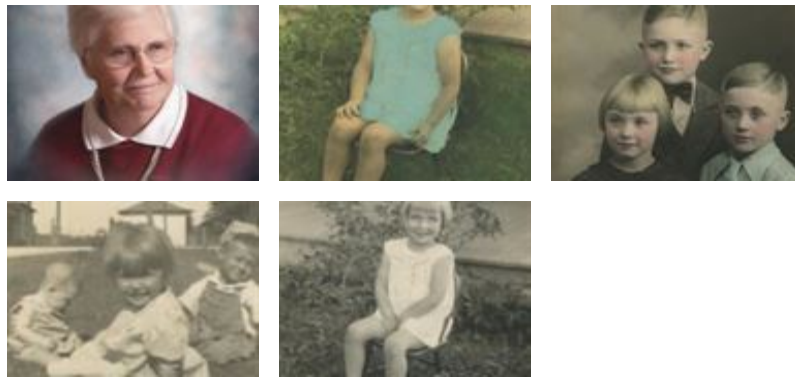
“ Gisele, you may not remember me, but I knew you when we worked at Franklin Electric. I just want to offer my condolences on the passing of your mother. Your family will be in my prayers.



Nola Schieferstein-Rains - July 14, 2023 at 06:56 AM



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We have had opportunity of knowing Dan and Gisele and family, Adam, Aaron and Katie, Curt and Lucinda and other extended family members. May you all feel God's Perfect Peace and Presence during this time of loss.
Jerome and Gale Reinhard

Jerome and Gale Reinhard - July 12, 2023 at 08:58 PM

NM

“ I am so sorry got your loss.

nancy mcfarren - July 12, 2023 at 03:25 PM

SC

“ I am one of the honored nurses that was blessed to take care of this amazing woman. She was the sweetest and funniest lady. I am so thankful that she was a part of our Envive family. She was truly amazing to sit and talk with as she was full of knowledge. She will be sadly missed. I am so thankful that I got to pray with her and kiss her forehead and sing her "Look what I'm trading for a mansion" on the morning she received her wings. Fly High Grandma you fought a great fight. Rest now and enjoy your time with Cliff we know how much you missed him. Til we meet again on the far side of Jordon you will be remembered always.

Shari Conatser - July 11, 2023 at 03:58 PM