



Caroline J. Rinker

June 18, 2023

Rinker, Caroline J. age 63 a resident of Westwood and a former resident of Manhattan and the Bronx died Sunday, June 18, 2023. Beloved wife of Kevin Barr and the devoted daughter of Dolly Rinker. We will always love you. Caroline was predeceased by her father, Eugene Rinker. Caroline was the loving eldest granddaughter of the late Caroline and Frank Aiello. Her memory will be cherished by her many loving cousins and friends. Caroline loved her dear pets Fanny and Fezziwig and the late Ebenezer.

A prominent figure in the New York City lighting community, Caroline enjoyed a storied 45+ year career. She was a role model, a mentor, a motivator, and a consummate professional. Her boundless passion, dedication, and contributions to the lighting community were monumental. She was a member of Women in Lighting Design (WILD) and a supporter of the Illuminating Engineering Society New York City section (IESNYC). She served as President of the Designers Lighting Forum of New York (DLFNY) in 2010-2012 and was an active board member for 20 years. She also volunteered and became co-chair of the LEDucation Trade Show and Conference starting in 2014 – which became a platform that will continue to help further education in the lighting community for years to come. She always had her eye on the future.

Caroline worked in the New York City lighting community in manufacturing,

distribution and independent sales. In 2010, she partnered with James O'Blaney to form O'Blaney Rinker Associates. The firm expanded to two offices and a team of 15 representing 34 architectural lighting and controls lines. Family and friends are invited to visit Thursday 3-7PM at the Volk Leber Funeral Home, 268 Kinderkamack Rd., Oradell. A service will begin on Friday at 10:30AM at the funeral home. All are invited to arrive beginning at 9AM. Interment to follow at Garden of Memories, Washington Township. In keeping with Caroline's wishes, the family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made to one of her favorite charities; ASPCA (<https://www.aspca.org/>), Tunnel to Towers (<https://t2t.org/>), Toys for Tots (<https://www.toysfortots.org/>), or to the Wounded Warriors Project (<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>).

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories Mausoleum

300 Soldier Hill Rd.
Twp. of Washington, NJ 07676

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Oradell
268 Kinderkamack Rd.
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

BO

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Caroline's untimely passing. She and Kevin were clients' of mine during the sale of their Hoboken condo. Condolences to the family. May she rest in peace. Bobby



bobby - May 07, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ Caroline J. Rinker

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ Caroline J. Rinker

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM

CS

“ To Mr. Rinker and all of Caroline's family, friends and coworkers.

She was a blessing in my life both personally and professionally. Going back to her days at Mark Lighting.

What a loss to so many on so many levels. We will always remember sweet Caroline.

Cliff Smith - June 23, 2023 at 10:02 PM

TH

“ Will miss you and so sad that you left so early...you were a true friend to me and so many others and my condolences to Kevin and your family. Love you and will see you on the other side. 🙏❤️ . -
Tim Higgins

Tim Higgins - June 23, 2023 at 06:17 PM

MD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mary-Ellen Dorfman - June 22, 2023 at 09:14 PM

NC

“ One love, one blood
One life, you got to do what you should
One life, with each other
Sisters, brothers
One life but we're not the same
We get to carry each other, carry each other
One
One
U2 - Achtung Baby
Caroline, You were my sister. I love you & will miss you terribly.
Nancy aka Snippy Cabrera

Nancy Cabrera - June 22, 2023 at 07:29 PM



“ 25 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - June 22, 2023 at 04:03 PM

PB

*Kevin,
I'm so very sorry for your loss. Caroline was a lovely woman. She will
be missed 💕
Peggie Burke (Finn's)*

Peggie Burke - June 22, 2023 at 07:25 PM

NR

“ I met Caroline when I was 19 years old. She was a mentor and a kind loving friend. Last years we didn't keep in touch, but we would always share a memory here or there. I'll always remember her generous ways, and how she looked after me like a little sister. Now I'm sure she is reunited with her best bud Richard Agriss having a beer. One of my favorite memories is at *ELECTRIC LIGHTING AGENCIES*. We always had a grab bag every year for Christmas. One of my favorite gifts from Caroline was the dickens village. She started me on those Christmas houses. 30 years later, I still put up those houses. Plus I've collected so many more. Love you, Caroline.



Nargis Riffard - June 22, 2023 at 02:14 PM



“ 54 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - June 22, 2023 at 01:16 PM



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Volk Leber Funeral Home - June 22, 2023 at 11:14 AM



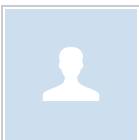
“ Dearest Caroline...you were loved by many and will be missed so much. The angels took you way too soon. I love you my friend and my heart breaks for you and Kevin. Rest in peace dear Caroline

rhona - June 22, 2023 at 06:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Caroline J. Rinker.

June 22, 2023 at 01:25 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Caroline J. Rinker.



June 22, 2023 at 01:25 AM



“ Tony Seenarine&Super Pak Courier Service purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Caroline J. Rinker.



Tony Seenarine&Super Pak Courier Service - June 21, 2023 at 11:21 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Caroline J. Rinker.*



June 21, 2023 at 10:31 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Caroline J. Rinker.*



June 21, 2023 at 07:26 PM



“ *Caroline, was a wonderful person and good friend who was taken too soon. I remember our days growing up in the Bronx, going to each others houses and your love for The Rangers. I. Glad we were able to reconnect through FB. My deepest condolences to her family and all her loving friends.*

Diane Englert Vasti - June 21, 2023 at 07:06 PM



“ *My sincere sympathy Kevin, Mrs. Rinker, and all of Caroline' family and friends that are dealing with this loss. I was blessed with the gift of Caroline's friendship many years ago and will always carry that gift in my heart. Nothing can change that. Caroline, be at peace my friend...until we meet again, with all of my love, Sharon.*



Sharon Carey - June 21, 2023 at 06:34 PM

MT

“ *Michael & Linda Tumm purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Caroline J. Rinker.*



Michael & Linda Tumm - June 21, 2023 at 03:59 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Caroline J. Rinker.*



June 21, 2023 at 03:42 PM

MM

“ *Sweet Caroline !!!! EVERYONE'S beloved friend. My muse and mentor for over 30 years .Your presence and humor always lit up a room. I will miss your infectious laugh, .your quick wit and your huge heart...I will miss you boobie! Never a good bye! Just a, " see ya later... Love You Always !*

Mary McCartney

Mary McCartney - June 21, 2023 at 02:37 PM

TF

“ *The Dado Lighting Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Caroline J. Rinker.*



The Dado Lighting Family - June 21, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Caroline J. Rinker.*



June 21, 2023 at 07:24 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Caroline J. Rinker.*



June 20, 2023 at 08:21 PM



“ *Infinite Love was purchased for the family of Caroline J. Rinker.*



June 20, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Such a loss to the lighting community. Caroline was my co-chair at LEDucation for many years. I could not have done the show without her input and support. She was smart, organized and always came up with great ideas. We were always on the same page and agreed on virtually everything. LEDucation will not be the same. Rest in peace, dear Caroline.*

Burt Grant - June 20, 2023 at 03:34 PM

JD

“ *RIP my dear friend of 40 years. Our spirits were kindred and that will never change. Love you and will miss you terribly* ”



Joe D - June 20, 2023 at 03:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Caroline J. Rinker.* ”



June 20, 2023 at 02:58 PM

KD

“ *I'll miss your voice, your wit, and your contagious smile. Rest in peace Caroline* ”

Kim Daley - June 20, 2023 at 02:42 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Caroline J. Rinker.* ”



June 20, 2023 at 02:09 PM