



Rosalinde Marie Milazzo

July 23, 1927 - February 21, 2021

ROSALINDE MILAZZO – OBITUARY

Rosalinde Milazzo died peacefully at Transitions Lifecare, a Hospice home in Raleigh, North Carolina, on February 21, 2021 at the age of 93.

She was born at sea on July 23, 1927, grew up in Staten Island, New York, and lived in San Diego, California for thirty years with her husband, Sam Milazzo, and their son, Tone Milazzo. She taught elementary and high school students in San Diego until she was 79 years old. She spent the last 14 years of her life in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, close to her daughter, Heidi Chapman, from an earlier marriage.

When she moved to Chapel Hill, she discovered kindred spirits at the Shared Learning Association of Chapel Hill. She spent the last thirteen years of her life taking four to five courses at a time with a group of retirees who welcomed her passion for learning, challenged her, and offered her friendship and support. Shared Learning Association of Chapel Hill allowed her to widen her horizons, while sharing life experiences and stories. She finally had the time to read constantly and explore all the subjects she had longed to study since her college days, including forensic science, archeology, anthropology, world religions, art, music, and Native American history.

Rosalinde had sparkling, blue eyes and a lovely smile. She was very bright, warm, loving, and kind. She was a conversationalist in the best sense of the word. She knew no strangers. She drew people to her. She spent her life helping and caring for others: children, adults, and animals. She was a devoted friend. She was an inspiring mother. She will be sorely missed.

Rosalinde deepened her love of poetry at Shared Learning. This poem captures her spirit.

EPITAPH by Merrit Malloy

When I die give what's left of me away
to children and old men that wait to die.

And if you need to cry,
cry for your brother walking the street beside you.

And when you need me, put your arms around anyone

and give them what you need to give to me.

I want to leave you something,
something better than words or sounds.

Look for me in the people I've known or loved,
and if you cannot give me away,
at least let me live on in your eyes and not in your mind.

You can love me best by letting hands touch hands,
and by letting go of children that need to be free.

Love doesn't die, people do.

So, when all that's left of me is love,
give me away.

Rosalinde was predeceased by her three brothers: Roland, Norbert and Anton Tiedeman. She is survived by her daughter, Heidi Chapman and Heidi's partner, Richard Owens of Chapel Hill, her son and daughter-in-law, Tone and Melissa Milazzo of San Diego; her unofficially adopted daughter, Joan Ruland of St. Paul, Minnesota; her sister-in-law, Elizabeth Tiedemann of Staten Island; her nieces and nephew; her beloved cousin and her husband, Gundel and Gerd Bach of Germany; her dear friends at Shared Learning Association of Chapel Hill, including Alice Parsons, Pat Detitta, and Margareta Thompson; her close friend of 62 years, Doris Tushak of Bradenton, Florida; her kind friend, Thomas Cahill of Red Hook, New York; her friends in Vermont, California, Arizona, Iowa, Nevada, New York and North Carolina; and her loving cousins in Germany. Thank you all for embracing her and accompanying her through life.

Contributions may be made in Rosalinde's memory to: Shared Learning Association of Chapel Hill, c/o Hank Becker, President, 1114 Phil's Ridge Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. Shared Learning ignited her passion for learning and fed her soul.

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for Rosalinde passing. I just found out today about the deaths of Anton and Roland. A Generation is passing , my father John Louis Tiedemann their cousin died on February 28, 2013. My condolences to all the family. Love to you all!!

Timothy Tiedemann - December 23, 2021 at 11:58 PM

MT

“ Rosalinda was my 5th grade teacher in 1987 in San Diego at the Montessori school. I remember her so fondly, even today. Just the other day, I was telling my husband about how I had a teacher who, if you got in trouble, would make you write a page from the dictionary, punctuation and all! I had to write a few of those pages 😬, but I always respected Rosalinda for the passion with which she taught and her kindness to all. My mother and Rosalinda kept in touch via letters and Christmas cards until recently. It was so nice to hear news of what she was doing and think back to those days. Sending my most heartfelt condolences to her family and dearest friends. May her memory forever be a blessing. Maryellen (Rogusky) Titani

Maryellen Titani - April 02, 2021 at 09:14 PM

MA

“ M. L. Athearn lit a candle in memory of Rosalinde Marie Milazzo



M. L. Athearn - March 10, 2021 at 01:49 PM



“ I'm so glad Rosalinde moved to Chapel Hill, probably in her 70s, so she and Heidi could share their lives. I remember when I first met her, that white hair and those twinkling eyes, her natural caring for everyone. She used to stop by my house when she was still driving to drop off grocery bags for Kitchen. So sad to lose her, but she sure had an interesting fantastic life. Good memories, Heidi.

Judith Bergman - March 05, 2021 at 12:14 PM

SU

“ I first met Rosalinde when Heidi and I were sophomores in college. It was the first time I had gone to Staten Island. It was an amazing visit that I still remember. It was the first time that I had cheese as an appetizer, in fact the first time I had an appetizer. Rosalinde was so smart and intellectual, talking about books I had at that point never even heard of. At that moment I figured out why Heidi was so smart, at least 50% of her smarts. It also showed me why Heidi was so mature and independent. I think I was still learning how to tie my shoes and Heidi took me to Manhattan on the subway, just the two of us! Her mother had taught her to be independent at a young age and that confidence has shown for the rest of her life. I guess that is partly why Heidi became the professional she is. I know that Rosalinde is looking down on Heidi now with an immensely proud smile saying she is OK and for us not to worry about her.

Susan

Susan - March 05, 2021 at 10:11 AM

RE

“ I remember the first time I met Rosalinde at Whole Foods, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Her eyes were so bright, sparkling with flecks of golden vigor. Prismatic. I think she had just come from a shared learning experience or was excited about going to one, I can't remember. But she was so gregarious in her sharing of her interests and her experiences teaching young people and older people both! I loved listening to her stories. Her smile and energy was so contagious. She taught me how to paint in watercolor. She taught me how to paint in watercolor. Much love shared, we will miss her. Much love ❤️ shared, we will miss her...

Rebecca - March 04, 2021 at 03:26 PM

MK

“ Mirinda Kossoff lit a candle in memory of Rosalinde Marie Milazzo



mirinda kossoff - March 04, 2021 at 12:36 PM

RE

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Rebecca - March 04, 2021 at 05:49 AM



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Wake Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. - March 03, 2021 at 11:49 AM