



Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa

March 14, 2024

Elizabeth (Liz) Feliciano Rosa, daughter of Aida Diaz-Sustache and the late Francisco Feliciano entered this world on New Year's Day, 1970. Our sweet spirited, loving and brilliant Liz entered into eternal life on March 14, 2024.

Liz was a lifelong learner who was committed to her education. As a true New Yorker, Liz began her higher education in the City University of New York (CUNY) system by earning her associate degree from the Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) and then, as a young mom and wife, earning her bachelor's degree from the City College of New York. Liz then completed a master's degree in education from Montclair State University in Special Education, and a Bilingual Education Certification from New Jersey City University. All of Liz's educational pursuits ensured she became the consummate teacher, consultant and soon to be college professor.

Liz's expertise in bilingual special education was highly sought and students, parents and colleagues alike benefitted from the high bar she set for herself. Liz had the rare ability of being able to see and develop the potential in the most reticent of children. Her deep love for her community and her work made her innovative and relational in a way that supported her students (and often their families) to believe in themselves more than they thought possible. Another testament to who Liz was, were the meaningful relationships she had with her colleagues. Liz was a respected and admired teacher within the Englewood Public School District. She will be greatly missed by her students and staff at Dr. John Grieco Elementary school. While Liz was still enjoying her career in the Englewood Public Schools, she was very excited to expand her reach in a new position as an adjunct professor at Bergen Community College teaching adults.

Liz saved the best of herself for her family. Liz and her husband Henry shared a love story for the ages and from that love came their three daughters Jasmine, Desiree and Yakira. Liz was a true Mama Bear, and if you ever spent time with Liz, you quickly learned what her life's mission was; to love, listen to, and support her husband and her daughters. As demanding as her work could be, her dedication to her children and their pursuits were

her priority. Liz was not only present for them physically and emotionally, she was intentional in her mothering. She was their loudest and proudest cheerleader-attending every game they played, as well as being the best listener. Liz made sure they could flourish by way of being rooted in her love for them. This love has manifested in the beautiful and purpose driven adults her children have become.

Liz cherished being promoted to Nini and would often share that her grandchildren, Kalani and Nico were “true gifts.” Liz believed she was seeing the world anew through their eyes. She treasured and was inspired by every moment she experienced with them. Liz shared her love of nature and art with Kalani and Nico, taking them on walking expeditions and setting up lots of painting sessions. Liz was thrilled at her grandchildren becoming student athletes like her daughters and attended all of their sporting events as well. Liz warmly embraced Jasmine’s husband Nick DiGirolamo and Desiree’s fiancé Matthew (Matt) Sabino as the “two sons she never had.”

Liz was an indomitable spirit who could best be described as a beach loving-NYC-Proud Puerto Rican who loved people, animals, and the great outdoors. Liz advocated for all living things-including her four legged fur babies-Scooby, Crispy, Moose, and Mango. She had a deep respect for humanity and therefore brought out the best in all of us. While the world is dimmer in her absence, we have a responsibility to be inspired by her life of service and devotion. In honor of Liz, work to find your own joy, contentment, and peace within, then share it with the world as she did.

Liz leaves a legacy of love in her husband Henry Rosa, daughters Jasmine, Desiree, and Yakira, her grandchildren Kalani and Nico, her mother Aida Diaz-Sustache, a host of nieces, cousins and an untold number of loved ones and friends.

Grief is love persevering.

Family and friends will be received on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 from 5-9PM at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 268 Kinderkamack Rd., Oradell, NJ. Chapel service from 5:30-6 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations made to the ASPCA would be greatly appreciated by the family. www.asPCA.org/ways-to-give

For more information or to visit Liz’s tribute page, please visit www.volkleber.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Oradell
268 Kinderkamack Rd.
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Chapel Service

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Tribute Wall

AV

“ Hank introduced us to this beautiful young lady many years ago and I really thought they made a nice couple. Liz opened her doors to Hanks crazy friends including me, I didn't only visit them every day I also did my laundry in their apartment every week. Liz never made me feel uncomfortable, never looked at me sideways because she was genuinely a generous person. Liz was not only beautiful on the outside but inside too. Liz never judged me she actually allowed me to be Godfather to their second child. Liz was a sister and our hearts are broken, asking God why her. I was hoping a way to continue her legacy but naming the area where she tragically taken from us Elizabeth Rosa way. How can we make this happen.

Anthony Vicente - March 27, 2024 at 12:07 PM

MM

“ Our heartfelt condolences to the entire Rosa family. We met them at the College of Mt. St. Vincent when our daughters played basketball together. They're a wonderful family who supported their daughters and were extremely proud of their endeavors. Liz was always smiling and very excited to watch Desiree play college ball. She loved our daughter, Kara, and always praised her after games. It was a pleasure to see her and her husband at the games and talk with them. May she rest in peace. She will always be in our hearts.

Mariechen McNish - March 21, 2024 at 02:55 PM

EL

“ I'm very honored to have met Liz and seen just a glimpse of the wonderful mother, grandmother and friend she was to so many. I'm so very sorry for your loss ❤️



Ellen - March 20, 2024 at 09:32 PM

PW

“ Deepest Condolences to the family, friends, co-workers and students of a beautiful soul Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa. Heaven has gained an angel. Sleep in peace Elizabeth. Know that you will reunite with your loved one again. God has her in His keeping and we will forever have her in our memories and hearts. Love Never Dies.

Patricia Washington - March 20, 2024 at 04:22 PM

DC

“ Danira Mata and Alejandro Cobo purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.



Danira Mata and Alejandro Cobo - March 20, 2024 at 01:03 PM

CS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Coach K. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.

Carla S - March 20, 2024 at 10:52 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.



March 20, 2024 at 07:04 AM

TF

“ The Alleyne and Skinner Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.

The Alleyne and Skinner Families - March 20, 2024 at 07:04 AM

SF

“ Sara, Ricky, & the River Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.



Sara, Ricky, & the River Family - March 20, 2024 at 02:17 AM

LR

“ Lois, Danny, Dean and Corrine Robbins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.

Lois, Danny, Dean and Corrine Robbins - March 19, 2024 at 09:16 PM

LR

“ Lois, Danny, Dean and Corrine Robbins purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.



Lois, Danny, Dean and Corrine Robbins - March 19, 2024 at 09:16 PM

TF

“ The Seyfarth Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.



The Seyfarth Family - March 19, 2024 at 08:05 PM

LD

“ Love, Clyde & Debbie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.

Love, Clyde & Debbie - March 19, 2024 at 05:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.



March 19, 2024 at 05:46 PM

NB

“ Nicholas and Patricia Badek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.

Nicholas and Patricia Badek - March 19, 2024 at 04:25 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.



March 19, 2024 at 04:25 PM

JA

“ So sorry for your loss. Heard about the accident on the news and just read her obit. She seemed like an amazing woman, daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. My condolences.

James - March 19, 2024 at 03:31 PM

L(

“ Childhood friends who ended up living in the same building, besties in highschool. You are forever in my heart Lizzy. Condolences and prayers go to the family.



Lucia Lugo (Lulu) - March 19, 2024 at 03:30 PM

AT

“ Antonietta Tartaglione lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa



Antonietta Tartaglione - March 19, 2024 at 02:22 PM

LA

“ Too many to count, enjoying watching our daughters play basketball chit chatting and always having a good time. Henry included, of course! Our hearts ache for this loss to all the Rosa family ❤️



laura - March 19, 2024 at 02:12 PM

MM

“ Michelle & Nick Minieri purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.



Michelle & Nick Minieri - March 19, 2024 at 12:52 PM

DM

“ Danielle & Mia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.

Danielle & Mia - March 19, 2024 at 12:36 PM

DM

“ Danielle & Mia purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.



Danielle & Mia - March 19, 2024 at 12:36 PM

WT

“ With love, Your friends at Tishman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth A. Rosa-Feliciano.

With love, Your friends at Tishman - March 19, 2024 at 10:39 AM

WT

“ With love, Your friends at Tishman purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.



With love, Your friends at Tishman - March 19, 2024 at 10:39 AM

RL

“ Robert Denise Lally lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Rosa-Feliciano



Robert & Denise Lally - March 19, 2024 at 09:53 AM

DL

“ Denise Robert Lally lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth Rosa-Feliciano



Denise & Robert Lally - March 19, 2024 at 09:52 AM

EE

“ Englewood Teachers Association ETA purchased the Gerberas and Palms Spray for the family of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.



Englewood Teachers Association ETA - March 19, 2024 at 09:17 AM

FD

“ FDU Devils Athletic Department planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth A. Rosa-Feliciano.

FDU Devils Athletic Department - March 19, 2024 at 04:45 AM



“ Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.



March 19, 2024 at 04:45 AM

TE

“ Mrs Rosa,

It's surreal to be writing this and it's incredibly painful, yet here we are. You were an exemplary educator, your commitment, patience and gentle grace made your classroom a safe space. The kids are so much better for being with you, learning from you and being in your presence. I'll never forget the warmth and love you extended to every student in your class. You were loved by so many, and I pray you knew the impact you've had on so many. Your physical being is gone but your memory will live on eternally. Thank you for sharing the best parts of you with all of us.

Tee - March 19, 2024 at 03:17 AM

LF

“ Legrand family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.



Legrand family - March 18, 2024 at 08:58 PM

PB

“ *Patty Brower purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elizabeth Feliciano-Rosa.* ”



Patty Brower - March 18, 2024 at 08:29 PM