



Ann Elizabeth Rosetta

March 20, 1923 - January 3, 2014

Ann Elizabeth Rosetta, 90, of West Hartford, died peacefully on Friday, January 3, 2014. The loving daughter of the late Joseph V. and Elizabeth (Mancini) Rosetta, Ann was a 1940 graduate of Mount Saint Joseph Academy in West Hartford. In 1944, Ann graduated with a B.S. in child development from Saint Joseph College (University of Saint Joseph) and received a master in education from Bridgewater State Teachers College in 1956. Ann retired from teaching in 1977 after 33 years at the Charter Oak Elementary School in West Hartford. She received two merit awards and a career award from the West Hartford Public Schools. In 1974, Ann received national recognition as an “Outstanding Elementary School Teacher of America.”

Ann served as the first director of development and public relations at Saint Joseph College, where she was a past President of The Alumnae Association, a member of the Board of Trustees, and served on many committees. Ann was a 1981 recipient of a Distinguished Alumna Award from the college. Ann was a member of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society, an international organization for outstanding women educators. A charter Member of The Church of Saint Timothy, Ann served as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, a member of the Pastoral Care Team, and as President of the Parish Council. Ann leaves three loving siblings: Rosemary Rosetta de Franciscis of Caserta, Italy; Frances M. Rosetta of Avon; and Joseph V. Rosetta Jr. of Hobe Sound, Florida. She leaves many beloved nieces and nephews: Alessandro de Franciscis; M. Elisabetta de Franciscis; Almerinda de Franciscis; Mark

Rosetta and his wife, Katherine; Philip Rosetta and his wife, Gilda; David Rosetta and his wife, Paula; Richard Rosetta and his wife, Sandra; Candace (Rosetta) Mavaro and her husband, Thomas. Ann also leaves many beloved grand nieces and nephews. Ann was predeceased by, her brother-in-law, Dr. Pietro de Franciscis; her sister-in-law, Brenda Rosetta; and her nephew, Donald Rosetta.

Funeral services will be Saturday beginning with visitation at 10:00 a.m. in the Church of St. Timothy, 1116 North Main St. West Hartford, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield

In lieu of flowers, Ann has requested that memorial gifts in her name be sent to: University of Saint Joseph, 1678 Asylum Ave., West Hartford, CT 06117 www.usj.edu; or Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd., West Hartford, CT 06107 www.holyfamilyretreat.org. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

1 Cottage Grove Rd.
Bloomfield, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Timothy
1116 North Main St
West Hartford, CT 06117
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Tribute Wall

KM

“ I just read about Miss Rosetta's passing in the USJ Outlook Magazine and I'm so very sad. Miss Rosetta was my kindergarten teacher at Charter Oak. My two brothers (Rob and Dan) also had Miss Rosetta in kindergarten. Her classroom was so magical. I have vivid memories of tapping our fingers on the floor to make it sound like soft and hard rain. I remember the cubbies, the pond, the supply closet, the kitchen, and the doll area. Unfortunately they don't make classrooms like that anymore. Miss Rosetta was so pleased that I attended her beloved Saint Joseph College. I reconnected with Miss Rosetta after my mom died. She was such a comfort. Kindergarten teachers are like a mom away from home. It saddens me that I will not be able to see or talk with her again.
Kathleen Guinan Mozzochi

Kathleen Guinan Mozzochi - October 27, 2014 at 07:22 AM

ML

I had her in kindergarten in 1964, I adored her sooo much, I remember she got a staple in her finger and I cried, she was the sweetest woman ever!

Mark Livingston - December 22, 2025 at 08:59 PM

NB

“ My Mom and Ann were best of friends. I know that they are enjoying eachother's company now. Fran and Joe - so sorry - The Brockman family is thinking of you. Love Nancy Brockman

Nancy Brockman - March 13, 2014 at 06:09 PM

BL

“ *In the fall of 1955, my family was flooded out of our apartment in Hartford, and moved down the street from Charter Oak School. I remember coming into Miss Rosetta's kindergarten class and finding a happy and pretty teacher (with red curls!) who read stories to us as we sat around the fireplace, and introduced us to the goldfish in the little stone pond in the corner. From that day forward, I felt welcome and loved school.*

I wish her family peace, knowing that Ann Rosetta will be remembered fondly all my life.

Betty Duncan Lyons, New Haven, CT

Beth Lyons - February 17, 2014 at 09:37 AM

PB

“ *So sorry to hear of Miss Rosetta's death. I have tried to keep in touch over the last few years after our 50th class reunion from Hall High and our fortunate reconnection with our kindergarten teacher, Miss Rosetta. She was loved by all her students. We were in her first class in 1944. We had a luncheon with her in 2007, it was like being in class with her again. The time with her was far more noteworthy than our 50th class reunion from Hall High School although that was fun too.*

Priscilla Pike Teitenberg Burden, Sarasota, Florida

Priscilla Burden - January 21, 2014 at 01:52 PM

JS

“ To the Rosetta Family,

My condolences to you having physically lost such a caring person in your family. She was my kindergarten teacher and then I was proud to call her a sister in Delta Kappa Gamma. Her smile, her positive outlook on life meant so much to so many of us through the years. I will continue to carry her with me. She has made a difference in so many lives.

Janet Singer Schwartz

Janet Schwartz - January 10, 2014 at 12:08 PM

DD

“ To Ann Rosetta's Family,

Our most sincere condolences to all of Ann's family. She has left a rich legacy for all of us to emulate. It was a pleasure to be her colleague at Charter Oak for several years, and our friendship continued. To live in hearts one leaves behind is not to die. Ann will live on in the hearts of her family, friends and the many, many students whose lives she touched while they were in her creative kindergarten and beyond.

With sympathy,

Gladys B. Dunn and Robert E. Dunn

Dr. Mrs. Robert E. Dunn - January 09, 2014 at 11:27 AM

ML

I adored Her, I remembered when she put a staple into Her finger and I cried, she was Amazing, My first crush ever!!!!

Mark Livingston - December 10, 2022 at 11:50 PM

LG

“ *Ann Rosetta epitomized the ministry of teaching. With her gentle spirit, sharp mind and focused concern for others, she provided exemplary role modeling to countless students, parents and colleagues throughout her illustrious career. With the rebuilding of Charter Oak School, I am hoping there will be a tribute to Ann's legacy included in the plans. She is so deserving of this honor. Godspeed, Ann! May your family rest and be comforted in the knowledge of your goodness and contributions to humanity. I am privileged to have known you and learned so much through that association.*

Lynette T. Grande - January 09, 2014 at 09:05 AM

JS

Lynette, what a wonderful idea! I hope that she is remembered in the new school.

Janet Schwartz - January 10, 2014 at 12:04 PM

NL

“ *Noreen Leonard - Leonard, Miss Rosette was the best. A left handed 5 year with three (E) 's in my name she thought me to write them the right way. Thank you.*

Noreen Leonard - January 08, 2014 at 04:18 AM

DM

“ Dear Fran, Rosemary and Joe:

I was so saddened to learn today (Tuesday January 7) from Father David of the passing of our beloved Ann. I was delighted to make her acquaintance while serving on the staff of St. Joseph College and even more delighted that our friendship endured over these many years. She was very special to me and I will never forget her. In fact, just this past weekend, I was looking at some recipe cards - in her beautiful handwriting-for some of her favorite Italian dishes! And Fran: I cherish those alligator handbags and use them frequently! Ann was a special lady filled with fun, a true commitment to the teaching profession and a spirit of service and generosity evident to all who came in contact with her throughout her amazing life. I was honored and privileged to know her and call her my friend. May she rest in peace.

Donna Marino, Scottsdale, AZ

Donna Marino - January 07, 2014 at 12:49 PM

VF

“ Dear Rosetta Family,

I remember fondly dear Miss Rosetta, my kindergarten teacher. As the first daughter of my Italian immigrant family, I was so very lucky to have Miss Rosetta as my first teacher at Charter Oak elementary school back in 1968. My mother still talks about her and is eternally grateful that both her children could be educated by such a fine teacher who spoke Italian, too! I will never forget my kindergaten experience - all that I learned and the fun we had. Miss Rosetta made it very special indeed. In her room, we always felt safe, protected, valued and loved.

Rest in peace, Dear Miss Rosetta.

~Vilma Lalama Forastiere

Vilma Forastiere - January 07, 2014 at 08:55 AM

LA

“ Miss Rosetta will always be a special person to our entire family. We were fortunate to have her as a kindergarten teacher at Charter Oak School. We can still recall the "fishing pond", the little cupboards where we kept our art smocks and other belongings, and the play kitchen area in her beautiful classroom! Making applesauce in the adjoining kitchen is a fond memory. Miss Rosetta was always so bubbly and caring and shared her zest for life with all of the children in her care through her wonderful teaching. A teacher like this only comes along once in a lifetime and we are thankful that we were among her students.

Joanne, Carl, and Susan Moskey

ladygab@comcast.net - January 07, 2014 at 08:42 AM

MC

So pleasant on this sad occasion to see the name of Susan Moskey who was in my kindergarten class and lived on Englewood Avenue where I lived. I echo your sentiments about Miss Rosetta and her classroom.

Margaret Clark - January 07, 2014 at 09:02 AM

UJ

“ Dear Fran, Rosemary, and Joseph -

Please accept our heartfelt condolences at the loss of your sister. She will be missed greatly by all the friends she has made over these many years at the University of Saint Joseph.

Steve Kumnick
Office of Alumni Relations

University of Saint Joseph - January 07, 2014 at 08:40 AM

FC

“ Dear Rosetta Family...it is with a heavy heart that I write this note of condolence for someone who has been so dear to me over almost 50 years of my life. I did my kindergarten student teaching in her wonderful classroom .She was a consummate teacher,mentor and friend from those days forward.A loss at any age diminishes us all.Ann(and Fran) stayed in my life not only through messages,cards etc.,but visits...especially, when they were at the family home in Niantic.G-d couldn't ask for a better 'angel' to come 'home' to Him.May she rest-in-peace now.G-d Bless you all...peace and much love..Fay Merkin Clymer and my children



Fay Merkin Clymer - January 07, 2014 at 07:47 AM

JB

I am bereaved at the loss of the most powerful woman in my life. I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to note with Ann in her recent years through a friend. I wish her God Speed.

*Jay Benson
Kindergarten Class of 1949
Charter Oak Elementary School*

Jay Benson - January 07, 2014 at 02:26 PM