



Rosemary Eleanor Byrne

October 26, 1945 - April 25, 2024

Rosemary Byrne passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on April 25, 2024. She was 78 years old.

She was born in Newark, NJ on October 26, 1945, the daughter of the late Rosemary and Judge Joseph F. Walsh. She grew up in Vailsburg, New Providence, and Maplewood, NJ and attended Bayley-Ellard High School, graduating with the class of 1963. She then trained to become a nurse at Seton Hall University and later gained her master's degree in nursing from Rutgers University. Over her long nursing career she held various roles, such as the house nurse at the Plaza Hotel in New York City, a visiting nurse in the South Bronx, and a nurse at Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey. Later in life, she moved into nursing education which became her true passion. She was a professor at Trinitas School of Nursing for 35 years.

Rosemary was a talented dancer and met her husband, the late Bruce P. Byrne, at an audition for a musical. The two were married in 1977 and had two children together. She was smart, creative, articulate, giving, and funny.

Rosemary was a loving mother, always putting her family first. She cherished family beach vacations and enjoyed philosophizing about the mysteries of the cosmos. Rosemary appreciated music and writing, having authored a book, as well as a comedic play that was performed for the local community. She was an attendee of St. James Catholic Church in New Jersey, St. Aloysius Church in New Jersey, and Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Maryland.

In addition to her parents and husband of 37 years, she was preceded in

death by her good friend, Ellen Tansey in 2016.

She is survived by her children, Joseph Byrne (Kate) and Megan Feinberg (Gabe); sister, Elaine Walsh (Harry Steube); brother, Joseph Walsh (Barbara); grandchildren, Mabel, Easton, Oscar, and Callum; as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, and her beloved cat, Schwartz.

Services will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 at 10:00 am at Saint James Church in Basking Ridge. A gathering will be held before the funeral service from 9:00 - 10:00 am in the basement at Saint James Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations may be made to the American Nurses Foundation. Any flower orders should be sent to Flowers on the Ridge in Basking Ridge, NJ.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. James Roman Catholic Church
184 S Finley Ave
Basking Ridge, NJ 07920
(908) 766-0888

Tribute Wall

ER

“*Rosemary was an important part of my (or I should say "our" because Bruce and Neal were show business friends first) life. I think of her when I think of the many gatherings we were at together, and many of them were at the Walsh home on Prospect Street in Maplewood. Talk of moon landings again reminds me of the first moon landing in 1969 and we were all there to see it together. Weddings where we shared in each others, first homes both in West Orange, children.....wonderful milestones together. Today I know she is in Paradise with all who have passed before to be missed by those still here.*

Betty Resch

Elizabeth (Resch - May 07, 2024 at 05:14 AM

MC

“ Rosemary was my sister Ellen’s best friend “ from birth to earth” and she was a wonderful friend to our whole family. They met in grammar school at Sacred Heart in Newark and the rest is history. During college, they went to Mexico as part of a Catholic project helping out in a poor orphanage, the first of many glorious adventures. They took their first apartment in New York while Rosemary was the house nurse at the famous Plaza Hotel and Ellen began a business career. The parties and fun they had at that and later apartments became legendary! Between New York and the Jersey shore, and the many wonderful friends they shared , they sang and danced their hearts away. (Rosemary always beautifully and Ellen off key:)

I’m sure that many, when they heard the sad news of Rosemary’s passing, smiled picturing the two of them raising a toast, singing and raising the rafters in Heaven!

*With love to Rosemary and her wonderful family ,
Renie Tansey Craven and Family*

maureen craven - April 30, 2024 at 02:19 PM

EW

“ I find myself thinking of the many acts of kindness Rosemary - my big sister - extended to me, and the many adventures she embarked me on.

The kindnesses range from something as simple and tender as spending time with me to fix my hair, after I scraped my 5 year old knee - to - moving me to Boston - to - showing up to take me out for ice cream on too many birthdays to count.

The adventures ran both the cerebral and global gambit. Everything was on the table to be an adventure, and it often turned into a caper. It could be coming up with a punchline together, shenanigans in Paris together, or most recently, sneaking out for a hair appointment together.

Thank you Rosemary. I will love you forever.

Elaine Walsh - April 30, 2024 at 05:22 AM

FD

A special lady, never forgotten. Frank Delany

frank Delany - May 23, 2024 at 08:55 PM

AI

“ Joe, Megan & Family,

I just learned of your mother's passing. I was sorry to hear that. She was such a special person. On behalf of the Snyder Family, please accept our heartfelt condolences.

As you already know, relations between our families go back a long way - over 100 years. For nearly 40 years, I've had the distinct privilege and pleasure of meeting and greeting your parents, grandparents, and extended family at most of their annual golf outings, shareholder meetings and the like - Joe & Marie Byrne; Roger & Helene Byrne & Family; Neil & Ruth Byrne & Family; Ellen & William Hanlon & Family; Mary Beth & Donald Murray & Family; and Carol & John Sand & Family. Your mother, Rosemary, was always a standout during all these occasions. First to make you laugh. Last to say good-bye. She really cared about people. We'll miss her.

All the best,

Art Snyder

Arthur Snyder III - April 29, 2024 at 12:41 PM

TW

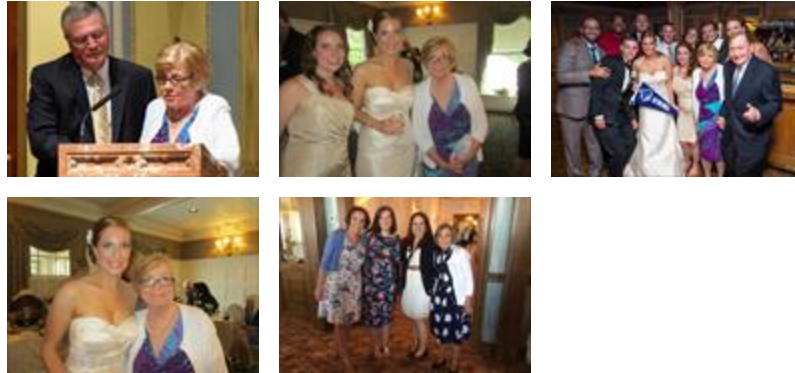
“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tara Walsh White - April 29, 2024 at 11:21 AM

TW

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Tara Walsh White - April 29, 2024 at 11:20 AM

SJ

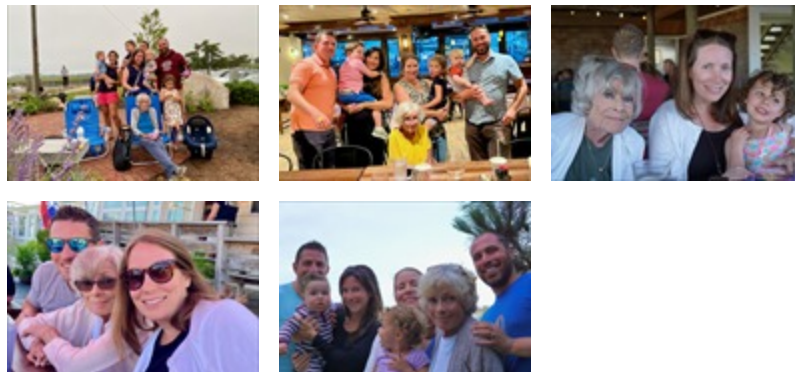
“ Suzanne Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosemary Eleanor Byrne



Suzanne Jackson - April 27, 2024 at 05:04 PM

GF

“ 29 files added to the album From Megan & Gabe



Gabe F - April 27, 2024 at 01:28 PM

GW

“ I have a ton of memories of Aunt Rosemary from childhood till present day. Many memories involve her entire immediate family of husband Bruce, my uncle, and her children Joe and Megan my cousins. So many holidays and different celebrations shared together within our family. So many laughs shared together. Aunt Rosemary was always "present" in the moment and cared about "you" were doing and what you were interested in. She genuinely cared about other peoples happiness. She would talk to me about Seton Hall Prep basketball (where I coach) like it was the #1 thing on her mind. I recall Aunt Rosemary taking in stride after a sleep over for myself in Baskin Ridge with my cousins the second floor bathroom toilet over flowing over night and flooding the kitchen downstairs. An absolute nightmare that any homeowner could go crazy over. I, as a young kid could not believe the damage. But Aunt Rosemary that morning was clearly disappointed with severe water damage but she somehow kept me and the Byrne family calm that they would fix it. I also remember Aunt Rosemary bringing me and my cousins Joe and Megan to see "Edward Scissorhands" at the theater and buying us any snacks we wanted. So much more over the years that i could bring up. But also amazed by her about a year ago she asked me to drive her to Trintas hospital in Elizabeth to go to work. Busiest place of traffic and people and fast moving environment. She handled it like it was no big deal while I was having complete anxiety. Amazing woman Aunt Rosemary!

Greg Walsh - April 26, 2024 at 09:22 PM