



## Loraetta Tolles

March 20, 1960 - August 26, 2024

Loraetta Tolles, 64, of Rose Hill, passed away at her home on August 26, 2024.

Loraetta Louise Tolles, daughter of Chester and Mary (Maganello) Baugher, was born on March 20, 1960, in Centerville, Iowa. She grew up in Centerville and attended Centerville schools. After her education, she was blessed with the birth of her first son, Matthew. She later began working at a nursing home and became a paraeducator for the Oskaloosa School System. In 1977, she met Bill Tolles, and they began a relationship. In 1984, she and Bill were wed at Keomah Village. Two years after they were married, she was blessed again with the birth of her son, Nathan. Loraetta continued working at the Oskaloosa School System until her health forced her into retirement in 2017.

Loraetta filled her free time with reading and gardening. She loved growing flowers, especially the daylilies, iris, and dieffenbachia plants, lovingly known as "Dumb Canes." Watching the hummingbirds was one of her favorite ways to relax and brought her much peace. Her husband, Bill, taught her how to play the drums to create a family band. She was the drummer, alongside her guitar-playing son, Nathan, and husband, to make up the band Tolz. The Tolz band played in two dozen shows, sharing their gift of music with many friends. Loraetta, Bill, and Nathan were the three amigos and shared a beautiful relationship. Until she lost her mobility, she enjoyed deer hunting along Bill. The timber was their church, God's creation.

Left to cherish Loraetta's memory are her husband, Bill Tolles; her sons: Matt

(Sandra) Houser of Fremont; Nathan Tolles of Rose Hill; one grandchild; sisters: Rosemary of Centerville; Joanne of Cedar Rapids; and many nieces and nephews.

Loraetta was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Sally, Mark, Bonnie, and Johnny.

As was Loraetta's wish, her body has been cremated. Private family services at Old Rose Hill Cemetery are planned for a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## Old Rose Hill Cemetery

2354 Teller Ave.  
Rose Hill, IA 52586

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

JP

“ Oh Mert.....you were there with Chris when Jazz was born. Angels all Around sweet Loraetta 🙏🙏  
Deepest condolences Nathan.  
Pots

John H Pothoven - October 13, 2024 at 12:09 PM

DL

“ So so sorry to hear of Loretta's passing. She was always a very caring person.  
R I P beautiful lady.



Debra Scholtus Lowe - October 11, 2024 at 03:34 AM

EF

“ Mrs Tolles was just like a ray of sunshine!! So sorry for your tremendous loss Nate!! My goodness you were the apple of her eye!

Elie Ford - October 09, 2024 at 03:17 PM

SH

“ Sondra Houser lit a candle in memory of Loraetta Tolles



Sondra Houser - October 09, 2024 at 10:54 AM

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“ I was in Nathan's class, graduated in 2005 with him. My favorite memory of her was when she read this amazing fantasy book to our 1st grade class. She was the sweetest and amazing person! I'm so sorry to the Tolles' family. My heart goes out to you.

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**Tasha Mayfield (Swink)** - October 09, 2024 at 05:23 AM