



Rosemary Agnes Pranger

December 27, 1929 - March 5, 2022

Rosemary Agnes Pranger of Cadillac walked into the arms of Jesus at the home of her granddaughter surrounded by close family on March 5, 2022. She was 92.

Rosemary was born December 27, 1929 to Casper and Kathleen (Flood) Tillman in Spokane, Washington. Rosemary was raised by her maternal grandparents, William and Munie Flood until the age of 12. She attended Sacred Heart School of Nursing where she earned a degree as a Registered Nurse in 1952.

On September 30, 1952 in Cheyenne, Wyoming she married the love of her life Robert J. Pranger to whom she was married nearly 65 years.

In 1956 Rosemary and Bob moved to Cadillac where she was employed at Mercy Hospital. In 1958 the family moved to Edmore, Michigan where they owned and operated a floral shop and greenhouse. The family returned to Cadillac in 1964 where Rosemary would return to Mercy Hospital Pediatrics. Since pediatrics was her love in nursing she was often called up for ambulance transfer runs with children and considered it an honor. After 31 years in pediatric care she retired in 1994.

Rosemary was an exceptional wife, mother and friend. She instilled into her

children, grandchildren and great grandchildren the joy of holiday celebrations with family, baking, cooking, reading, gardening and sewing. She often shared her love language of baked goods with The Shepherd's Table, family, friends and strangers. For many years her seamstress skills blessed many young girls who received one of her dolls through the Old Kent Bank doll contest. Rosemary and Bob enjoyed the holidays together and decorating the house which earned them some winning plaques during the Christmas season and handing out toothbrushes at Halloween for over 40 years. They enjoyed quietly giving back to the community together through the years.

Rosemary will be greatly missed by her children, Shannon (Jim) Petaja of Williamsburg, Kelley (Mike) Hamlet of Lake Ann, Dr. Rory Pranger (Joyce Kopp) of Chicago, Shaunne (Alton) Solem of Traverse City and Shane Pranger of Grand Rapids; grandchildren: Andrea (Brian), Meaghan (Adam), Shea, Casper (Jess), Tec (Chelsea), Piper (Doug), McKrai, Teague (Nathan) and Rory (Kelsey); 14 great grandchildren, her loving dog and companion, Winston and cousin, Jack Shannon of Everette, Washington.

Rosemary was reunited with her husband, Robert, her parents, Casper and Kathleen Tillman, sister, Eileen and grandparents, Munie and William "Dad" Flood.

After her retirement she spent her time caring for her family and her loving dog, Winston. Nothing brought her more joy than time spent around the table with family and friends. She was blessed with many friends who would call or come by for that cup of coffee or bowl of ice cream at her table.

The family will be having a private memorial service in the spring. Her final resting place will be Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

In honor of Rosemary, donations may be made to the Cadillac Area Backpack

Program. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

GS

“ I first met Rosemary as a student nurse at Mercy Hospital and later worked with her in Pediatrics. She was a wonderful nurse and a friend to everyone. Good Memories!!! I'm sure Rosemary will be with a group of children surrounding her in Heaven. Think of her family at this sad time. Gerry Seger

Gerry Seger - March 24, 2022 at 01:14 AM

WP

“ My Mother thought the world of Rosemary. Every time a family member makes the cookies from the recipe Rosemary gave to my mother many years ago it brings back fond memories of both of these fine women. Rosemary and Bob raised a wonderful family and were a great part of the Cadillac community.

Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Wilbur Potvin - March 15, 2022 at 09:06 AM

 Ed
Mckinley

“ I enjoyed knowing ,chatting and occass.working with Rosemary. Cyber Hugs and head bowed, to family and frriends. Ed Mckinley.

Ed Mckinley - March 14, 2022 at 05:07 PM

KM

“ Our family was often the recipient of Rosemary's kindness and baked goods. Her infamous "Melting Moments" cookies were a favorite and still a palpable taste bud memory. Thankful to have known her.

Karen McMahan - March 10, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Rosemary Agnes Pranger.*



March 09, 2022 at 08:41 AM



“ *I remember her kindness and caring when my infant son was admitted to pediatrics at Mercy back in 1984. She cared not only for my son, but also me and I have never forgotten that. She was wonderful.*

Linda Holmes - March 09, 2022 at 08:35 AM



“ *I will never forget trips to swim in her pool, her amazing cookies and cakes, the special twinkle in her eye and the way she loved everyone she met. Love you Momma two.*

Mike Okma - March 08, 2022 at 09:27 PM



“ *I witnessed first hand the magic she worked with all her kiddos she served in pediatrics! A gifted nurse who nurtured and loved them all! Felt blessed to work and be mentored with her talents! Hugs to her whole family as never easy to loose your Mom! Definitely a life very well lived!*

Pattie Schneider - March 08, 2022 at 08:33 PM

MD

“ Not only was Rosemary a wonderful person, she was also an exceptional nurse....the kind of nurse that saved lives. It was a privilege to to know and work with her at Mercy.

Michael DeMarchis - March 08, 2022 at 02:49 PM

FW

“ When I worked at City Hall, I'd take Rosemary's water bill money - and we'd chat, because she was genuinely interested in me, and I was interested in her. We'd talk about church and our faith, we'd talk about Bob, we'd talk about nursing, we'd talk about holidays - but most often, we talked about our kids. I loved her. She was one of God's cute, little gems. Fran Wallbank

Frances Wallbank - March 08, 2022 at 01:10 PM

CD

“ My husband and I got to know Rosemary in. 1974. She was the best nurse anyone could ask for. She will be missed very much. Prayers for her family.

Carla DeBoer - March 08, 2022 at 08:19 AM

DB

“ Too many stories to share about this wonderful lady and her family at this time. The entire family knows what she has meant to me. She was a totally unselfish and giving person...one to emulate. R.I.P. Rosemary. Utmost sympathy to the loving family.

Daniel Brooks - March 07, 2022 at 05:48 PM

WE

Your family members we knew are in our thoughts and prayers, may you RIP. Kelly & Mike Pease

Wayne H Everett - March 09, 2022 at 06:07 PM

CM

Hugs and prayers to her family and friends she left behind during this time of loss .Carla(Doan) Moffit

Carla(Doan) Moffit - March 10, 2022 at 07:31 PM