

December 10, 2021
Apsa'alooke (Crow) Nation Country

Dear Associates and Sisters,

We are saddened by word this week that Associate Rose Ann Reed passed from this life early Monday morning, December 6. Her family is grateful for your prayers in this time of loss.



Her niece, Colleen Couture, posted this on Facebook yesterday: "We have priceless memories. She will be missed by many hearts. She worked at Headstart and was well known as Grandma Rosie. She touched many hearts and was well respected and cared for. She was a Diamond."

Sister Barb James gratefully remembers how Rose Ann helped her with the Religious Education program in St. Xavier. She also worked in Pretty Eagle School. Beloved friend of the Sisters there, it is easy to imagine Sisters Claver, Adele Merkel, and Alverna and Ruth Chandler smiling as they join her passed family members in welcoming her into the heavenly embrace of God's love. Sister Mary Ann Stoffregen recalls Rose Ann's welcoming hospitality when she visited her.

Rose Ann came from a very large extended family as seen in the many photos Colleen posted. They showed her enjoying meals with family, laughing, listening, quietly thinking, and just sitting there, gently pensive. She enjoyed Christmas celebrations and being outdoors for picnics in summer.

She was a woman of deep faith who lived her life close to Jesus. Rose Ann and I often talked on the phone and prayed together that way. She always asked for prayers, trusting God's care for her. The first time I visited her in the hospital several weeks ago, I was not permitted in her room because of Covid regulations. So I stood at the thick window and prayed in a whisper for her. I softly sang a few lines of the Crow "Jesus Song." Every time I said "Jesus" she lifted her hands. I knew she couldn't physically hear me. My eyes misting, I continued singing and praying with her.

At the visitation, because of the early hour, there was only one other person in the large viewing chapel. Several others came, prayed, and left. I sat quietly, again humming the Jesus Song. I saw/felt the sweet golden light of Jesus around Rose Ann. It was a grace to feel so close to Jesus in that moment. I think Rose Ann, ever generous and our gracious Associate, let me catch a glimpse of what the next life is.

With loving sympathy and prayer for all who will miss her,
Sister Marya Grathwohl