



Rose Lee Schwitzer

May 20, 1945 - March 8, 2020

On the morning of March 8, 2020, Rose Lee Schwitzer of Manassas passed away at the age of 74.

She was born to the late Mac and Thelma Lee, in Bristol, TN in 1945. Rose graduated from Tennessee High School in 1963 and received a BA in Psychology from East Tennessee State University in 1967.

She married the late Manfred Schwitzer in 1972, and they lived together in Alexandria, VA for sixteen years. Rose eventually moved to Manassas after her husband passed in 1988. Rose is survived by her sister Billie Johnson; her stepson Patrick Schwitzer and wife Dorie; and her stepdaughter Suzanne Pitts and husband Rich. She is also survived by four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Always an avid learner, Rose returned to school to become a Registered Nurse. She began her nursing career at Mt. Vernon Hospital in 1976 and ended her career in 2015 working for a general surgeon specializing in breast cancer. In her spare time, Rose enjoyed being outside working in one of her many gardens, this led her to become a Master Gardener. Dogs also brought her joy and held a special place in her heart. She knew and adored all the dogs in her neighborhood and they adored her right back.

Services will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Old Town Manassas in the next few weeks.

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation in Rose's name to the Pet Assistance League of Virginia, P.O. Box 1076, Stafford, VA 22555

Rose, you will forever shine in our hearts and memories, you will be missed my many.

Tribute Wall

KH

“ I knew Rose from childhood. Where she lived was just down the street from my grandparents Helton, who lived on Southside Avenue. I remember her best from our years at THS: my husband Fletcher and I were also 1963 grads of Tennessee High. I'll never forget how KIND Rose was - calm, friendly, and kind. I'm not at all surprised to learn that she became a nurse....

God bless you, her family,
Norma Kay (Helton) Bingham

KHBingham - April 20, 2020 at 10:05 AM

CC

“ Much sympathy in the loss of your dear one. One of my Tennessee High classmates, Rose was so much fun to be around--what a wonderful, positive attitude she always had! Both she and her mother, a lovely person and also happy in spite of their humble circumstances, were an inspiration. I hadn't seen her since the 25th reunion, but just knowing she's gone makes me terribly sad. -Carol Whitlow Cox

Carol Cox - April 17, 2020 at 02:29 PM

PM

“ Rose was my "teacher" when I first became a member of the Vestry at Trinity Episcopal Church. She was a joy to know and I will never forget her kindness to me and to everyone she knew. May Rose Rest In Peace.

Pam McCoy
Corrales, NM
April 12, 2020

Pam McCoy - April 12, 2020 at 10:31 AM

SB

“ Ahhh, Rose...a mutual friend just shared the very sad news of her passing. It's early Spring, the daffodils and crocuses are in bloom, and I will remember Rose's bright smile and lively spirit which she shared when we would run into each other. She made it a point to always thank me for my service on City Council, but it was Rose who should be thanked for her attention to recycling, gardening and much more in our community. What a lovely kind soul...you will be missed. 🌹

Sheryl Bass - March 20, 2020 at 03:47 PM

 Martha
Tonkin

“ Rose was a true sweetheart, always interested in each person and his/her problems and joys. She was a dedicated volunteer at Trinity Episcopal Church, and I know she will be missed. My sympathy to her family and friends.

Martha Tonkin - March 20, 2020 at 01:45 PM

PD

“ Rose was one of those people that leaves a lasting imprint on all who met her. Always positive, loving, caring, and witty she imparted these positives to everyone she met and everything she did. I first met Rose through the Manassas City Advisory Committee on Solid Waste and Recycling. She was a sparkplug for all efforts of the committee and strived to make our community a place of living, caring, giving, and sharing. Rose was a giver not a taker. I will miss you Rose. You made our community and the world a better place. May God give you peace.

Paul V Dresler - March 17, 2020 at 12:23 PM

MB

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Monica Boehringer - March 17, 2020 at 10:51 AM

MB

Rose was a member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Solid Waste for the City of Manassas.

For anyone who knew Rose – I have to say that she was a real firecracker. Sometimes, we are lucky enough to meet someone who is filled with so much joy and love for her friends and her community that you feel like a better person – just by meeting her. Rose was funny, spirited, kind, generous, and (if you ask her) a bit naughty. One time, she managed to lure someone into buying donuts for all the RecycleFest volunteers. Can you believe it – that person still drops by with donuts when they visit us?

Even though she had health issues, she fought like a tiger to keep coming to CAC meetings and to volunteer at events. When she decided to resign, we made it a point to keep getting together with our friend Julie for a slice of pizza. She would even check in with me by email – just to keep up on things – and keep her church on the straight and narrow when it comes to recycling.

I will miss her very much. But – you know what – we can all rest assured that there is one pretty happening angel up there watching over us. Rose was so incredibly lovely that there probably is a half-live of goodwill and pure sunshine that will last at least 1,000 years.

I would like her family to know what she gave to our group - and to the City of Manassas. She was awesome and a very good friend.

Monica Boehringer - March 17, 2020 at 10:56 AM

DR

We have known Rose for a long time, both in Alexandria and in Manassas. We are so sorry to hear of her passing. Our hearts go out to Pat and Susie.

Darlene (Goultrey) Runaldue and Jeff Goultrey

Darlene Runaldue - March 17, 2020 at 11:48 PM

DO

So sorry to hear of the loss of such a nice person. While I had no more contact with Rose over the years after high school, I have fond memories of her wonderful witty sense of humor; in fact she was voted a senior superlative at TN High School for having the best sense of humor!!!!

She was the first person in my young life who showed me an alternative way of approaching/thinking about all those things I felt helpless to do anything about, all the injustice in the world. Laughing at the idiotic and the ignorance in the world instead of raging about it.

Sincere sympathy to those who keenly feel her loss,

Dolly (Maley in THS class of '63) McPeek

dolly - April 16, 2020 at 03:19 PM