



## Rosina Mary Morawitz Lohrenz

July 8, 1932 - May 15, 2020

Rosina Mary Morawitz Lohrenz died on Friday, May 15, 2020, at Greenwood Healthcare Center in Greenwood, Indiana, at the age of 87. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) ended her earthly life. Faith in Jesus Christ gave her eternal life in heaven. Her baptism is complete.

Born July 8, 1932, in Wellington, Kansas, the only child of loving parents, Edna Stammers Morawitz and Carl Morawitz, Rosina grew up on a Kansas farm, where she attended a one-room school, rode horses, fed chickens, and cared for many animals, including a pet pig. Rosina graduated from Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Arts in English. At K-State, Rosina met fellow student, John Lohrenz, on a blind date. They married in Perth, Kansas, on August 17, 1952, a day so hot the candle tapers in the church melted and drooped. Yet, their marriage, of almost 48 years, endured until John's death on April 23, 2000. The peripatetic couple moved many times throughout their marriage, mainly for John's Ph.D. studies and his career in the petroleum industry. They lived in Baton Rouge, LA; Norman, OK; Eudora, KS; Alexandria, VA; Lawrence, KS; Tonkawa, OK; Ponca City, OK; Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Dallas, TX; Vienna, VA; Golden, CO; Ojai, CA; Ruston, LA; and Houston, TX. Through every move, Rosina nurtured their two daughters, Mary and Charlotte, helping the family adjust to each new home.

While the family lived in Dallas (1970-1971), Rosina's asthma began to worsen. Some days she could barely breathe and could not do her regular volunteer work outside of the home. Always the optimist, while homebound,

she learned how to transcribe English into braille. After her braille certification by the Library of Congress, she began transcribing textbooks and novels for the Library of Congress, bringing the joy of reading to sight-impaired persons. With the family's move to Colorado and the availability of better asthma treatment, her volunteer work led to a paid position as Braille Coordinator for the Denver Red Cross, overseeing the transcription of all textbooks for the blind in the state of Colorado.

Helping people was what Rosina was all about. A proponent of healthful eating and exercise, Rosina became a lecturer for Weight Watchers International, giving sound instruction and encouragement to her students and rejoicing with them as they achieved their goals. Gifted in math, Rosina also became a certified tax preparer for H & R Block, receiving accolades from her many appreciative tax clients. She was the recipient of numerous awards from management for her superior service with both Weight Watchers International and H & R Block. She retired from active service in both organizations at the age of 82.

Rosina found her spiritual home in the Presbyterian Church, valuing the engagement of body, mind, and spirit, and the call to participate in creating a just world for all people. Rosina was an ordained deacon and ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

In July 2012, Rosina moved from Houston, TX to Indianapolis, IN. She became a member of Faith Presbyterian, where Charlotte has served as Pastor since 2010. Rosina suffered a subarachnoid hemorrhage in January 2013 and made a remarkable recovery. She continued to be very active in her church and community. Not until two hip fractures and three hip surgeries greatly limited her mobility did she move to assisted living in April 2016. Rosina loved her family and they loved her. She is survived by her two daughters: Mary Edna Lohrenz (and her husband, William Steen Jordan) of Jackson, Mississippi, and Charlotte Helen Lohrenz (and her husband, Raymond Eugene Shipman) of Indianapolis, and by her three granddaughters: Miranda Lohrenz Jordan Healy (and her husband, Kenneth

John Healy) of Naugatuck, Connecticut, Rosina Lohrenz Shipman of Antioch, California, and Rebecca Morawitz Shipman of Indianapolis, as well as loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, and her special cat, Toby. Rosina will be interred near her husband, parents, and other loved ones, close to her childhood home.

To give thanks for the life of Rosina Lohrenz, a Service of Witness to the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ and all who believe will be held on Saturday, May 23, at 2 PM. To care for the health of our community, as Rosina always did, and limit the spread of COVID 19, the service will be held virtually. Please refer to the website of Faith Presbyterian Church for details ([www.indianapolisfaith.org](http://www.indianapolisfaith.org)) or call the church office (317-849-1930).

Any memorials may be made to the Faith Smock Deacons' Benevolence Fund, which provides accessibility, housing, medical care, and other forms of urgent relief to those in need, especially to older adults. Contributions may be made to Faith Presbyterian Church, 8170 Hague Road, Indianapolis, IN 46256, or at [www.indianapolisfaith.org](http://www.indianapolisfaith.org).

# Tribute Wall

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“*Rosina and I shared the Stammers grandparents. I have nothing but positive memories of Rosina. She and my mother were very good friends. She introduced me to horses and taught me how to ride them. I first ate a pizza when she brought one to our home. I remember when I was young I told her that she had a silly last name, Morawitz. She told me it was better than Lessawitz! I was only 9 when she got married and did not attend the wedding but I was impressed when I met her husband, John. Over the years we had stayed in contact and she remained a caring and loving person. She loved her children and was a good grandmother. I was sorry to hear of her passing and pray for comfort for her children and grandchildren.*

*Richard L. Dimond*

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**Richard L. Dimond** - May 19, 2020 at 08:08 PM

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“*My deepest sympathy for the lose of your dear mother. These are such hard times, but to have a death makes life doubly trying. Know that the family is loved and supported now and in the future. Freda*

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**Freda Spell** - May 18, 2020 at 10:49 PM

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**Freda Spell** - May 18, 2020 at 10:53 PM

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“ To the family of Rosina Lohrenz,  
Our hearts and prayers are with you all. What an outstanding life  
she had! It is no wonder that she left such a tremendous legacy  
though her children and grand children ♥  
Love, Elizabeth and Steven Coleman ♥  
Madison, MS

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**Elizabeth Coleman** - May 18, 2020 at 10:38 PM

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To the family of Rosina Lohrenz,  
Thank you for sharing what a wonderful person Rosina was. I worked  
with her for many years at Weight Watchers. She was a beautiful  
person and a joy to be around. I will miss her and our long distance  
conversations. May all the memories continue to warm your heart and  
keep her ever present with you. My prayers are with you.  
Love and peace,  
Isabella Potts , Houston, TX

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**Isabella Potts** - May 19, 2020 at 12:30 AM