



## Rose M. Helle

November 15, 1953 - December 29, 2015

Rose M. Helle, 62, of Canton passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2015 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She was born on November 15, 1953 in Canton to Dorthan and Virginia (Hughes) Lilly. On December 12, 2012 at Waterford Church in Lewistown she married Jerry Helle who survives.

She is survived by 2 children: Anuia (Terry) Boone and Scott Pfeiffer, brother Larry (Becky) Lilly and 6 grandchildren. Rose was preceded in death by her parents and 2 siblings: Barb Peters and Doug Lilly.

Rose worked at Caterpillar for 12 years. She enjoyed her black labs Bear and Jasmine, loved the Chicago Cubs, boating, dancing, and camping.

A Funeral service will be held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 2:00 PM at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana, Pastor Mike Floyd to officiate, burial to follow at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana. Visitation will be held from 12:00 PM until the time of service at 2:00 PM also at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the family. Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana  
217 North Plum Street  
P.O. Box #648  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-2244  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Funeral

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## Funeral Dinner

JAN 4. 3:15 PM (CT)

VFW Post #6408  
415 W. Adams St.  
Havana, IL 62644  
(309) 543-9120

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rose M. Helle*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Most giving person and the best wife I miss you rose so much love your husband jerry*

**Jerry helle** - March 06, 2016 at 02:29 PM



“ *Scott lit a candle in memory of Rose M. Helle*



**Scott** - January 04, 2016 at 01:39 PM



*Just heard about Rose's passing and am very saddened to hear the news. Rose is one of the first people I met when I came to CAT in 2012. I will truly miss her and our heated Cubs/Cards discussions. My thoughts and prayers to your family.*

**Scott** - January 04, 2016 at 01:42 PM



“ *I didn't get to know Rose but from these memories I can tell she was kind, strong and perhaps "kinda fiesty" and we'll loved ...I do know her daughter and know she has all these traits. My sympathy to your family and her dear friends,*

**Robin Rogers Kirby** - January 03, 2016 at 11:29 PM

RE

“ Rose was a wonderful person to chat with. I will miss seeing her at work and her talking about how she was excited to go camping and hanging out with her family. I can still see her smile when she talked about all that.

This is truly sad that she had to leave us so soon. I know in my heart we will see her again.

May her family know she loved them dearly and will now be their guardian angel.

Peace and love..



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**Renee** - January 03, 2016 at 06:15 PM

Anuia  
Boone

“ My mom is an amazing person and I don't know how I will breath without her. Thank you for all the kind words and memories of her. I am sorry for those who never met her. They missed out the best women in the world.

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**Anuia Boone** - January 03, 2016 at 06:13 PM

MM

“ Melvin "sapp" Mcafee lit a candle in memory of Rose M. Helle



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**melvin "sapp" mcafee** - January 03, 2016 at 05:26 PM

DR

“ Duane Rugg

*Rose was a childhood neighbor and classmate with Shirley Temple demples and smile. She captured the hearts of everyone she met. She was so positive finding joy in simple things. She will be greatly missed but will live in the hearts and memories of all who knew her. My support goes out to her family.*

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**Duane Rugg** - January 03, 2016 at 01:44 AM

BB

“ *I was shocked and saddened by the passing of Rose. I went all through school with her. Although I hadn't seen Rose for several years, every time I dis see her she was the same person I remember growing up. I hope her family is doing well during this very difficult time.*

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**Brad Burgett** - December 31, 2015 at 04:31 PM

JH

“ *Jerry, Scott, Anuia & Larry,  
You and your families are in our thoughts and prayers at this time. We are so sorry to hear of Rose's passing. The world is a bit dimmer now without her in it. With our deepest condolences.*

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**Jon & Tammie Higginbotham** - December 31, 2015 at 09:34 AM

LH

“ *Jerry,Rose was always a pleasure to work with as were you. She was one of my best co-workers and I was able to teach her a lot because of that.I am so sorry to hear about this.Hang in there Jerry.Your in my thoughts !*

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**Lonnie Hiatt** - December 31, 2015 at 08:38 AM

“ My friend Rose Lilly Helle died today

*?Cricket Haubensak? to Havana High School Class of 1971  
10 hrs ·*

*My heart saddens me to hear the lose of our Rose. I had always admired her for her strong will to get herself out of poverty. Even in high school Rose made most of her own clothes: she loved pink. Home Ed really paid off for her- she self taught herself to improve her sewing- When Cabbage Patch Kids first came out- she figured out how to make and mass produce them dolls and had a waiting list of orders. Those dolls were dressed better than most real kids were.*

*Rose learned how to shake a pom pom because she wanted to be with the "cool band kids", and go to parades. Back then " The band" was the cool fun kids. Every Saturday off to some town for long hot parade. No one ever packed a water bottle- how did we survive? Who was also in band? I just twirled my baton. ( shhh I still do to this day) and Rose shook those maroon and white pompoms. We had cute outfits- not those hot band uniforms and huge hats.*

*Rose learned to bake and decorate cakes, from wedding cakes to birthday cakes- again she had waiting list for cake orders. I know she won first place at the state fair for one of her cakes that she had to design, made and decorated it right on the spot. First place in the state-- wow.*

*When disco was soo IN- she made her husband Dean learn to dance whether he wanted to or not- she needed a partner and he fit the bill at the time. I can hear her saying--get up Dean you'll learning to dance. That poor man. Then she went on to teach disco dancing. Thank goodness line dancing came in and Dean could sit that one out. Dean was tired of boogie on down. She could boot skirt boogie and doozy dough without him.*

*Rose was also very smart- she figured out the path in her life and*

*took the high road. Sure she stumbled once in awhile but this little girl that turn into a fascinating woman , would pick herself up- figure out what went wrong and skipped back down the road of her life. I know Rose worked hard for everything she ever had nothing was ever handed to her. I am so proud of Rose and honored she was my friend.*

*It goes to show - that anyone with her will can overcome and become anything they want. To me Rose is our super star of the class of 1971- the most likely to succeed and she did all by herself. Rose Lilly will be sadly missed. Cricket Haubensak*

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**Cricket Haubensak** - December 31, 2015 at 12:12 AM

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“ *Your family is in our prayers, we are so sorry for your loss of a wonderful lady..*



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**Heath & Jade Nunn** - December 30, 2015 at 03:52 PM