



## Madelene Mary Rose

July 31, 1931 - March 18, 2025

Madelene Mary Rose, 93, of Grand Island went to her eternal home on Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Memorial Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1st, at St. Leo's Catholic Church. Inurnment will follow at St. Libory Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Monday with a Wake Service/Rosary at 7:00 at St. Leo's Catholic Church. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Madelene (baptized Rosa Lee) was born July 31, 1931, on Ryno Table, Custer County, west of Broken Bow. She was the 8th child of John Joseph and Ethel May (Drake) Rose. The Great Depression caused the loss of this farm, forcing the family to move to a farm west of Broken Bow. When eight years old, she along with sister Margery and cousin Joanne were sent to a boarding school run by the Franciscan Order of Nuns in St. Libory, NE. Her parents moved to a farm west of St. Libory and Rosa Lee completed her elementary education at the country school. She then went to High School at St. Mary's in Grand Island, taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Madelene felt drawn to their way of life and after graduation she entered the Convent's Motherhouse in Concordia.

When admitted to the Novitiate and receiving the Habit worn by the Sisters, she was given the name "Madelene" which she kept the rest of her life. She received a Bachelor's Degree from Marymount College in education and a minor in art. Later she received a Master's Degree in Theology from

Manhattan, the Christian Brothers' College in the Bronx, New York City. As a teacher she was assigned to teach the primary grades and later assigned as teacher and principal of Junior high grades in schools in Missouri, Kansas and New Mexico. After several years she felt that God had different plans for her. She received an internship as a Chaplain in a Wichita, Kansas hospital followed by an advanced one at Hazelden, a treatment center in Minnesota, where she trained as a counselor and Chaplain. This began her journey into the field of addiction and recovery based on the 12-Step Program of Alcoholics Anonymous. She was hired as chaplain and counselor in treatment centers for seven years when she felt called to a different journey. She left her religious order after 27 years and began a private practice as a Licensed Mental Counselor, working primarily with recovering alcoholics and co-dependents, and person dealing with sexual abuse. She kept the name of Madelene because this was how she was known professionally.

In 2010 Madelene retired and moved from Omaha back to Grand Island to be near family members. She had been a member of art groups in Omaha and continued with G.I. art clubs and was a member of Prairie Winds Art Gallery. As well as trying to help people discover their spiritual sober pathway to their High Power, she enjoyed using oil paints to depict a bit of the beauty of God shining from people and nature, through her portraits and landscapes. Madelene's two or three cats provided her with company, affection and amusement over many years. She was a longtime member of St. Leo's Parish in Grand Island.

Madelene is survived by her brother, Jim and wife, Judy of St. Paul; and by many dear nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Ethel Rose; sisters, Margery Buhrman, Jeanne Deaton, Helen Ward; and brothers, Tom, Leo, Jack and Kenneth.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Sisters of St. Joseph, Concordia, KS.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Libory Catholic Cemetery

St. Libory, NE

# Previous Events

## Gathering

MAR 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church  
2410 S Blaine St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 382-4753

## Rosary

MAR 31. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Leo's Catholic Church  
2410 S Blaine St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 382-4753

## Memorial Mass

APR 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

St Leo's Catholic Church  
2410 S Blaine St  
Grand Island, NE 68801-7307  
(308) 382-4753



# Tribute Wall

KR

“ I just learned that she passed... She was my grandfather, Kenny, little sister. She tried so hard to keep us in Omaha involved with the family out there and i greatly appreciate her for that and for all the help she provided to My mother, Beverly, and my aunt and name sake, Karen. Aunt Rosie was such a wonderful and beautiful soul, she will be greatly missed.. 🥹❤️😊

Karen Rose - January 06 at 11:28 PM

RJ

“ Madelene was the most wonderful inspiration during my years st Marymount College. She was wholesome, down to earth, spiritually "well connected" with Christ, and had a mischievous sense of dry humor when she oversaw our lodging area on "3rd South" of the Marymount Ad Building. During the tumultuous years of growing up and becoming closer to Christ, while figuring out who we were meant to be, she provided guidance and love to us all. She was even kind enough to come to my husband's and my wedding in northern Indiana and we spent our "honeymoon" driving her back to Salina, where we had the warmest welcome and best "family dinner" with Srs. Monica Snyder, Francis Ellen Riorden, "Jeannie V" (Sr. Jean Vianney), and Sister Mary Mark Whitehair. Madelene's wedding gift to us was a wall banner that said "Of love be more careful than anything." She lived what she said, and I look forward to seeing her again when we all meet up again in heaven. Love ya, Sr. Madeline!  
Roseann Scott Jackura,  
Marymount Class of '67

Roseann Jackura - May 10, 2025 at 07:44 AM

RT

*Beautiful ,talented, kindly old friend from Bellevue Artist days. I just leaerned of her passing to heaven  
God bless Madeline!*

*Ruth Tussey  
Bellevue, NE*

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**Ruth Tussey** - December 14, 2025 at 12:07 PM

PB

“ *Madeline was my neighbor in 1992. We lived on the Platte River by Ashland. I thought she was so brave to live out there alone. She was so talented. She made her own clothes, worked on her adorable house, counseled people, and mostly was a great example of Christ's servant. We remained friends and I didn't hear from her this Christmas and then found out she has gone to be with our Lord and Savior. My sympathies to her family. She's one of those unforgettable people that cross your life path. I am blessed to know her. Peggy Bechtold*

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**Peggy Bechtold** - April 28, 2025 at 04:36 PM



“ *So many wonderful memories of this wonderful woman. I Love You Aunt Madelene. You will be missed.*

*- Kevin Rose and Family  
Waverly, Nebraska*

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**Kevin Rose** - March 21, 2025 at 05:01 PM

ER

*My condolences to my husband and All the Rose Family*

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**Elvina Rose** - March 31, 2025 at 09:09 AM

JL

*Madelene was a true, wonderful friend. I will miss talking with her.*

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**Joan Lukas** - April 01, 2025 at 08:45 AM

LB

*Condolences such a lose having great memories of her visits to  
grandma the reunions such a vibrant person God rest her soul*

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**Les brewer** - April 01, 2025 at 10:46 AM