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Rose Fun Facts and Quotes

- ❖ The rose is a very ancient plant; fossil specimens 35 million years old have been found in Montana and Oregon. The oldest pictures of the flower are on a Minoan fresco and an Egyptian tomb painting of the 15th century B. C.
- ❖ By the time of Cleopatra, use of the flower had become a fad and Egypt eventually became the rose center for the ancient world. The Romans scattered roses over porticos, floors, and couches; they decked their guests with garlands of rose.
- ❖ The rose has always been a symbol of silence. In Greek mythology, Eros dedicated this flower of his mother, Aphrodite, to Harpocrates, god of silence
- ❖ By the 13th century the rose had become one of the most important Christian symbols. Roses were the special flower of Mary They accompanied her in her miraculous appearances at Guadalupe and Fatima.
- ❖ The rose was the seal of crest of many popes and rose heraldry eventually spread over France and Germany to the British Isles where it became especially popular. Roses symbolized the Houses of York and Lancaster in a conflict known as the Wars of the Roses.
- ❖ People have always associated the rose with love. In Europe, the flower was included in nearly all love charms. Poets the world over have used the rose as a symbol of perfection and beauty.

- ❖ The rose was included by the Greek physician Hippocrates among his medicinal “simples.” Rose hips are occasionally made into jam, jelly, marmalade, and soup or are brewed for tea, primarily for their high vitamin C content. *Rosa chinensis* has long been used in Chinese traditional medicine.
- ❖ “More roses have been distilled for the delight of mankind than any other flower; no other fragrance has been popular for so long.” The ones used most for perfume have from ancient times been the extremely fragrant Damasks.
- ❖ Roses are, of course, favored subjects in art. Botanical artists Pierre-Joseph Redouté and Rory McEwen painted some of the most moving and beautiful botanical roses.
- ❖ The rose is in Rosaceae Family-, 5 petals, 5 sepals, multiple stamen, serrated leaves.

“Today, whether they are as strange as burnet or as familiar as a Hybrid Tea, rose are still miracles-
miracles of color, of scent, of form, of beauty”. ... Anne Ophelia Dowden



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The rose is a rose,
And was always a rose.
But the theory now goes
That the apple's a rose,
And the pear is, and so's
The plum, I suppose.
The dear only knows
What will next prove a rose.
You, of course, are a rose -
But were always a rose. ...Robert Frost

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“What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would
smell as sweet. “

...William Shakespeare



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