



## Rose Marie Ball

May 9, 1939 - December 24, 2020

Rose Marie Ball (nee Marrollo), 81, of Ardmore, PA, went to the Church Triumphant on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020. Born in Bryn Mawr on May 9, 1939, Rose graduated from Haverford High School in 1957 and soon after began working at O'Reilly & White in Narberth where she met her future husband walking up a flight of stairs that she was walking down. Rose and Alan were married for 48 years and raised two children that she adored. "The cute chick and old goat are reunited." She went on to work as a Faculty Secretary at Harcum College, and then as the Secretary for the Assistant Superintendent at Radnor School District until her retirement in 2004.

Always with a smile and an encouraging word, Rose has been described as one-of-a-kind. Rose loved spending time with her family, enjoyed traveling, her gardens, and visits from both friends and her large extended family. Rose's faith and her church community were both very important to her. She loved sharing family traditions with her children and grandchildren, and enjoyed hosting many gatherings. Warm and gracious, Rose was always willing and ready to help, and kept a cup of tea and biscotti at the ready. She radiated love.

Rose leaves behind her son Alan Ball, Jr., daughter Stephanie McGrory and son-in-law David; two deeply cherished granddaughters, Ashley and Ellie; two sisters, Fran Gegin and Joanne King; and many family and friends.

Her Memorial Service will follow when safe, anticipated for Spring/Summer 2021.

Gifts in memory of Rose may be made to the Ardmore Presbyterian Church by mail or at [www.ardmorepres.org/giving](http://www.ardmorepres.org/giving)

# Comments

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“ Rose was such a joyful person, She was always interested in what others had to say! She was a delightful Red Hatter and a real spark to our group. We will miss her greatly. God bless you, Rose! Rest in Peace. Eileen C.

**Eileen Crone** - April 09 at 03:38 PM

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“ Dear Stephanie and Alan,

We hope Tuesday evening's memorial tribute from Washington brought you grace and strength as you, and your families, remember the life of a good woman.

We will miss "cousin Rose".

Love, Chris and Bob

**Bob Scenna** - January 22 at 08:41 AM

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“ What a beautiful video of your Mom. My heart goes out to you.  
Jessica Tropp Cade

**Jessica Tropp Cade** - January 12 at 01:34 PM

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“ So sorry to read of Rose's passing. My condolences to her family. I worked at Harcum when Rose was faculty secretary. I remember Rose as always cheerful and pleasant toward everyone. She was well liked by faculty and staff alike.

**Meg C. Tharp** - January 11 at 02:46 PM

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“ I worked with Rose at the Radnor School District for over 15 years when I served as Superintendent of Schools. She was my Assistant Superintendent's Assistant and a lovely and memorable part of our office. She always had that lovely smile and personality and greeted everyone with the warmth that was so characteristic of her. She was one of the most emotionally intelligent individuals that I have known and worked with others and the public with effectiveness and understanding. She was consistently positive and a model for all. I am sure that her family and friends will miss her.....she is a great loss. I will remember her forever. I believe that Shakespeare's words from Romeo and Juliet capture her best...." When she shall die, cut her out in little stars and she shall make the face of heaven so bright that all the world will be in love with night....." God bless you and keep you Rose.

**John A. DeFlaminis** - January 11 at 02:40 PM

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“ I lived just around the corner from the Ball family and Stephanie and I became friends in school and often played together at each other's homes. I remember Mrs. Ball always being warm and welcoming when I was at their home. She had a booming presence and joyful voice that drew you in. Those big bright eyes of hers and the boldness of her personality always captivated. My heartfelt love and prayers to all of the family. My Mom, Kathi, also extends her love and condolences to all.

**Heather Rippert** - January 09 at 10:59 AM

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“ Rose and I met in 6th grade at St. Denis School in Havertown. We went to high school together and attended dances, shopping and attending Mass on Sundays .She was a beautiful person with a great spirit and lots of common sense. She was also a bridesmaid in our wedding

When visiting her she always had the tea pot and homemade cookies ready.I miss the phone calls and her young voice. The good Lord needed another Angel and picked on our Rose.

Love always, Dolores, Dino Maryann and Carolann

**Dolores A DiSanto** - January 07 at 09:06 PM

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“ Forty five years ago I met Rose at our kids kindergarten. Because of her I got involved in PTA. I remember the evenings at her house making ornaments and such to start a craft sale fund raiser. She dragged me into Band and Orchestra Parents when the kids moved to secondary school. That was the best time. We enjoyed garden visits , dinner group, shared holidays. Her baking was the best. Rose's family was our family and always will be. We love you Rose.  
Susie, Jay, and the Strieb kids

**Susan Strieb** - January 06 at 03:22 PM

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“ What a wonderful cousin! I can't say enough about Rose's positive spirit, radiant smile, and zest for life. She was beautiful inside and out and will always be remembered as such!

I have so many wonderful memories at the many Sunday dinners at Uncle Nick's and Aunt Frances's home. It was one of my favorite places to go. We would dance in the basement to the Supremes. After a dancing marathon, we would open the Coca Cola cooler, which was filled with all our favorites, and refresh ourselves for another go at it.

When Rob and I would visit Rosemary at her home, she would proudly escort us to her beautiful pond in her backyard. Since I am also an avid gardener, we shared lots of information with each other.

My cousin Rose has a special place in my heart and always will!

**Janet Mazzotta** - January 06 at 08:26 AM

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“ I will never forget the first time I Met This wonderful woman that was the day we brought her to the 21st century with her hair style, she was so happy , she emits a light & warmth, that takes your heart away, I will never forget this wonderful woman  
Her hair stylist in California  
Maureen zitver

**Maureen zitver** - January 05 at 08:24 PM

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“ I have frequently shared with nieces the fun the “girls” had in the kitchen cleaning up from the wonderful meals at Aunt Frances & Uncle Nick’s home on Sundays & party days! It was special time Janet and I had with our “older” cousins. In these later years, Rose never minded pop-in visits. We would talk of old times as well as catch up on the present. She loved her family so....Rose has given those who knew her a some memory takeaway. I will remember her jovial laugh and her kindnesses. She was a gentle soul and faced life’s challenges with courage. Thanks for the memories Cuz! Carol

**Carol Fazzini** - January 05 at 03:30 PM



“ I remember when I met Alan and Rose,I was staying with my cousins in Havertown,my cousin Fred and Alan worked on the school bus together I had moved in with my cousin temporary I did interior design,making window treatments,Rose wanted a few treatments customade,we got together I took measurements and we went to the store,to pick out the fabrics,Rose insisted we have lunch on 4th street at the deli there,she was so nice her and I clicked as so as we met,she was so kind,couldn’t do enough for me,I will miss her kind spirit.her and Alan were a class act.Rip Rose

**Gerard Galbraith** - January 06 at 05:20 AM



“ Rose was the most enthusiastic mother of any child I ever had in first grade at Chestnutwold.School. I have an enduring memory of her cuddling the newly hatched chicks with the children waiting their turns.I was delighted to meet Stephanie again at Lynnewood School.My sympathy to the family and wish them peace. Paula Freilich

**Paula Freilich** - January 17 at 05:37 PM