



Rosemary Vaccaro

July 21, 1942 - October 27, 2020

After overcoming breast cancer five years ago, and fighting acute leukemia for two years, then in September surviving two brain surgeries from a fall, Rosemary went to heaven on October 27, 2020, following four weeks of home hospice.

Born in Youngwood, PA, on July 21, 1942, the only daughter of John Farrell and Stella Conde, and growing up with four brothers, she developed her competitive side. In high school, she captained her cheerleading team, excelled at gymnastics and swimming, and starred in school plays. In later years her competitive passions were snow skiing, tennis, and bridge. Following high school graduation, and after three years of nursing school at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, PA, Rosemary earned her Registered Nurse designation and license. As an RN, she lived and worked for 48 years in the US and around the world in Hong Kong, the Philippines, Vietnam, Switzerland, and France. In mid-career, she earned her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in nursing from Marymount University in Arlington, VA.

She leaves behind the love of her life, Lou Schwartz, her daughter Dr. Nicole Vaccaro, her son Michael Vaccaro (Nina), and her surviving brothers, Regis Farrell (Nancy), Patrick Farrell (Sally), and Jimmy (Farrell (Sandee), and nephews, Brian Farrell and Matthew Farrell.

Rosemary loved travel. She and Lou toured the US, the Caribbean, Canada,

Mexico, Australia, and New Zealand.

She misses her bridge and tennis friends, and hopes they miss her joke telling!

She looked around the US a long time to decide where to retire. When she came to Sarasota 20 years ago, she knew that this was the place.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, Nov. 9, at 10 am, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on US-41 in Osprey, FL.

In lieu of flowers, please give any donation to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
425 S. Tamiami Trail
Osprey, FL 34229

Tribute Wall



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosemary Vaccaro.*



November 04, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Rosemary. We knew each other at Hempfield and then became roommates in nurses training. I tried to get in touch with her several times with no luck. She was a wonderful person and we shared many memories. My deepest sympathy to all. Mary Hrubes Dupilka from Bovard , Pa*

Mary Dupilka - November 04, 2020 at 10:03 AM