



## Rosemary Stevenson

July 2, 1936 - January 3, 2017

Rosemary Stevenson of Nunica, Michigan, was received into the arms of Jesus on Tuesday, January 3, 2017. She played for the Grand Rapids Chicks in the women's professional league that was featured in the movie "A League of Their Own".

At a time when women had limited opportunities in professional sports, Rosemary never ceased to believe they could achieve their athletic goals. She was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York in 1988 and the Michigan Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame in 1990. She played and coached softball for 51 years all around the Grand Rapids, Zeeland, Muskegon, and Upper Michigan areas. She coached Little League and Pony League boy's baseball for four years. Rosemary also was sports coordinator for the Caledonia-Kettle Lake area Youth, Every Woman's Place/Webster House, and the Grand Rapids Girls Rocket softball. She encouraged girls and boys alike to dream big and work hard to achieve their goals!

Rosemary loved her Lord, her life, and her family and friends. She reached out and touched many hearts and lives through her work and active involvements. She was a graduate of Pickford High School and Aquinas College. She retired from Michigan Bell Telephone Co. after 34 years and also had worked for the Greater Muskegon Catholic Schools for five years. She was a member of the Michigan Bell Pioneers, a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Coopersville and a past member of Holy Family Catholic

Church in Caledonia. She was active in many Catholic organizations, was a Bible and CCD teacher. She also served on many church commissions, was a Stephens minister, Dominican associate, a Communicant, and Cursillist. She had also served on many township board committees.

Rosemary was born July 2, 1936 in Stalwart, Michigan, to Samie and Anna (Marowski) Stevenson. She is survived by her sisters, Anita (Conrad) Izzard and Charlene (Robert) Williams all of Cedarville, Michigan; her brothers, John Andrew (Connie) Stevenson of Stalwart and Wayne (Sue) Stevenson of Midland, Michigan, and a brother-in-law, Daniel Izzard of Cedarville. She is also survived by her special friend and companion, Alice Goll; her foster son, Robert (Nancy) Kooiker and his sons, Andrew and Bradley; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Sandra Izzard; brother, Edwin Stevenson; sister-in-law, Virginia Stevenson; and nephews, Mark Izzard and Duane Stevenson.

Visitation will be held Friday, January 13, from 10:45 A.M. until 11:45 A.M. at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church in Goetzville, Michigan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:00 Noon on Friday, January 13, 2017, at St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church.

Interment will be in St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Goetzville in the spring.

Memorial contributions in memory of Rosemary may be given to Friends of the Orphans, or Grand Rapids Dominicans, or St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Stanislaus Cemetery

12841 E Traynor Road  
Goetzville, MI 49736

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

St. Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church  
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Goetzville, MI 49736

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rosemary Stevenson*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Rosemary Stevenson*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Rosemary Stevenson*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Alice, my heart goes out to you and the rest of our family. She was always so much fun to listen to at our family reunions. I will add you to my prayers. Love from cousin Debbie Austin*



**Debbie Austin** - January 11, 2017 at 06:51 PM



“ *Rosemary will be sadly missed by many! Too many great memories to just share one. Heartfelt sympathy to Alice and Rosemary's family! I'm so glad I got her book at one of our family reunions. I loved playing ball with her back when so many of us could play ball at the reunions! We'd all want her on our team! Love to family and hugs and prayers!*



**Darlene Warren** - January 09, 2017 at 02:31 PM

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“ I grew up a couple of miles from Rosemary and have great memories of those days, which included school bus rides.. I extend condolences from my family as well as from the Pickford Area Historical Society and Museum. We are grateful that Rosemary generously donated a showcase of her baseball memorabilia including her uniform, cleats, glove, ball, bat, copies of her book "Don't Die On Third" and other items for our permanent collections. These items are treasured and will serve for many years to keep her memory alive.

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**Dianne Schmitigal** - January 08, 2017 at 09:08 PM