

Rosie Kowal

Aug. 1, 1953 – Sept. 1, 2018

Rosie's journey in life began on a farm in Colonia Fram, Paraguay. She was born on August 1, 1953. She was the baby of the family.

On June 1, 1962, she moved with the family to the United States and settled in San Francisco. She went to the Russian Gospel Temple, and attended Sunday School.

At the age of 13, Rosie was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. As she grew older, she developed other complications from diabetes.

Before Rosie's mother passed away in 1993, the mother requested that all the sisters take care of Rosie. Rosie moved in with Natalie and she lived the rest of her life with her, and Natalie diligently looked after her sister until her last days.

All the sisters – and family members – would like to thank Natalie for doing such a great job of making sure Rosie was well taken care of. When Natalie was working, and her son Carlos was young, Rosie took care of him. She loved Carlos very much, and Carlos loved her in return.

During the 65 years of Rosie's life, she lived a quiet and humble life. She didn't say very much, but she was a good listener and had a smile on her face. She used to say, "If you don't have anything good to say, don't say anything at all." That's a good motto to live by – I think we can all agree on that.

When Elsa used to come to visit, Rosie would look forward to being with her, and Elsa would make sure to do things with Rosie that she liked to do.

One of Rosie's favorite pastimes was to watch the San Francisco Giants play baseball, and she also enjoyed watching the Golden State Warriors play basketball. Another favorite pastime was walking on beautiful Burlingame Avenue and stopping at Starbuck's for a cup of coffee.

On Sunday mornings, Rosie and Natalie loved to watch televangelist Joel Osteen and listen to him preach a positive message that with God all things are possible. By the grace of God, Rosie made it through many difficult times in her life.

Although we will all miss Rosie very much, we know that she is in Heaven with her Mom and Dad.

All her suffering is now over –

May you Rest in Peace, Rosie.

