



Rosalie Sorensen Peters

March 3, 1936 - September 13, 2024

Rosalie Ann Sorensen was born to James and Bessie Sorensen on March 3, 1936, in Baytown, Texas. She was raised an only child and attended a small Seventh-day Adventist elementary school in Baytown. She graduated from high school in Keene, Texas. In 1955 she married Benny Hanzelka in Houston, Texas and together they had two children, Susan and Craig. In 1968 the family moved to Knoxville, Tennessee where she became a stay-at-home mom. In 1970 the family built a beautiful home on Watts Bar Lake in Kingston, Tennessee where she spent the remainder of her life. She became active in the Home Demonstration Club and the local Kingston Garden Club. She also pursued her interest in photography, painting (watercolors and oils), and pottery at Roane Community College and Oak Ridge Art Center. Later her interest turned to growing orchids. She was an active member of the Smoky Mountain Orchid Society and the American Orchid Society. She often said, "If you can get one to live and re-bloom, you're hooked." And hooked she was! Over the years she became "famous" to many Orchid Societies in Eastern Tennessee and beyond. Her awards range from "Best of Society Exhibit, Best of Class Dendrobium, Best of Class Catalya, Best of Class Miscellaneous Genera and countless ribbons of various colors. She loved her orchids and displaying them wherever she could. After the passing of her husband Benny, in 2002 she married Dan Peters. She loved to travel! Whether it was traveling for fun to various countries, doing mission work, or cruising, she loved to travel. There is only one continent she

had not visited, and that is Antarctica. And that was on her bucket list.

Rosalie was an active member of the Knoxville Seventh day Adventist Church from the time she moved to Knoxville till she passed away on September 13, 2024.

Surviving her, are husband Dan Peters, daughter Susan Downey (Harold) of Maine, son Craig Hanzelka (Kim) of Kingston, and grandson Alan Downey of Maine.

A celebration of her life will be held November 9, 2024, 3 PM, at the Knoxville First Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3611 Kingston Pike. Kyker Funeral home of Kingston is serving the Peters Family.

Cemetery Details

Knoxville First Seventh-Day Adventisi Church

3611 Kingston Pike
Kno, TN

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

Knoxville First Seventh-day Adventist Church
3611 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37919