



Mrs. Roxanne Rutledge

September 20, 1948 - July 30, 2014

Roxanne "Posie" (Giardino) Rutledge, 65, of Canton, Georgia passed away on

July 30, 2014, after a long term illness.

Roxanne was born in New Britain, Connecticut, on September 20, 1948.

She was the daughter of Antoinette (Vilardi) Giardino and Carmin J. Giardino.

Roxanne is survived by her beloved husband Keith, her daughter Kristin

Fraser and son in law Gerard Fraser of

Seymour, CT, and two grandchildren, Samantha and Christopher. She also leaves

her sister Theresa Green and brother in law Michael Green of Winterport, ME,

her sister Charlene Giardino of New Britain, CT,

and her brother Charles Giardino of Hebron, CT. She was predeceased by her

sister Antoinette Vita Giardino. Roxanne was "auntie" to Madeline Grace

Scozzie of Ashburn,VA, Jennifer Triano Donovan of San Rafael, CA, Sarah

Triano Ober of Coventry, CT, Steven Houchell of Hartford, CT, Daniel

Callahan of Nebo, NC, and Brandon Pirruccio of New Britain CT. They were

all blessed by a loving, caring aunt from the day they were born.

Roxanne graduated from St Thomas Aquinus High School in New Britain, CT. in 1966.

Her love and experience with horses from an early age allowed her to go on to

organize and lead numerous 4 H riding camps. She ran a horse boarding stable in Berlin, CT, and while mentoring new riders she honed her own skills and competed in many horse shows where she won numerous awards and commendations. Roxanne brought her horse skills to Georgia, and more recently helped manage a horse farm in Canton.

She moved to Georgia in 1982, and began a career in high tech sales. She was hired by Mitel where she held multiple positions including regional sales director. It was at Mitel where Roxanne and her husband Keith met and began their joyous and committed journey together. Roxanne then worked in the videoconferencing field for PictureTel where she was enjoyed a very successful career and earned Presidents Club status four years in a row.

In 2004 she retired from the corporate world and planned to slow her life pace, but for anyone who knew Roxanne, retirement meant becoming deeply involved in a multitude of interests, always being concerned for others and making many new and loyal friends in her community.

Roxanne was a member of Antioch Christian Church where over the years she volunteered during vacation Bible School and for other youth programs.

Roxanne was a passionate lover of nature and animals. Roxanne volunteered for the Cherokee County Humane society and supported the National Wildlife Society and the Nature Conservatory.

She was a long term member of the Cherokee County Master Gardeners where she led classes and chaired the speakers bureau. The gardens at her home were one of her many passions and she tended them with love and expertise. A walk with Roxanne through her gardens was a delight as she proudly named each plant, giving the botanical and common name. Her yard

is a certified bird sanctuary where she always made sure the birdies had food, water. It is a glorious event to sit on her back porch, breath the air and enjoy a glass of sweet tea while listening to the many beautiful bird songs.

Roxanne was a member of the Cherokee Crazy Quilters group where she served for a time in the position of president. Her home is full of these quilted treasures. She also shared many of her creations with friends and family and they will be cherished forever as a reminder of her talent and love for quilting.

Roxanne practiced yoga for many years and was studying to become an instructor.

Roxanne and Keith loved camping and when camping season came, they were off on their many adventures. She loved the state parks in Georgia especially the mountain parks with Fort Mountain and Black Rock Mountain being pure heaven in the fall camping season. Hiking through the forest with her beloved dogs Avery, then Sophie, by her side was one of Roxanne's favorite things to do.

Roxanne's warm caring presence will be missed by all. She was always there to lend a hand, share a laugh, or help carry the load for her friends. She had a generous spirit. She always found time to listen and acknowledge others' life stories. She also felt blessed by the once in a lifetime friends that she made during the time she lived in the South.

Roxanne was a loyal follower of her home state basketball team, the Women's UConn Huskies, and was thrilled to watch them win tournaments year after year.

Roxanne's husband Keith, her dear partner, gave Roxanne unselfish love through her many years of illness and medical treatments. He was always at her side, helping to aid and comfort her, easing her through many troubled moments, and to share her life's happier moments. We all feel a great loss and she will be missed terribly.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday August 2nd at 12 PM at Antioch Christian Church in Canton, GA. In Lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Georgia Mountains Hospice and Tranquility Hospice at Kennesaw Mountain.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Christian Church
3595 Sugar Pike Road
Canton, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Roxanne Rutledge*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *Theresa Belanger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Roxanne Rutledge*



Theresa Belanger - September 27, 2016 at 08:30 PM



“ *Just looking at the beautiful sampler u made me many years ago hanging on my wall after Maggie was born as a gift.. And thinking of you* 💕



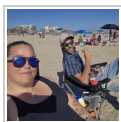
Pinky Murphy - January 04, 2015 at 10:58 AM



“ *Ann Perrett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Roxanne Rutledge*



Ann Perrett - August 28, 2014 at 02:51 PM



From the Cherokee Humane Society

Ann Perrett - August 28, 2014 at 02:51 PM

EL

“ ELIZABETH lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Roxanne Rutledge



ELIZABETH - August 03, 2014 at 01:49 PM

EL

“ ELIZABETH sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Roxanne Rutledge



ELIZABETH - August 03, 2014 at 01:48 PM

ET

“ Elizabeth and Truman purchased the Cheryl's Classic Treats Box for the family of Mrs. Roxanne Rutledge.



Elizabeth and Truman - August 03, 2014 at 01:45 PM

AS

“ We were shocked to hear about. Posey. So very sorry, always so beautiful, The days from the barn and all the fun and antics come flooding back. Thanks for the memories, rest in peace.

Alma Seaburg - August 03, 2014 at 09:33 AM

GC

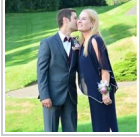
“ Terry and the Giardino/Rutledge family, I remember as if it was yesterday when the Giardino family moved onto Patterson Way and how the boys seemed to flock around Posie both at school and down at Memorial Pool during the summer. Somehow I have a memory of Posie being the first girl I recall every wearing a man's white oxford shirt over her bathing suit down at the pool and how cool I thought both she & it was. And then when Posie began to hang out down at "the barn" there, too, lots of people seemed to suddenly gravitate there. Posie had a personality that was attractive to virtually everyone who came in contact with her. It is obvious Posie lived a full and cherished life with loved ones, friends, co-workers as well as her many interests and that she will be greatly missed. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of you at this very sad time in your lives, Gail Craddock

Gail Craddock - August 02, 2014 at 01:19 PM

KN

“ Terry and the Giardino & Rutledge families,
So sad to hear of the passing of our wonderful Posie...too many fun filled memories...it's overwhelming! May you all find peace and comfort in the joy she brought to everyone. My sincere condolences...keith nappi

keith nappi - August 02, 2014 at 09:47 AM



“ I am beyond sad to pick up my paper this morning and see that Posie has left us. When she moved many years ago from Ct. I was so sad to loose her. We kept in contact for several years and then we just kind of lost that contact as our lives changed and she started her new wonderful life in Georgia. She was my " maid of honor " in my wedding 35 years ago , and I was her sister Toni's friend and caregiver of Daniel for awhile. I still remember how awe inspiring beautiful she was and the times at the barn with our shared love if horses and showing them. Most of all I remember the times we laughed until we cried over something we both thought was hysterical. I remember when she turned 30 and said to me " I can't believe I'm 30 years old! I used to think all woman this age where all old chicks" needless to say she did not look like an old chick ..but was more beautiful and confident than ever. Seems like a minute ago that she , Charlene and I were sharing dinner the the little red farm house in Kensington and giggling like crazy. Here mon and my mom where friends as well. I still have hanging in my home the beautiful counted cross stitch sampler she spent many hours making for me.

Please let me extend my most heartfelt condolences to her husband, daughter, Charlene and Terry .

Pinky (Arnone) Murphy

Pinky Murphy - August 02, 2014 at 07:57 AM

SH

“ Keith,

We wanted to express our sympathy and sorrow for the loss of your beloved Roxanne. We can't imagine your pain, but wanted you to know that we are thinking of you, and that you will be in our prayers.

Bruce and Sandra Hurtte

Sandra Hurtte - August 01, 2014 at 08:33 PM

NM

“ Terry,
I never had the pleasure or honor of knowing your sister, I am so sorry for your loss, from what I read about her, she sounds like a wonderful woman. I just wanted you to know I am thinking of you at this sad time. I will pray for you all to get through this time..

Nancy Oliveri McDougal

Nancy Oliveri McDougal - August 01, 2014 at 07:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Roxanne Rutledge.*



August 01, 2014 at 03:47 PM

ER

“ *Terry, My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this very sad time. Posie was a special friend that touched my life. She was always there to make me smile. Elaine Carenza Roberts*

Elaine Carenza Roberts - August 01, 2014 at 01:00 PM



“ *What significant impact Roxanne had on my life.*

Roxanne and I became friends in 1983 when she worked for Mitel. Little did I know at the time, but a simple act of her kindness would forever change my life. In 1985, I was working in Louisville, KY, when a job I felt I was perfectly suited for became available at Mitel in Atlanta. Unfortunately, I found out about it the same day Mitel planned to extend an offer to another candidate. When I called Rox to express interest, she said, "Hang on!" She put me on hold for two minutes, came back on the line and said, "Drop whatever you're doing and get your ass on a plane to Atlanta." Two days later I had the job. Her impact didn't stop there. A year later she was the deciding factor in a major promotion for me, and she continued to be my biggest champion until the end of my career at Mitel.

The opportunity at Mitel provided the personal growth and national exposure that allowed me to start a business that has since grown to become a global provider of sales force development. I can honestly say I doubt it would have happened without Roxanne's belief and intervention in 1985.

When Roxanne believed in you, she did what she always did...gave you her all. With fire and spunk, she did everything she could to make things happen for everyone around her. No one could get in her way. Her employees and co-workers were her family, and she always cared for them as such.

I am so thankful our lives crossed paths. God bless you, Rox, and thank you for all you've done.

One last time, my friend... "You gotta live it."

Bob Nicols - August 01, 2014 at 11:41 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mrs. Roxanne Rutledge.



August 01, 2014 at 09:43 AM



“ I am so sorry to read in the Hartford Courant that Posie passed away. We grew up together with her sister Antoinette in Kensington, CT and we talked often and emailed often after Toni died, but lost track after awhile. My parents went all through school with Posie's parents so we all saw each other as young children especially at Aunt Loretta's house. The world was a better place with Posie in it. My deepest sympathy to her family.
Regina Cianci

Regina Cianci - August 01, 2014 at 09:42 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Roxanne Rutledge.



August 01, 2014 at 08:46 AM

RP

“ Terry,
I am filled with sadness for you. I remember your great relationship with Roxanne, a true friend and great sister. I hope your cherished memories will comfort you in this difficult time.
Robin Palazzo

Robin Palazzo - August 01, 2014 at 07:46 AM

KL

“ Terry, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult and sad time
Kathy Lapollo

kathleen lapollo - August 01, 2014 at 06:12 AM

DU

“ Krissy and Family, we are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. David and Susan Urbon and Family



david and susan urbon - July 31, 2014 at 10:13 PM