



Selma - "Zel" Baratta

January 6, 2009

BARATTA, Selma "Zel" (nee: Rodnon) age 82 of Leonia, NJ died Tuesday January 6, 2009. Beloved wife of the late Alfred A. Devoted mother of Wendy and Leslie Zellea, Robin Breslin & husband Joseph. Her stepchildren also survive her: Mark, Lise, Davis, Dana. She will be missed by her nephew Peter and nieces Laurel and Dorothy. Zel was a loyal and faithful friend of Bill W. for 37 years. She was an accomplished teacher with a true passion for directing young lives and taught at Westwood Regional School District, NJ for 37+ years. Zel had a genuine and lifelong commitment to service. Funeral arrangements: Volk Leber Funeral Home – 789 Teaneck Road – Teaneck, NJ. Family will have visitation this Friday at 2-4 and 7-9PM.

Tribute Wall



“ Selma - "Zel" Baratta

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



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October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



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August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of the loss of Mrs Baratta. I was a student of her`s from Washington school in the mid 60s. Those early years of grammar school left a lasting impression on me, an she will always be one. I am glad she found peace being a friend of Bill W. I too have been a friend for 20 years. Rest Well.##imported-begin##Mike##imported-end##

January 12, 2009 at 11:30 AM



“ Dear Robin and Leslie, We are very sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. Our thoughts are with you. Sincerely, Jack and Marlene King##imported-begin##Marlene King##imported-end##

January 09, 2009 at 01:11 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Baratta was such a beautiful woman and teacher. There are not many teachers remember as fondly as her, even more than 30 years later. I hope you find comfort in knowing so many people loved her and will miss her.###imported-begin###Dawn Thumudo-McPartland###imported-end##

January 09, 2009 at 12:58 PM



“ Each life touches this world in a way no others can, leaving not only wonderful memories, but lasting imprints in our hearts. I am grateful to be one of countless others to receive Zel's selfless gifts of wisdom & hope. Now, and in the years to come, her life & spirit will be a cause for celebration. With sympathy, Lisa H. - AA###imported-begin###Lisa H.###imported-end##

January 09, 2009 at 03:52 AM



“ Robin, Leslie, Wendy - Your mom was a great woman, with her own brand of style, and she influenced me more than you know. I hope your favorite memories in the quiet moments to come help to heal your hearts and bring you peace.###imported-begin###Gayle Brazda###imported-end##

January 08, 2009 at 08:26 PM



“ Dear Leslie, Robin, and Wendy. Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your mother. She loved each of you very much. Zel has passed, but she goes on living in so many of us. She was an extraordinary lady. Thank you for sharing your mom with me. Thank you Zel for your guidance, your love, and your deep devotion to the way of living we share and hold so dear. You will be missed but never forgotten. Leslie, Robin, Wendy and family. I share in your grief and send my love. Inge.##imported-begin##Inge H Hansen##imported-end##

January 08, 2009 at 06:16 PM



“ DEAR ZEL, YOU WE'RE A WONDERFUL WOMEN, LIKE A MOTHER TO ME & GRANDMOTHER TO MY CHILDREN. WE WILL NEVER FORGET ALL YOU DONE FOR US. YOU NEVER GAVE UP ON ME EVEN THOUGH I GAVE YOU A LOT OF HARD TIMES. I VOW TO MAKE YOU PROUD ONE DAY. YOU GAVE ME YOUR 28TH YEAR COIN, I WILL HOLD IT CLOSE TO MY HEART & HOPEFULLY BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR MYSELF ONE DAY. I KNOW YOU'LL BE WATCHING. I LOVE YOU & WILL MISS YOU TERRIBLY. DONNA,BRITTANY & TIMMY##imported-begin##DONNA CIRAOLO##imported-end##

January 08, 2009 at 12:42 PM



“ My condolences go out to the family of one of the truly special women in our world. Mrs. Baratta was my first grade teacher and unequivocally shaped the course of my life. Mrs. Baratta was, and will continue to be, one of those timeless people who embodied the spirit of goodness and optimism which we all hope to capture. She referred to me back in the first grade as a "gentleman and a scholar." This is a quote that my parents and my wife have come to embrace and a challenge which I try and live up to on a daily basis. I am saddened today to hear of her passing but I find comfort in knowing that the legacy she has left behind has guided many of her students to find love and happiness in their own lives. My thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time and I hope that you find comfort in knowing that Mrs. Baratta left this world a better place. God bless.##imported-begin##Paul Zamek##imported-end##

January 08, 2009 at 09:24 AM



“ Dear Robin Leslie and Family, I am so sorry to hear about you Mom. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Marie Busch##imported-begin##Marie Busch Wetklow##imported-end##

January 07, 2009 at 11:56 AM



“ On behalf of Linda and I we want to extend our most deepest condolences to Zel's Children and family. Zel was a friend and mentor to both Linda and I. Her passing though sad, will remind us of the joy and guidance that she so selflessly passed on to us. We will always remember her for her humor and witty sarcasm. But mostly for her caring and deep sense of service to others. She was a great dame and we will miss her.##imported-begin##Manny&Linda Perez##imported-end##

January 07, 2009 at 11:26 AM