



## Ann Russo

April 12, 1945 - July 11, 2025

Lafayette -

Ann Russo passed away peacefully at home on Friday, July 11, 2025, at the age of 80, surrounded by her loving family, just as she wished. A longtime resident of Lafayette and native of Morgan City, she graduated from Sacred Heart School in Morgan City and the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Ann dedicated her career to educating the children of South Louisiana as a devoted school teacher. She took great joy in being a positive influence in her students' lives and cherished the connections she made along the way. She was an avid reader, a talented gardener, and found joy in gathering with friends and family. Above all, Ann was a shining example of unconditional love and acceptance to all who knew her.

She is survived by her brother, Allain Russo; her children, Howard Rochel, Shelley Rochel Rice and her husband Patrick, and Allain Rochel; her beloved granddaughter, Elizabeth Grace Rice; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. Frank and Mrs. Elizabeth Grace Russo, and her sisters, Maria Arceneaux and Elizabeth 'Betty' Blanchard.

The family extends gratitude to Hospice of Acadiana, Ann's nurse Madison Palmature, and especially her devoted caregiver, Rose Lilly, for their

compassionate care.

In keeping with Ann's wishes, the family will hold a private celebration of her life. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Ann's name to Hospice of Acadiana at <https://hospiceacadiana.com/hoa/donate>.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Cypress Funeral Home & Crematory, 206 W. Lafayette St., Maurice, LA 70555.

# Tribute Wall

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“ My sincere sympathy and condolences to Ann’s family and friends! She was my teacher at Youngsville Middle. She left a legacy of style and grace.

Christine Girouard Stanfield - July 19, 2025 at 02:20 PM

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“ We were colleagues and she taught by son. I kept my son’s projects she did in her class as they were so meaningful. She was a lovely and graceful lady.

Elizabeth DeWitt - July 16, 2025 at 08:26 AM

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“ I am blessed to have called her my sister in Christ. She was a special friend. My deepest condolences to her children, granddaughter whom she loved. May she rest in peace. Sheila Robson. 🙏❤️🕊️

Sheila Robson - July 15, 2025 at 08:58 PM

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“ My sincere sympathy and condolences to Ann’s family and friends! We were colleagues at Youngsville Middle for several years and I always enjoyed our conversations and her laughter! Rest on Ann. I see ya with that Starbucks coffee in hand.

May God’s eternal light be with her reposed soul in peace.



Dorothy C. Scott - July 14, 2025 at 10:34 PM

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*My deepest sympathy to her family. Ann was my Sister in Christ and in charge of our small community prayer group. I'll always remember her sense of humor and her deep faith. May eternal rest grant into her and perpetual light shine upon her.*

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**Gay Babineaux** - July 16, 2025 at 07:28 AM

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*Regret I am so late in knowing about Ann's passing.  
She will long be remembered.*

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**Frank Listi** - April 02 at 08:38 AM