



## Rosie Viola Deckard

December 7, 1947 - September 29, 2023

One of the most kind, loving souls to ever grace this planet has left us.

Rosie Viola Deckard (maiden: England; first married: Cole) was born in Greene County Indiana on December seventh, 1947, to Lonnie and Margaret England.

She married her high school sweetheart, James David Cole and they had a son, David Christopher Cole. They traveled and always did things as a family; Rosie was the most loving wife and mother anyone could ever hope for. They were happily married for 42 years until he died unexpectedly in 2008 from a stroke.

Rosie earned her cosmetology degree in the mid 70's and was a beloved hair stylist for over 50 years. She loved doing hair and many of her clients became life-long friends.

In 2014, she re-married to Reverend Richard E. Deckard. They also traveled extensively and thoroughly enjoyed each other's company. They were happily married until he died from complications with liver cancer in 2020.

Rosie had a strong, life-long faith in God that shaped her entire worldview and was very active in her church, Highland Faith Assembly of God, where she

sang in the choir and led the woman's prayer group. After four years of study, she obtained her ministers license from The Indiana School of Ministry.

Even with a full schedule, she found time for several hobbies that she became passionate about. These included singing, painting, playing piano, and cooking. She sang in the church choir and performed for two decades with the Melody Makers. She enjoyed painting country landscapes and animals, earning awards along the way.

Rosie was probably the most kind-hearted, forgiving, accepting, and gracious person you would have ever known. She treated everyone equally and always saw the good in people. A truly beautiful person inside and out, she will be missed by so many.

She is survived by her son David Christopher Cole, her sisters Diana Burch (Randy) and Janice (Jim) Eddy; her four brothers: Pete England (Paula), Russell England, Dean England and Wayne England, and by her cat Lucy as well as many loving friends and clients.

She was preceded in death by her brother Ivan England, her husbands, and her parents.

Viewings are Wednesday, October 4th from 4pm to 8pm and Thursday, October 5th from 11am to 12pm at Allen Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 5th at 12pm at Allen Funeral Home with a burial to follow at Valhalla Memory Gardens.

# Cemetery Details

## Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.  
Bloomington, IN 47401

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Visitation

OCT 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

## Funeral Service

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OCT 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosie Viola Deckard.*



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October 03, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rosie Viola Deckard.

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October 03, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ *We have known Rosie for about 30 years. Jennifer and I considered not just our beautician but a wonderful friend. Her obituary says it well. She was such a kind person and helped anyone in anyway she could. We will miss her but will never forget her. We cannot attend her service as I will be out of town but our thoughts and prayers are with Chris and the rest of her family. God Bless You All. We were lucky to have her in our lives.*

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**Dixie Patterson** - October 03, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosie Viola Deckard.*



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October 02, 2023 at 11:46 AM