



## Rose Marzella

October 4, 1934 - July 17, 2022

Rosemarie Marzella, age 87, passed away peacefully in her home in Arden, North Carolina, surrounded by her family on July 17, 2022.

Rose was born on October 4, 1934, in Hazleton, Pennsylvania to Julius and Mildred Mastrotta. She graduated from Hazleton Senior High School in 1952, where she was very active as Vice President of the Senior Class, President of the Swim Team, and member of the Thespians, Cadettes, Cheerleaders, and other clubs and teams.

She married and moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida in the late 1950s, where she had four children. In South Florida, she competitively raced go-karts, bred and showed Irish Setters in the American Kennel Club, and owned Honda of Hollywood motorcycle dealership (with her husband, Peter Marzella).

In 1971, the family moved to Ocala, Florida, where they owned and managed a 100-acre cattle farm. Rose was an active member of the community, participating in various organizations. Some community activities included raising funds and awareness for Fessenden Elementary/Middle School, volunteering as a Marion County 4-H Leader and for the Southeastern Youth Fair Committee (for decades), and volunteering in Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

She was the manager of Bi-Lo Sales & Service Lawn Equipment in Ocala for over 25 years, where she was also an active member of the Magnolia Avenue Merchants Association. As one of the founders, and vice president, of the Independent Dealers Equipment Association (IDEA), she was instrumental in

getting a bill passed in the Florida Legislature and in getting vocational programs accredited in high schools.

She is survived by her older brother, Thomas Mastrota, and her younger sister, Angela Sgambati. Also surviving are her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her children are Rocco, Gino, Carlo, and Paula. Her grandchildren are Michael (Rocco's son), Ashley (Gino's daughter), and Giana (Carlo's daughter). Her great-grandchildren are Luna and Hunter (Michael's children).

A Rosary by the Legion of Mary will be held on Friday, September 16, 2022, at 7:45 AM at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, followed by a Funeral Mass at 8:30 AM. The church is located at 6455 Southwest State Road 200, Ocala, FL 34476.

An informal Celebration of Her Life will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 11:30 AM in the Auditorium (East Building) of the Marion County Agricultural Center (Southeastern Livestock Pavilion) located at 2232 NE Jacksonville Road, Ocala, FL 34470.

Since Rose was active in many organizations, in lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity. Please notify the family if you plan to attend by calling 828-545-7352.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

SEP 16. 7:45 AM.

Queen of Peace Catholic Church

## Funeral Mass

SEP 16. 8:30 AM (ET)

Queen of Peace  
6455 SW State Road 200  
Ocala, FL 34476

## Celebration

SEP 17. 11:30 AM (ET)

Auditorium (East Building) of the Marion County Agricultural Center (Southeastern Livestock Pavilion)  
2232 NE Jacksonville Road  
Ocala, FL 34470

# Tribute Wall

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“ I FIRST MET ROSE ABOUT 55 YEARS AGO, WHEN SHE WAS INTO IRISH SETTERS, AND MY NOW HUSBAND WAS THE THEN BOYFRIEND WHO WANTED AN IRISHSETTER. WE BECAME FAST FRIENDS AFTER THE FIRST MEETING, WE GOT THE PUPPY WHO WAS THE FIRST OF MANY IRISH SETTERS TO GRACE OUR HOME. ROSE WAS A MOST GRACIOUS, KIND AND GIVING PERSON WHO NEVER KNEW A STRANGER, WHETHER IN HER PERSONAL OR BUSINESS DEALINGS. MAY HER SOUL FLY WITH THE ANGELS AND HER NAME BE A BLESSING. SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. FONDLY, AMY HEYWANG

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**AMY HEYWANG** - September 15, 2022 at 12:24 PM

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“ Amy Heywang purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Rose Marzella.

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**Amy Heywang** - September 14, 2022 at 03:19 PM

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“ My condolences to the Marzella family. Rose was such a kind and helpful person. I truly enjoyed my many trips to Ocala - I and my colleagues from Honda R&D will always be indebted to her - may she Rest In Peace.

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**Bill Bezilla** - September 04, 2022 at 08:56 PM

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“ *To my secret #4.  
We were sisters in heart*



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**Neva Crouch** - September 02, 2022 at 04:21 PM