



Roseann Gillespie

October 11, 1921 - April 15, 2012

Roseann Gillespie, of Smyrna, Tennessee, formerly of Moline, passed away on April 15, 2012 at St. Thomas Hospital, Nashville, TN. She was born October 11, 1921 in Port Byron, Illinois, the only daughter of James and Mary Ann Tobin. Roseann graduated from the former Hillsdale High School and attended the former Moline Community College. She later attended Black Hawk College. She was most recently employed by Moline Monument Co. from 1955 until 1999, when she relocated to Tennessee. Roseann was fiercely independent, passionate about her Irish-Catholic heritage, and a lifelong advocate for the poor and underprivileged. For over two decades, she was an active volunteer with the Rock Island County Democratic Party and also provided transportation for numerous voters on Election Day. Since relocating to Smyrna, Roseann, a polio survivor, was also a proud member of the Polio Heroes of Tennessee.

Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home, Nashville, Tenn. is assisting the family with arrangements. A Mass of the Resurrection celebrated by Rev. Joseph Patrick Breen, will be held at St. Luke Catholic Church in Smyrna at 11:00 a.m. on April 20, 2012.

Graveside services and inurnment will be held at 1:00pm on May 17, 2012 at the Calvary Cemetery Chapel in Rock Island, with Rev. Dick Bresnahan officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to the Animal Aid Humane Society, 239 50th Street, Moline, IL 61265. Survivors include her

daughter Shalynn (Steven) Womack, and granddaughter, Nova Ford, Nashville. Additional survivors include her cousin, Dorothy Meyers, Monroe, Wisconsin, special friends Janice Thorpe, Milan, Rita Lucas, Rock Island, and special "son" Brad Harvey, Smyrna. Roseann was preceded in death by her parents, and son, Eliot J. Gillespie. The family would like to thank all the nurses and technicians who took care of Roseann for the past 5 ½ years at Mayfield Rehab and Special Care in Smyrna.

Tribute Wall



“ *Roseann Gillespie*

October 14, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *My sympathy to Shalynn and prayers for her Mother. I will be praying for your Mom and to her for you and the family. God love you all, Sister J.T.*

Judith Terese McNulty, BVM - April 29, 2012 at 06:46 PM



“ *To Roseann's family please accept all our sympathy from all the volunteers at Animal Aid.*

Animal Aid Humane Society - April 29, 2012 at 05:36 AM



“ *Roseann was a very special lady and I will always have fond memories of her. She will be missed a lot. LOVE..Rebecca*

Rebecca Haltom - April 27, 2012 at 07:51 PM



“ *Just wanted you to know how much I cared for your mom. She was a special lady to me. I enjoyed our visits, long talks, and our Love for The Lord. Thanks be to God I had the chance to get to know such a wonderful lady. She will be missed.*

Celia Stephens - April 19, 2012 at 11:00 PM

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“ hi shalynn sosorry to hear about your mother u have my sym, very much have thought of u often hope u and your family are well , luv u bye

marge angelo - April 18, 2012 at 11:21 PM

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“ I met Roseanne when I became her Avon Representative. We hit it off really well and I think she had adopted me and told my mom she'd have to share me with her for another daughter along with Shaylynn. She was a good friend and we always had Hardees bisquits and gravy and coffee she looked forward to that as often as I could get there to see her. I will miss her very much but do know she's in the arms of our Lord and he'll take good care of her now. God bless her family and be with them in this time of need. Thank you Shaylynn for calling me to tell me about her I appreciated it more than you'll know. Linda Campbell

Linda Campbell - April 18, 2012 at 10:13 PM

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“ Shaylynn: I was sad to see your Mother has passed away. I had so much fun when I was a child coming to your house,when I visited Aunt Edna.I read all your writings in the Moline Daily Dispatch.Call me sometime 309-781-8687. Would love to talk.I am having a very serious surgery this Friday 4-20 in Peoria, so I will be unavailable for awhile, But do try to call me or emailme, Thank and God Bless you. Mary Jo

Mary Jo Tobin-Edwards - April 18, 2012 at 04:49 PM