

Dear Willow Award,

When Amy was diagnosed with Niemann Pick disease, she had to have someone with her at all times. We started out with home care until we finally decided to have Amy go to an adult day care during the hours we all worked. That is where we met and fell in love with Rosa Aguilar.

She took special interest in Amy and was her advocate in anything that concerned Amy. She went with her to physical therapy two days a week. When Amy was participating in a clinical trial and had to have spinal injections every other Tuesday, Rosa was there and recognized that Amy was having difficulty after each procedure. Amy decided to discontinue the injections after participating in the study for 2 years.

Rosa knew how much Amy loved Reba McEntire. There was a Reba concert coming to Simmons Bank Arena and Rosa took Amy to that concert along with Nicole who also worked at the day care. Amy had to be transported in a wheelchair so they really had a job taking her.

Rosa came to our home on the weekends and helped take Amy to eat her favorite foods in the restaurants. She always wanted pizza or Mexican food. Rosa and her husband, Romero, even took Amy out one Saturday morning to eat at the Cracker Barrel. Not only was Rosa part of our family, but she let Amy be a part of hers.

When I received my diagnosis of breast cancer and had to undergo chemotherapy, we had to make the most difficult choice of putting Amy in a nursing home. Rosa went to see Amy and brought her cards and candy from her family at Pleasant Hill.

Amy's life was difficult but she was in such a good mood when Rosa was around. Rosa was Amy's hero and a hero to the rest of our family.

Sincerely,

Linda Scivally and the Scivally Family
Remembering Amy Scivally
1/8/1975 – 1/26/2024