



Rose Marie "Rosie" Dowers

June 7, 1935 - March 12, 2021

HAWK SPRINGS, WYOMING --- Rose Marie "Rosie" Kirchner Dowers, 85, died Friday, March 12, 2021.

Memorial services will be held at 1pm Saturday, March 20, at the Riverside Church of Christ in Torrington with Nelson Miles officiating. Burial will take place at a later date in the LaGrange Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Frontier School of the Bible in LaGrange and/or Hawk Springs Fire Department in Hawk Springs.

Rosie was born June 7, 1935 in Culbertson, Nebraska to George William and Gertrude NMN (Colwell) Kirchner. She moved with her family to Wyoming in 1940. Rosie grew up in the Yoder area and graduated from Yoder High School in 1954.

On May 22, 1955, she married Hugh Lee Dowers at Hawk Springs Community Church in Hawk Springs, Goshen County, Wyoming. Four daughters were born to this union: Gwen, Barbie, Dixie and Peggy. Together they raised their children in Torrington. Rosie was a stay-at-home mom, being very active in her children's school and extra-curricular activities during their childhoods. When Peggy was in high school, Rosie went to work at Goshen County Nursing Home in Torrington. She worked in the laundry department for 15 years before retiring.

When Rosie's first grandchild was born, she transformed into the fun-filled grandmother lovingly known as "Nanny". She made sure each grandchild knew the special place in her heart that was just for them. Nanny had a passion for teddy bears and acquired a huge collection throughout her years. Her six grandchildren are: Amanda, Jason, Devin, Skyler, Kolter and Hunter.

In 1992, a tragedy happened in Hugh and Rosie's lives, their house burnt to the ground. They lost their worldly possessions, but were blessed no one was hurt in the fire. That devastating event, led to a real blessing in disguise. They moved to Lone Tree Canyon, where Hugh grew up. That is where they lived happily together for the past approximate 30 years. They graciously shared their home and beautiful land with many friends and family. So many have enjoyed family reunions, camp outs, picnics and holidays with them.

Rosie's cabbage buns and cinnamon rolls were her specialty. She loved baking and sharing her goodies with everyone. She will be endearingly remembered for the amazing holiday meals she prepared for her family and guests throughout the years. Rosie regularly attended the Hawk Springs Community Bible Church in Hawk Springs.

Rosie is survived by her husband of 65 years, Hugh Lee Dowers, of Hawk Springs, WY; daughters, Gwendolyn Kaye Dowers, Barbara Ann (Scott) Elder, Dixie Lee (Mark) Elder and Peggy Sue Dowers, all of Torrington, WY; grandchildren, Amanda Jo Dowers, Jason Lee Moore, Devin Lee Daugherty, Skyler Jakob Elder, Kolter Ryan Elder and Hunter Jeremiah Staniforth. Rosie was a special aunt to 8 nephews and 12 nieces.

She was preceded in death by her parents George and Gertrude Kirchner; siblings Arthur "Bumps" Kirchner, Kathleen "Katie" Vermillion, Jacob "Jay" Kirchner, Elmer Kirchner (infant brother) and Robert "Buck" Kirchner; nephew Greg Kirchner and niece Jolie Kirchner.

Previous Events

Memorial services

MAR **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

Riverside Church of Christ
615 Main Street
Torrington, WY 82240

Tribute Wall

PP

“ *Gwen we played together when we were kids. I am so sorry for the loss of your mom. She was such a sweet lady.*

Pam Pryde

Pam Pryde - March 24, 2021 at 03:49 PM



BM

“ *Bev & Larry Miskimins lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie "Rosie" Dowers*

Bev & Larry Miskimins - March 20, 2021 at 11:24 AM



KP

“ *We are so saddened to hear of Rosie's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Hugh and the family. It meant so much to our Dad to attend the 4th of July BBQs and other special events that Hugh and Rosie hosted.*

With love from the famiy of Dick Kirchhefer

Kristie (Kirchhefer) Pfaff - March 19, 2021 at 10:57 PM

LF

“ Love, The Symes Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rose Marie "Rosie" Dowers.



Love, The Symes Family - March 19, 2021 at 04:05 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rose Marie "Rosie" Dowers.



March 19, 2021 at 10:47 AM

CC

“ Charlotte Creswell lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie "Rosie" Dowers



Charlotte Creswell - March 17, 2021 at 08:34 PM

LC

“ Rosie was like a mom to all of us campfire girls when we were kids. I'll never forget those beautiful blue eyes and smile that would light up a Christmas tree. Recently, she made a showing at my mom's funeral with my mom's brownie recipe. Having her there was so very comforting. I'll never forget it or the special light that she was as long as I live. Thank you, Mrs. Dowers, for everything and for my beautiful dear friend Dixie too. I know that God has a very very special place for you. Xxx

Lisa Rutt Collar - March 17, 2021 at 05:36 PM

LA

“ Rosie will definitely be missed. I really liked your Mom. She always reminded me of a younger version of my Grandma Wiens. Thinking of you guys.

Linda Allen - March 17, 2021 at 06:52 AM

KN

“ My prayers for all of you!! Aunt Rosie was so special to not only Hugh and her daughters but to the rest of the family as well!!! She will be greatly missed! Love and prayers 💕

Kristi Nissen Niece - March 16, 2021 at 09:56 PM

LS

“ LIZ STOVALL lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie "Rosie" Dowers



LIZ STOVALL - March 16, 2021 at 07:15 PM

RB

“ We will miss our special friend Rosie. Our hearts and minds are filled with happy memories made over many years of friendship with Hugh and Rosie. It's almost impossible to think of one without the other. Ours prayers of condolences go out to Hugh and his dear family. May God hold you all in His loving embrace and may He meet all of your needs during this tender time.
Warmly, Wayne and Ronnie Kay



Ronnie Kay Brown - March 16, 2021 at 12:36 PM

CM

ill always remember rosie for her niceness and i got married on there beautiful land in the canyon carol munger

carol munger - March 16, 2021 at 12:48 PM

CP

“ Carol Peterson lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie "Rosie" Dowers



Carol Peterson - March 16, 2021 at 11:32 AM

KE

“ Rosie was a special lady who welcomed all as her family! Love you Aunt Rosie and tell my Dad hi@@



Kellie - March 16, 2021 at 11:23 AM

SD

“ Sue Davis lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie "Rosie" Dowers



Sue Davis - March 16, 2021 at 10:46 AM

KR

“ Kristi (Brown) Rodekohr lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie "Rosie" Dowers



Kristi (Brown) Rodekohr - March 15, 2021 at 11:17 PM

LS

“ My prayers are with you all. Rosie was a great woman and will be sorrowfully missed by all.



Laura Schamel - March 15, 2021 at 08:13 PM

PA

Great lady the Dowers are like great history God Bless the Family and will miss you Mrs.Dowers i always called her

PattiBenninghoven - March 16, 2021 at 10:49 PM

VV

“ *Condolences to the Dowers family and especially Hugh. Rosie will be missed but always remembered. Hugh and Rosie have been part of the extended Vance family for many years. They have attended more reunions than some of the direct family. You are loved and we wish for the very best in this time of sorrow. May you recall all the great memories that included Rosie. Sending lots of hugs.*
Vic and Tina Vance

Victor & Tina Vance - March 15, 2021 at 06:47 PM

TR

“ *Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of Rose Marie "Rosie" Dowers*



Theil Ryan - March 15, 2021 at 01:56 PM