



Rose Anne Lasher

March 11, 2020

Rose Anne Lasher known to her friends as Rick died peacefully on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. She was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 10, 1926 to Italian immigrant parents, Pietro and Angela Misciagna along with two brothers, Nick and John.

She went to high school at Bay Ridge High. With the support of her parents, she went to New York University and received a degree in journalism.

She married Milton Thomas Lasher Jr. in 1952 and had 4 children who survive her: Thomas, Peter, Richard, and Jean. She is also missed by her grandchildren; Miel Leslie, Iris Misciagna, Isabella Garland and Luc Garland.

She continued her education and received a teaching degree from Montclair and went on to teach Art at Cherry Hill Elementary School in River Edge, New Jersey. After many exciting years of teaching, she pursued and achieved her Master's degree and went on to pursue her doctorate in Art Education at NYU. Rick Lasher was elected an National Arts Education Association Distinguished Fellow. She was elected "Chair" of the Fellows and ended her three year term in New Orleans in 2015.

The Art Educator of New Jersey awarded Rick Lasher the organization's highest honor, The "Distinguished Achievement Award" for long term dedication to the visual art profession, to AENJ goals, for exemplary leadership and teaching and recognition award as Distinguished Fellow and Past President. She is retired from Moore College of Art & Design as Supervisor of Student Teacher and from the River Edge, New Jersey Schools.

She served as Director of the Getty Center for Education in the Arts sponsored “Hands & Minds Institute” co-sponsored by AENJ and NAEA for ten years. Included were students from the Philippines, France, Brazil and throughout the US who were interested in DBAE, a new paradigm in art education.

As AENJ state president from 1976-1977 and 1978, Rick led the state “with wisdom, humor and experience”. She also served as Newsletter Editor and Convention Chair. The AENJ Executive Board named an award in her honor: The RICK LASHER Professional Growth Grant which provides members with monies to attend NAEA conventions.

She is a former NAEA Executive Board member, serving as a Division Director, a member of the Professional Materials Committee and served as a Chair and member of several NAEA Nominations Committee. She is the recipient of five New Jersey Governor’s Awards, and national awards including NAEA Distinguished Achievement Within the Profession Award, Eastern Region Educator of the Year, Elementary Educator of the Year, Marion Quin Dix State Leadership Awards and is the chair and author/editor of the Hands & Minds Curriculum Armature and an author of New Jersey Goals & Standards K-12. Rick Lasher was a Trustee of the National Art Education Foundation for eight years. She was a member of the New Jersey Department of Education first Panel who wrote the original Arts Education Standards. Known as Mrs. Lasher by the hundreds of young students that she introduced to the wonders of Art. As Rick to her husband, friends and colleagues. As mom to her children and as grandma to their children. She will be missed.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rose Anne Lasher*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Rose Anne Lasher*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



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August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ *Rick was a great friend and colleague. I learned much from her during our years of work with the NAEA Distinguished Fellows and during our terms as trustees of the National Art Education Foundation. She was a committed professional and her legacy will live on. I send my condolences to her family.*

D. Jack Davis - April 23, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Lasher was my amazing art teacher at Cherry Hill Elementary from K-6, and taught me not only how to appreciate art but to create it. I always enjoyed popping into CHS to visit when I was in middle and high school. She was an inspiration to all of her students and will definitely be missed.*

Anne Marie Koch (Trinkleback) - March 19, 2020 at 10:48 PM

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“ Rick was my mentor in my career in arts education in NJ. From working with her as President, etc. of the Arts Educators of NJ, our Hands & Minds Teacher Institute, to conferences in Washington and the Getty Leadership Conference in California, every minute was filled with absorbing tools from her to assist in my involvement. I remember her great sense of humor and never accepting anything less than professionalism in everything she touched. Most of all, I remember her caring for all she came in contact with, a genuine hope that all of us would do our best always extending a helping hand.

She will remain in my heart.

Diane Franken



Diane E Franken - March 19, 2020 at 06:14 PM

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“ I will miss this amazing woman who was a visionary and pioneer for the Arts. Rick's words always encouraged others who loved the Arts to stand strong and always pursue a high quality for the Arts in education. I will miss our many conversations but will keep her word in my heart.

Teri Trumbour

Director of Manasquan Visual and Performing Arts Academy

teri trumbour - March 16, 2020 at 09:19 PM

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“ Rick has left an indelible mark on the Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ) association and will not be forgotten. All the knowledge and help that she shared with us. Always such a supporter of the arts. She will be sorely missed,
Lisa Conklin
Current President of AENJ

Lisa Conklin - March 16, 2020 at 06:13 PM

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“ I worked with Rick at Cherry Hill Elementary School in River Edge, N J. Her art class was always innovative and enjoyable for the children. I'm sorry to see that she has passed on. She had a long and productive life. My condolences to all in the family. Rest in peace, Rick.

Ginny Baird - March 16, 2020 at 03:53 PM