



## Rosemary Meenan Droze

January 19, 1936 - May 21, 2019

Rosemary Droze of La Plata, MD passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by family on Tuesday night, May 21, 2019. Born in Chicago, IL, she was the daughter of Violet Colette Walsh Meenan and Cyril Francis Meenan. Rosemary was married for 55 years to H. Daniel Droze Jr., with whom she danced to the oldies and “beach music,” often with others on the dance floor stopping to watch and cheer.

Rosemary was a light in her community, spending most of her time in recent years giving back; visiting those in need, running errands for those who couldn't and delivering gifts with love and special attention. She was also an avid and independent traveler, journeying on her own for many years from Los Angeles to Seattle, and Hawaii to Denmark to see her children. Her strong faith took her on pilgrimages to Lourdes and Medugorje, as well as a recent trip to Rome with family to see Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square.

Rosemary had a colorful career, adding joy to every place she worked. She spent almost a decade as a flight attendant for Eastern Airlines in the 1950-60s glamorous heyday of air travel. Stationed in Miami, New York and Washington, DC, she was also a model for Eastern's prestigious in-flight fashion shows.

After marrying Dan and spending more than a decade dedicated to full-time motherhood, Rosemary re-entered the workplace in the 1980s at The Maryland Independent, developing The Southern Marylander monthly magazine, where she was Managing Editor.

Rosemary went on to spend 19 years as a VIP concierge at the Hyatt Regency in Crystal City, VA in their top floor Regency Club, receiving many accolades, including recognition for exceptional service by the Washington Convention and Visitors Association. Her Hyatt personnel file overflowed with impressive comment cards describing her professionalism and generosity, once even offering a personal ride for a family that had missed the last shuttle to the U.S. Capital. She was often requested by repeat guests, businesses, and celebrities to handle special arrangements on their trips to Washington, DC.

Though travel and work brought Rosemary much happiness, her biggest loves were her children and grandchildren, calling them “God’s gift to me.”

In addition to her husband, Rosemary is survived by daughters Desma Droze Andres (Ed Andres) of LaPlata, MD and Stasia Droze Jost (Jim Jost) of Kailua, HI; sons Drew Droze (partner Virginia Guynn) of Charles Town, WV and Derk Droze (fiancée Michelle Exarhos) of Copenhagen, Denmark; as well as her beloved grandchildren Catie Kelly, Liam and Colin Andres, Noah and Colette Jost.

Rosemary is also survived by two sisters, Joan Murphy of Palo Alto, CA and Holly Boyer of Gurnee, IL; one brother Kevin Meenan and his wife Anna of Rockford, IL; sisters-in-law Mary Meenan of Waukegan, IL, Anne Droze of Plantation, FL, and Sharon Propp of Englewood, FL; along with many dear nieces and nephews across the country and devoted caregivers who became family to Rosemary and the Drozes over the last year.

Along with her parents, Rosemary was preceded in death by brother Bill Meenan and brothers-in-law, Jerry and Ron Droze.

Rosemary’s life will be celebrated on Saturday, June 1st, 2019 at Mt. Carmel Monastery, 5678 Mt. Carmel Rd, LaPlata, MD 20646, with a Visitation from 12:30pm until time of Funeral Mass at 2:00pm. Interment will be private.

The Monastery was a very important part of Rosemary’s life, so in lieu of flowers, please make donations directly to Mt. Carmel Monastery of Port Tobacco at 5678 Mt. Carmel Road, La Plata, Maryland 20646. And please share stories and memories of Rosemary with us at her celebration or in the online condolences with Raymond Funeral Service at [www.raymondfuneralservice.com](http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com).

# Cemetery

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## Mt. Carmel Monastery Cemetery

5678 Mt. Carmel Road  
La Plata, MD, 20646

# Events

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**JUN** **Visitation** 12:30PM - 02:00PM

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Mt. Carmel Monastery

5678 Mt. Carmel Road, La Plata, MD, US, 20646

**JUN** **Funeral Mass** 02:00PM

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Mt. Carmel Monastery

5678 Mt. Carmel Road, La Plata, MD, US, 20646

# Comments

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“ On behalf of the Patterson family, we would like to extend our deepest condolences to the Droze family on the passing of Mrs. Rosemary Droze. She was a phenomenal woman and will be missed deeply.

**Ralph Patterson** - June 03, 2019 at 10:42 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to the family and friends. Rosemary was a dear, sweet, devout lady and will be truly missed. She was very supportive when my father was in hospice care. May she rest in peace in the Lord's loving arms.

Tina Hieb

**Christine Hieb** - June 01, 2019 at 07:58 PM

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“ I feel very honored to have met Rosemary in June of 2018 when her son Derk brought her to visit with us for week. Very thoughtful and beautiful woman who brought flowers when she came to our house. She seemed full of life and saw goodness in everyone she met. She had quite an amazing life and I am sure that all her children will always have very fond and loving memories. She will be truly missed. I was so looking forward to seeing her again in Denmark at Derk and Michelle's wedding. The last words she said to me was that she believed there would be a wedding soon. So sorry for her family's loss.

Janice and Nick Exarhos

**Janice Exarhos** - May 31, 2019 at 11:10 PM

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“ Celebrating the life of the most wonderful, kind, thoughtful and Godly Human Being that passed through this world. My friend, you left us a roadmap how to love family, friends and be kind to one another. I thank God for your friendship which started at the Hyatt and lasted over thirty years. You were one classy and peaceful soul.

You will truly be missed. I will miss you calling me up when you were five minutes away from the office and invited me to enjoy ice cream with you.

I know you are in the arms of the Angel's

RIP

until our next ice cream break.

Beverly r.



Beverly Rattigan - May 31, 2019 at 06:54 PM

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“ She enjoyed many motorcycle rides with me



Drew Droze - May 31, 2019 at 12:41 PM

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“ 9 files added to the album Randon pics



Drew Droze - May 31, 2019 at 12:37 PM

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“ I am saddened by the passing of my dear friend Rosemarie. Thanks for the light you shone on us as you passed this way.  
I thank God for the years we worked together at the Hyatt you were the Best!  
Gone from sight but your pleasant memories are engraved in our hearts forever. I will miss our ice cream treats together.  
May you rest in the arms of the Angels my friend.

Beverly Rattigan

Beverly Rattigan - May 31, 2019 at 10:31 AM

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“ April Davis lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Meenan Droze



April Davis - May 31, 2019 at 09:34 AM

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“ Such a sweet lady. Every time I saw her she always had a smile on her face .  
Always with love from your 7/11

April Davis - May 31, 2019 at 09:33 AM

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“ I did not see my cousin Rosemary often but when I did, i recall her as soft spoken, gentle, sweet, and very loving and caring.

Molly Soba - May 31, 2019 at 07:25 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rosemary Meenan Droze.



May 30, 2019 at 10:47 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rosemary Meenan Droze.





“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rosemary Meenan Droze.



May 30, 2019 at 06:32 AM

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“ Worked beside her at Hyatt for many years. Sad to hear of her passing

**Alan Fon** - May 28, 2019 at 11:55 PM

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“ Your mom brought happiness and love to many. You are sure to carry the love and cherished memories with you.

**Christine & Mike LaCroix** - May 28, 2019 at 09:02 PM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Rosemary Meenan Droze.



May 28, 2019 at 07:04 PM

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“ I am very saddened to hear of her passing. My sympathies to her family. I was her water exercise instructor for many years and she would come to the senior center and catch me up on life. She used to bring me banana's and McDonalds breakfast at the pool even if she wasn't taking class. One year she took my daughter back to school supply shopping. I will never forget her kindness and how special she was. Praying for your hearts as you celebrate her life.

**Debi Shanks** - May 28, 2019 at 12:43 PM



“ Grace Schofield lit a candle in memory of Rosemary Meenan Droze



Grace Schofield - May 28, 2019 at 12:25 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosemary Meenan Droze.



May 27, 2019 at 07:27 PM

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“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rosemary Meenan Droze.



May 27, 2019 at 12:04 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosemary Meenan Droze.



May 27, 2019 at 03:49 AM

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“ Rosemary was a kind, gentle soul who lived for her four children. She did everything for them. She devoted all her time to her children and their endeavors, be it school, sports, plays, and etc., and she did so lovingly and willingly. She was also devoted to the sisters at Mt. Carmel Monastery.

Rosemary was a quiet, passive person who never wanted to rock the boat. The girls in the neighborhood used to tell her she needed to learn how to be more assertive, but she could not, she was afraid she would hurt someone's feelings regardless of whether or not they hurt hers.

There is no doubt that she will be blessed as one of God's chosen angels.

**Susan Rollman** - May 25, 2019 at 01:24 PM



“ Love you Rosemary

Probably one of the kindest people I have ever met and beautiful as well. So many memories with her and her children. Twin Kiss, Hovermales, McDonald's, Wall's Bakery-- she really knew how to put a smile on a kids face. She was Mt.Carmel's mailbox and sweet treat angel. Little trinkets or cards left in your mailbox just because or one of her little helpers at the door with your favorite dessert. She always lifted your spirits. She was the most amazing mom to her 4 wonderful, kind hearted children who were just as devoted to her as she was to them--truly a beautiful family! I was lucky to have spent my childhood living right around the corner from this sweet lady. And in my adult life as well she was there to do whatever was necessary after I got sick she helped get me to places, always with a Rosemary sense of humor- a joke and a laugh when things got difficult or tense. She made some very difficult moments seem okay. You will be missed, you will be missed! I'm sure she is passing out desserts in heaven! Love you Rose

**Kerri Mckendree** - May 26, 2019 at 02:36 PM