



## Rose Johnson Nasser

July 24, 1924 - June 2, 2026

IN MEMORY OF:

Rose Johnson Nasser

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – CAIRO  
4815 Sycamore Street, Cairo, Illinois

Rose Johnson Nasser, 101, passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at her home in Cairo, surrounded by her loving family.

Rose was born July 24, 1924, in Cairo, daughter of the late Alex and Mary Farah Johnson. She and her husband owned and operated Hi-Way Handy Grocery Store for many years in Cairo until his death in 1964. She continued to run the grocery store until 1975, at which time she went to work for the State of Illinois at the Department of Public Aid Office in Cairo.

Rose was affectionally known to all her nieces, nephews and friends of her children for many years as the loving, sweet and fun "Aunt Rosie". She loved reading, cooking and baking for her family and she will long be remembered for the pies she made for holidays and special occasions. Rose loved her

family deeply and dedicated her life to her children.

She was an active member of the Cairo Historical Association and the Ladies American Legion Auxiliary for many years.

Rose was a very active and faithful longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Cairo where she served in many capacities throughout the years.

In February 1953, she married Charles Nasser, Jr. who preceded her in death.

Survivors include: two daughters and one son-in law, Carla Bell of Sikeston, MO and Pam (Darrell) Hoppe and one son, George Nasser all of Cairo; one brother and sister-in-law George (Kay) Johnson of Cairo and one grandchild, Derek Hoppe of Louisville, Ky. Nieces, Mary Kay Krouskos of Largo, FL and Julie Mason of Tamms, IL; Nephews John Guetterman of Cape Girardeau, MO., Jack Guetterman, Jr. of Cairo and George Johnson, Jr of Simpson, IL., Dr. Johnny Johnson, Jr. and Dr. Alex Johnson of Florida. In addition, several great nieces and great nephews survive.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Charles Nasser III and one daughter, Deborah Rose; three sisters, Alice Johnson, Sara Guetterman, Dorothy Johnson and two brothers, Johnny Johnson, Sr. and Alex Johnson, Jr., sister-in law Rachel Johnson and brother-in-law Jack Guetterman.

A Private Graveside service will be held with Rev. Larry Potts officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials be made to: St. Jude Children's Hospital (501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN. 38105) or Cairo Magnolia Manor (2700 Washington Avenue, Cairo, IL. 62914).

Crain Funeral Home in Cairo is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## **Green Lawn Memorial Gardens**

Villa Ridge, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ You can judge a person by the family she raised. She would be the top of the list. To the family, you were blessed.

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**James Wilson** - June 05 at 02:05 PM

JJ

“ Dear Aunt Rosie,

*As I reflect on my life with you in it, I am reminded of many things that bring smiles to my face, all of them good.*

*You were a positive influence on me. My ADHD never seemed to bother you. I know that it did 99.999% of everyone else, as I was a PIA to be around. I loved coming over to your house and store. I remember some things that still make me giggle: The big billboard outside of the store, the one like on interstates. I have no idea why I was enthralled with that, but I loved it; The second floor above the store. Going up there was always cool. Just seeing things and what they were intrigued me. It was like looking at someone else's treasure trove; The sleepovers! Teenie boppers!! Playing music, dancing, running up and down the stairs from the kitchen to the front room and getting in trouble (I would jump down all three steps at once...hence the issue), you and Carla, Pam, Alex, and I staying up seemingly past midnight, with you having to open the store early the next morning; coming to my rescue with a screwdriver to pry my finger out of the toy fire truck when it got between the wheel and the metal housing. That was the pinnacle of everyone's day, I'm sure. My mom screaming for help (I'm certain that I wasn't screaming lol) and you running to get something to get it out with. Now, that's when the real screaming began. The tip of the finger was nearly cut off. So off to St. Mary's Hospital we went. I remember laying on the table with you, mom, and Aunt Dolly there. The doctor told me that they were going to have to give me a shot in my arm and asked which arm I'd like it in. I said "any arm?", to which he said yes. I looked at Aunt Dolly and said give it to her! I thought that was funny. Not bad for being a young kid; And of course, your mild mannered ways that you had. We would sit at the kitchen table and all talk about stuff at times. I remember you talking about things and then saying, "What do you think about that?" to us and me. That was so sweet as most of the family enjoyed it most when I was quiet. I was such a troublemaker.*

*I know that you are in God's arms in Heaven, dancing, happy, and whole again. You are with Uncle Charlie, Bucky, Grandma and Grandma, and the rest of our family and friends from your entire life. That gives me happiness and comfort. I am always envious of those that go before us. You all know what awaits us on the other side. We have to wait. And I do look forward to the day when we all reunite in heaven (if I make it to that side). That's where we will leave in peace for eternity.*

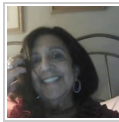
*For now, I'll just say I'll see you down the road. Thank you for being my aunt and in my life. You not only brought happiness and memories to me, but to everyone that you touched in your life. God's Blessings to you, Aunt Rosie. I'll always love you.*

*With all my love,*

*Johnny Jr.*

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**Johnny Johnson, Jr.** - June 05 at 09:34 AM



*This was beautiful, Johnny.*

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**Mary Krousos** - June 06 at 06:37 AM

VS

“ Ms. Rose was one of the sweetest ladies I have ever known. Her dedication & love for her children & family are a testimony to how her children loved & cared for her in her later life. Anytime I was around, which was alot, when I lived there, Ms. Rose always made me feel like I was one of the family. She always made anyone feel like they were welcome in her home. I sure loved her cabbage rolls!! She was an excellent cook! My heart goes out to Pam, her precious daughter & one of my best friends. I know how much she will miss her. I will always be there if she needs me. We are holding Pam & all the family close in our thoughts & prayers. Rest easy Ms. Rose & we know where you'll be! Heaven's gate is open wide! Love you all, Valerie Besheres (Romaine) Simpson

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**Valerie Besheres ( Romaine ) Simpson** - June 04 at 01:04 PM

MB

“ Rose was a very sweet lady i met her when I was about 18 or 19 years old. When she was working down on 6th street, she was always very kind. And then later, when I bought the old Hannah mansion, her son, George washed my cars every week. Such a great guy. Also, she was such a sweet sweet person. I had no idea how well they were all connected. Sarah Guetterman and the 2 Joe sisters that ran the other little store. Because I lived or grew up on 36th street about 6 houses down from where Sarah and her husband Mr. Guetterman had the little grocery store across the street from Camelot school where I attended grade school until it closed. And I believe she was Ken to Janie Solomon that worked at Carol public utility. I'm not quite for sure how everyone there's all. Can I never quite understood? But I know such a loving family and she was such a wonderful person to me personally sending my prayers and thoughts out to the entire family  
Regard michael gene busby

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**Mike Busby** - June 04 at 07:54 AM