



Rosemary (Inserra) Matt

May 1, 1956 - December 13, 2024

NEW HARTFORD - Rosemary (Inserra) Matt passed away after a courageous battle with leukemia. She passed into the hands of the Lord on Friday, December 13, 2024, with her husband and children by her side.

Rosemary was born in Utica on May 1, 1956, to the late R. Robert Inserra and Vincenza (Rescino) Inserra. Rosemary graduated from Utica Catholic Academy in 1974 and then went on to earn a BS in Mathematics from the University of Buffalo in 1978. After college, Rosemary went on to teach high school math in the Oriskany Central School District. She later left the teaching profession to become a Real Estate broker with Faith Properties. Next, she went on to work for New York State as the Director of Accountability for Adult Education where she was responsible for the data of 270 programs across the state. It is here where she remained for the rest of her career. Rosemary was hardworking and dedicated to her work. She was revered by her colleagues throughout the state for her excellent work ethic and precision in her daily work.

On June 9, 1979, she married James E. Matt, the younger brother of her sister, Lucille's, husband. They met at Lucille's wedding and were married three years later. Rosemary and Jim shared a very strong, loving bond and were completely committed to each other. They were married 45 years.

Rosemary leaves behind her beloved husband, James (Jim); two children and their families: their eldest child, Brian and his partner Bryan Fairbrother, and their daughter Alycia (Matt) Magee and her husband Sean and their young children James S. Magee and Izabelle R. Magee. Rosemary also leaves behind her sister Lucille (Inserra) Matt, a brother-in-law John A. Matt Jr. and his wife Maureen, and a sister-in-law Dolores Matt. Also surviving are Rosemary's nieces and nephews, Craig A. Matt and his wife Ashleigh (Dennis) Matt and their young daughter Aurora, John A. Matt III and his wife Kimbery, Michael J. Matt and his partner Paul Batista, Patricia (Matt) Otis and her husband Jeff, Gary J. Matt Jr. and his wife Katie, and Sean Matt. Rosemary is also survived by twelve other great nieces and nephews, an aunt, Connie Inserra, and cousins, Francis and Patricia Inserra, Elaine Paynter, and Carol Cannerelli. Rosemary was predeceased by two brothers-in-law, Gary J. Matt Sr. and Robert W. Matt, and mother-in-law Virginia (Haley) Matt.

Rosemary was generous and very giving of herself. Her family was the center of her life. There was nothing she loved more than her two grandchildren. They were the light of her life. Rosemary was an excellent cook and enjoyed watching cooking shows. Weekly, she would host her son and daughter's families for Sunday dinner.

Rest in peace, Rosemary. Know that your love, generosity and spirit of life will live on in our memories forever.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 19, 2024 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those unable to attend, you may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83836201724>. Memorial contributions in Rosemary's honor may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at www.stjude.org/donate; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are

respectfully invited to attend Rosemary's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday, December 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee Street. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

This tribute to Rosemary's life was lovingly written by her family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **19**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus
2222 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13502
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Tribute Wall

MD

“ Dear Matt families,
My sincerest and deepest sympathies of learning of brilliant and wonderful Rosemary’s passing. Such life long memories to reflect on. You all will be remembered in my prayers. So sorry I could not deliver this sentiment personally but the flu prevented my wish.

mary Annette Danella - December 23, 2024 at 06:43 AM

JE

“ I had the honor of knowing Rosemary when I became the data manager for Jefferson-Lewis BOCES. A position I held for over 20+years. She was my mentor when I began collecting data and I had the honor of seeing and interacting her many times over the years at various workshops, my last interaction with her was in March 2024. She was a force to be reckoned with when it came to making sure our numbers and the state numbers were the best they could be. She will be sadly missed by many. My thoughts and prayers go out to Jim and her family.

Julie Brouse Elmer - December 22, 2024 at 08:28 PM

GN

“ We are truly saddened by the loss of Rosemary Matt. She was a champion and advocate for all Adult Education students. In my short time of working with her, she supported us in ensuring that we raise and maintain high expectations for our citywide programs. She pushed us to strive for excellence on a consistent basis. Especially during our monthly meetings when she would say “ Uhhh Superintendent, I understand the challenges...but I know you can do better..what is the plan to improve practice?!” or “ If it’s not in ASSIST it doesn’t exist!” What I appreciated most about Rosemary was her unwavering passion to help others and her investment into this work. To Jim and the entire family, thank you for sharing Rosemary with us. We are forever grateful.



Glenda Esperance, NYCDOE - December 22, 2024 at 08:45 AM

MT

“ Rosemary was a tremendous force in adult education for so long - her presence and contributions to the entire field will be missed but never forgotten. On a personal level, she had a great sense of humor and gave great hugs. My deepest condolences to Jim and your entire family.

Mark Trushkowsky - December 20, 2024 at 03:45 PM

MW

“ Marie Whitham lit a candle in memory of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt



Marie Whitham - December 20, 2024 at 10:18 AM

JF

“ Our deepest sympathies for the loss of such an incredibly caring, generous and selfless wife, mother and grandmother. May you all find comfort in the memories made and shared throughout your time together. A donation has been made in her honor to St. Jude’s.

Jonathan Fairbrother - December 20, 2024 at 06:26 AM

MG

“ I am so saddened to hear of Rosemary’s passing. We were classmates in grade school and UCA. My deepest condolences to her family. Rest in Peace 🙏



Marianne Tehan Gordon - December 20, 2024 at 05:31 AM

LY

“ Lori Yakawiak lit a candle in memory of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt



Lori Yakawiak - December 19, 2024 at 07:41 PM

LY

My heart goes out to Rosemary’s family and friends. I will never forget the incredible guidance she provided throughout the years. It was a privilege to know Rosemary and like so many others in the field of Adult Education, I came to depend on her for much needed guidance and support. This work will never be the same without her. Rosemary, you are so beloved and will be sorely missed.

Lori Yakawiak - December 19, 2024 at 07:49 PM

LY

“ Lori Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemary (Insera) Matt.

Lori Y. - December 19, 2024 at 07:39 PM

AT

“ I’m so saddened to hear about Rosemary’s passing. She made such an incredible impact on my daily work. I’m sure she’s doing the “happy dance” in heaven . Thank you Rosemary for your guidance and wisdom. My deepest sympathy to Jim and family.



Alyson Trudeau - December 19, 2024 at 07:21 PM

MK

“ Jim and family
I was shocked to learn of Rosemary's passing. I am so very sorry. She was always so willing to help each Adult Program "use" their data to help improve services. She had a gift of looking at the data and know what else we should be doing to enhance services to students. Her knowledge of AEPP was amazing and concurrently the support she provided to ALL the NYS Adult Programs was appreciated.
On a personal level, Rosemary and I always shared grandchildren stories. My deepest sympathies to all. A true champion for Adult Education In NYS. She will be missed. My prayers for all. Mary K. Kline

Mary Kline - December 19, 2024 at 07:09 PM

JF

“ Rosemary was the lead in a training for my very first day in Adult Education, she was of course a large influence on my career from that day forward. Thank you for all of your incredible insight Rosemary.

Jesse Fosmire - December 19, 2024 at 02:52 PM

JC

“ I am very saddened to hear of Rosemary's passing but very grateful to have known and worked with her. My sincere condolences to Jim and the entire family. May she rest in peace.

Joe Campbell - December 19, 2024 at 01:14 PM

PB

“ Jim & Family,

I am saddened to hear the news about Rosemary's passing.

We worked together in the education field for many years. Rosemary's commitment to constant improvement positively impacted the lives of thousands and thousands of individuals and families. Proud to have had the opportunity to know her.

Paul Burke - December 19, 2024 at 10:32 AM

SW

So saddened to hear of Rosemary's passing. I worked with Rosemary at Faith properties and often saw her in church with her beautiful mother and family. God Bless!

Sandra Walser - December 19, 2024 at 07:44 PM

AH

“ So very saddened to hear of Rosemary’s passing. Rosemary and I were friends in grade school and we would walk home together to Gibson Rd and then part ways to our homes. Our lives took different paths as well, but I will always remember her very fondly. My sincere sympathy to her family. May she rest in peace.



Ann Novek Hanretty - December 19, 2024 at 10:19 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



December 19, 2024 at 09:39 AM

PH

“ Sending my deepest condolences and prayers to Jim and family and hold on to the good memories of Rosemary and her spirit will always be with you all



Paulette Haithcox - December 19, 2024 at 07:22 AM

LS

“ LI-RAEN, Dr. Martin Murphy and Vicki S purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



LI-RAEN, Dr. Martin Murphy and Vicki S - December 19, 2024 at 06:52 AM

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LI-RAEN, Dr. Martin Murphy and Vicki S - December 19, 2024 at 06:52 AM

SL

“ Sherri Lattimer lit a candle in memory of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt



Sherri Lattimer - December 19, 2024 at 06:50 AM

NV

“ Jim and family, although it is been almost 5 years since I left adult education, Rosemary's influence on my life and career has never lessened. Her brilliance, passion, and love is her legacy. I am so sorry for your tremendous loss. May memories bring you comfort.

Nicole Viggiano - December 18, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



December 18, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.

December 18, 2024 at 08:00 PM



“ Lisa Pearson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



Lisa Pearson - December 18, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ Lisa Pearson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.

Lisa Pearson - December 18, 2024 at 07:40 PM



“ June, Gloria, Melissa, Afton Adult Ed. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



June, Gloria, Melissa, Afton Adult Ed. - December 18, 2024 at 05:52 PM

JE

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June, Gloria, Melissa, Afton Adult Ed. - December 18, 2024 at 05:52 PM

MA

“ Mr & Mrs. Sheehy, former NYSED Associate purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



Mr & Mrs. Sheehy, former NYSED Associate - December 18, 2024 at 04:56 PM

MA

“ Mr & Mrs. Sheehy, former NYSED Associate planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.

Mr & Mrs. Sheehy, former NYSED Associate - December 18, 2024 at 04:56 PM

CK

“ Jim, I am truly saddened to hear of Rosemary's untimely passing. She gave so much of herself and possessed a true passion for what was right and just. Seeing her always brought a smile to my heart. She was a truly special person. May she RIP. And please take care of yourself.

Cheryl Keenan - December 18, 2024 at 04:26 PM

AC

“ It saddens me greatly to learn about Rosemary’s passing. It’s been a few years since I’ve worked in the Adult Ed world, but my memories of Rosemary and the lasting impression she made on my life have not faded in the slightest. I can recall many RAEN meetings and AEPP trainings spent with a Rosemary that I look back upon fondly. The content wasn’t always the most fascinating, but Rosemary had a way of making every person in the room feel invested in something that was greater than their own class, program, or region. She was the glue that held together Adult Ed in New York State during my time, and I will always remember Rosemary’s unwavering professionalism and the clarity of her conviction. She was and will remain an inspiring figure in my life, and I can’t possibly thank her for all that she did to help my young career in education. Rest in peace Rosemary, you were one of the good ones.

Andrew Carnright - December 18, 2024 at 04:17 PM

KC

“ Dear Jim and the extended Matt family.

Please accept my deepest condolences on this great loss. I am glad I had a chance to meet Rosemary last year and was so impressed by her knowledge and work ethic. A virtual pat on the back from her was high praise, indeed. She will be so missed.

Fondly, Kathleen Carey (NYSED-AEPP)

Kathleen Carey - December 18, 2024 at 04:06 PM

GF

“ Gary & Diana Fairbrother purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



Gary & Diana Fairbrother - December 18, 2024 at 03:29 PM

DB

“ Rosemary was a remarkable presence in the field of adult education—kind, warm, and wise in ways that left a lasting impression on me and my AIR colleagues who had the privilege to work with her. Her generosity and intelligence shone through in every interaction we shared. She had a gift for making complex ideas clear, for offering guidance with patience, and for reminding us of the humanity at the heart of our work. Rosemary’s legacy of excellence and compassion will continue to inspire me. My sincerest condolences to her loved ones and all who will miss her.



Delphinia Brown - December 18, 2024 at 02:52 PM

JC

“ On behalf of everyone in the adult education departments at LaGuardia Community College in Queens, we send our deepest condolences to Rosemary's family, friends, and colleagues. Rosemary was such a passionate advocate for the adult education system in New York State, always ensuring that the amazing work being done in classrooms across the state was communicated in our data so that funding for these critical services could be sustained. May she rest in peace.

John Hunt, LaGuardia CUNY - December 18, 2024 at 02:13 PM

NB

“ *Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County is deeply saddened by the loss of Rosemary Matt, whose dedication to adult education in NYS impacted countless lives. Her passion and leadership will be greatly missed and her legacy will continue to inspire us all. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to her family during this difficult time.*

Nancy Benz - December 18, 2024 at 01:34 PM

LG

“ *I thought I was going to be scared of Rosemary at this training I had to go to, but I kept asking questions and she kept answering them and at break she told me, she likes it when people ask questions. She gave me great advice. And I know my coworkers all thought of her as such a great mentor. I am sorry for the loss we all have, especially her family.*
lesley green

Lesley Green - December 18, 2024 at 01:30 PM

LN

“ *Lavern Nelson lit a candle in memory of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt*



Lavern Nelson - December 18, 2024 at 01:09 PM

CN

“ Jim, as I send this message I want to share my recollections and recognition of Rosemary's passion, dedication, and outstanding achievements in support of adult literacy. I first met Rosemary through CEA when she generously presented at a conference at the Lake George Sagamore 2002. We connected many times and I also met you through the many years of your work supporting adult educators and their learners. I send you and your family sympathy and condolence. -Connie Nealon, Glens Falls

Connie Nealon - December 18, 2024 at 12:25 PM

NC

“ My Deepest condolences to the family. Rosemary was a wonderful person, kind and loving to all. Her passion help us and our students. Sleep In Peace Rosemary. We all will missed you.

Nora Collazo - December 18, 2024 at 12:17 PM

SC

“ Rosemary has been an incredibly dear colleague and friend over the years, and an institution for decades. I had the privilege of partnering with her on a grant project and seeing her every year at NRS trainings in DC. More personally, she gave my daughter her very first lovey when she was born, and always asked about her over the years, because that's the kind of thoughtful and giving person she was. I will miss her greatly.

Stephanie Cronen - December 18, 2024 at 11:48 AM

GM

“*Rosemary, you were such an inspiration to me. You encouraged me and taught me so much. We grew close fast, and there would never be enough time spent with you. Thank you for teaching me so much in such a short time. Thank you for always protecting me even in ways I didn't see. I love and appreciate you. My prayers are with you Jim and Family.*”

GiGi Martino - December 18, 2024 at 11:44 AM

MW

“*Rosemary's intelligence, wit, and vision will be greatly missed. Her contributions to Adult Education operations nationally are outstanding. Rosemary was a leader and a model for many of us. God bless and may you rest in peace.*”

Maureen Whelan - December 18, 2024 at 11:42 AM

GM

“*GiGi Martino lit a candle in memory of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt*”



GiGi Martino - December 18, 2024 at 11:41 AM

KD

“*Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Rosemary's passion and drive to help students and the field of Adult Education will be her legacy. She will be missed.*”

Karen Dispo-DeBoos - December 18, 2024 at 11:38 AM

ML

“ Rosemary you will truly be missed. I first met her almost 20 years ago when I joined the adult education world. I learned so much from her in the data field. I truly respected her and looked to her for guidance in my job as data manager. There will never be another Rosemary. RIP my friend

Mary Layman - December 18, 2024 at 11:35 AM

CT

“ Crouse Emergency Pharmacy Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



Crouse Emergency Pharmacy Team - December 18, 2024 at 11:34 AM

NY

“ NYSED/AEPP purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



NYSED/AEPP - December 18, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



December 18, 2024 at 11:26 AM

CB

“ Rosemary has been such a devoted, knowledgeable, hard-working advocate for adult literacy programs. I'm very sorry to hear she has passed. She will be missed. Jim, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Cecilia Brock - December 18, 2024 at 11:23 AM

SS

“ I have known Rosemary for many years, and she taught me so much over those years. She was a good friend and supporter of Literacy Suffolk, and we all send our condolences to Jim and family. May her memory be a blessing. Susan Shiloni

Susan Shiloni - December 18, 2024 at 11:12 AM

RM

SIP Rosemary. You will be missed 🙏

Rose-Marie Mills - December 18, 2024 at 11:31 AM

DP

“ Deb Parrow lit a candle in memory of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt




Deb Parrow - December 18, 2024 at 10:58 AM

DP

“ To Jim and family, so sorry to hear of Rosemary's passing. For the short time I was able to work with and get to know Rosemary, she was a truly amazing person who I will truly miss. She was always supportive and caring and taught me so much in that short time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all!!!

Deb Parrow - December 18, 2024 at 10:57 AM

KR

“ I had many debates with Rosemary over our 20+ years working together, but they always led to greater understanding of each other. Aside from work, I had the great pleasure to know Rosemary outside of work and shared many laughs and tears with her. She will be greatly missed. My deepest sympathies go out to Jim, the children, grandchildren and extended family whom Rosemary lived so much .

Kathleen Rinaldo - December 18, 2024 at 10:53 AM

AN

“ Rosemary was, and always will be, a one-of-a-kind original. I knew her professionally for many years and it would be hard to overstate the positive impact she had on her many colleagues in the field of adult literacy. We've never met someone who did so much to help us understand the data, comply with federal rules and regulations, and take such an interest in making sure we succeeded and more adults enjoyed the blessing of literacy.

Anthony - December 18, 2024 at 10:37 AM

LN

“ Rosemary was my mentor, shoulder to cry on, friend and wise counselor. I called and texted her all the time. She was a selfless giver, she wanted to see me and the NYSED programs succeed. Rosemary, you provided such clarity and guidance, it made this work enjoyable. I will miss you so much. Lavern

Lavern Nelson - December 18, 2024 at 10:34 AM

EQ

“ Eileen Quinonez lit a candle in memory of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt



Eileen Quinonez - December 18, 2024 at 10:31 AM

JL

“ Jacqueline Lunchick lit a candle in memory of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt



Jacqueline Lunchick - December 18, 2024 at 10:26 AM

LC

“ My sincerest condolences. May Rosemary rest in peace. Lisa Cardilli

Lisa Cardilli - December 18, 2024 at 09:58 AM

SS

“ Sheldon S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.

Sheldon S. - December 18, 2024 at 09:35 AM

AD

“ I am so very sad to hear this. My Prayers are with her family

Angela Dutcher - December 18, 2024 at 09:18 AM

PA

“ Jim, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. I am truly sorry for your loss. She will be missed.
Penny Aikin

Penny Aikin - December 18, 2024 at 09:17 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



December 18, 2024 at 08:58 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.

December 18, 2024 at 08:58 AM

BP

“ Bob, Sue and Daisy Purga purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



Bob, Sue and Daisy Purga - December 18, 2024 at 08:14 AM

BP

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Bob, Sue and Daisy Purga - December 18, 2024 at 08:14 AM

KF

“ Kimberly Malcolm and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



Kimberly Malcolm and Family - December 18, 2024 at 07:39 AM

JB

“ My deepest sympathies Jim, and to your entire family on the loss of Rosemary.
She was a dynamo, and as you all know, a successful Realtor, during that chapter of her life (where we first met). Gifted with people and numbers, she always was wonderful to everyone.
May her memory be a blessing and eternal.

John Brown - December 18, 2024 at 06:43 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



December 18, 2024 at 12:10 AM



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December 18, 2024 at 12:10 AM

KN

“ Karen Micciche - Literacy Nassau purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



Karen Micciche - Literacy Nassau - December 17, 2024 at 09:37 PM

KN

“ Karen Micciche - Literacy Nassau planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.

Karen Micciche - Literacy Nassau - December 17, 2024 at 09:37 PM

MI

“ Morgan, Doug, Mackenna, and Izabella purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of Rosemary (Inserra) Matt.



Morgan, Doug, Mackenna, and Izabella - December 17, 2024 at 08:17 PM