

In Loving Memory



Rose "Mary" Mary Smith

————— **OCTOBER 1, 1962 — APRIL 13, 2026** —————

“i was at the grocery store when you passed.

i picked out baby’s breath and some pretty flowers to fill the empty vase in my apartment.

i didn’t know you were gone yet.

i didn’t know when you called, and it went to voicemail, those would be the last words you ever spoke to me, mommy.

i didn’t know our last hug was our last hug. i didn’t know our last “i love you,” would be our final “i love you.”

the world is funny, mommy. i think it knew that your pain was starting to get too heavy for you, so it gave it to me.

but don’t worry mom, i’ll carry it for the both of us. i’ll take the weight off of you.

and finally, mommy, i think i will set it all down. i can leave it there and let it go. it won’t hurt anymore.

i’ve finally learned that we can leave the vase empty mom, because all of the pretty flowers in the world could never be enough to fill it.

love always, patricia”

rose was born on oct. 1, 1962. she was born to rose lee smith and brady smith, preceded in death by both, as well as one brother; dennis smith, and several aunts & uncles. she is survived by her daughter, patricia smith of IL; three sisters: evelyn beightel of IL, julie moore of IL, crystal mcconnell of IN; two brothers: alvin smith of TN, clifford smith of IL; one aunt: georgia clayton of LA; as well as several cousins, nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

rose “mary” knew no stranger. she loved fully, gave freely and was an avid truth teller. she enjoyed dancing, making others laugh, and spending time with her daughter.

we were so incredibly blessed to know, love and cherish her. she was an honest, humble and loving soul.

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