



Grace Ellen Rosboschil

April 22, 2023

Grace Ellen Rosboschil (Williams)

July 27, 1955 – April 22, 2023

Gracie, as many affectionately called her, passed away peacefully at the age of 67, on Saturday, April 22 in Lake Ridge, VA after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her beloved husband Joseph, children Sara Smith (and husband Mark), Cameron Creinin (and husband Ben), Matthew Rosboschil (and his daughter Madison), eldest sister Teresa Johnson (and husband Dale) and cherished Chihuahua Polly.

Born in Arlington, VA to Harry and Sarah Madge Williams, Gracie grew up in Springfield, VA where she was a champion gymnast and performed as the lead singer and guitarist alongside her sister Eileen Williams (1952-2017) who sang harmoniously with her and played the banjo in “The Williams Sisters” Bluegrass band. She then continued to pursue music as “Gracie Williams and the Virginians” where she toured and performed with greats such as Ricky Scaggs and Justin Tubb (star of the Grand Ole Opry).

After graduating from West Springfield High School in 1973, she excelled as an administrative professional working with multiple employers across many fields including Arlington County Police Department, Amtrak (being intimately involved in the renovation of Union Station in Washington, D.C.) and various

Real Estate Developers. In the early '90's, Gracie chose to leave her career and stay at home putting her children first. While at home, she decided to follow her passion for writing by attending Northern Virginia Community College to study journalism as well as taking a job as a school bus driver for Fairfax County Public Schools (following her Mother's footsteps) which she described as her "heart" job. From 1998 until her retirement in 2009, the best parts of the job were the comradery and friendships she built with other bus drivers, the experiences driving special needs children to field trips and the close relationships she built with the children and their families; also, the common sing-a-longs with the kids as she drove them to and from school.

As a lifelong and faithful Christian, Gracie's compassion, love and empathy for others—whether she knew them or not—was something her family admired more than anything. She was a Sunday school teacher, active in the church youth groups, led and supported all activities for her children and organized fund-raising efforts for many underprivileged children and animals in need. She could bring a smile to anyone's face and always sought to do so.

Gracie's family will happily receive visitors on May 15, 2023 beginning at 9:15 a.m. at All Saints Church, 14851 Gideon Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192. Her Celebration of Life service will follow at 10 a.m., with a reception to follow after the service.

As a lover of animals, in lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the ASPCA at <https://www.aspca.org/>

Gracie's Family is deeply indebted to the staff of Brookdale Lake Ridge, Tribute at the Glen, Vitas Healthcare Hospice, and Kaiser Permanente Primary, Specialty and Palliative Care Teams; as well as all of the wonderful caregivers and nurses who had a hand in providing compassionate care to Gracie during this long and difficult journey. You are all God's Angels in our

eyes. May God Bless each of you!

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 15. 9:15 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

All Saints' Church
14851 Gideon Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Service

MAY 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

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14851 Gideon Drive
Woodbridge, VA 22192

Graveside Service

MAY 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery
18424 Joplin Rd
Triangle, VA 22172

Tribute Wall



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Grace Ellen Rosboschil.



May 14, 2023 at 11:38 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Grace Ellen Rosboschil.



May 11, 2023 at 06:41 PM



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Joseph Rosboschil - May 11, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Grace Ellen Rosboschil.



May 11, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Grace Ellen Rosboschil.*



May 10, 2023 at 08:26 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Joe and his entire family during this very difficult time. - Dave Guio*

Dave Guio - May 10, 2023 at 03:10 PM



“ *Gracie and Joe were our neighbors for many years in Dale City. Our kids grew up together and our boys played BB together. We have very fond memories of getting together for cookouts and just hanging out. They were the best neighbors we ever had! We were honored to also call them friends. Gracie was always a funny, kind and helpful person who always had a smile on her face. We were so saddened by her death. The world will be a little less bright without her in it. RIP Gracie. You will be missed. Prayers to Joe and the rest of her family. I know she was always so proud of you all! In lieu of flowers, we have made a donation to the ASPCA as requested.
Wendy and Tom Brendel*

Wendy Strickland - May 08, 2023 at 06:51 PM

BA

Joe and Gracie were my neighbors in Dale City and were good friends. Our kids always played together and we called them „peas in a pod“. I was sad when she moved, but we always visited. She was loving, kind and funny. She made the transition from living in Germany to American live so much easier and fun.

I am sad she left us so early and she always be in my prayers and thoughts.

Barbara (Lyons) Albuquerque

Barbara Albuquerque - May 14, 2023 at 10:15 AM

KR

“ *I worked with Joe for several years at the Holocaust Museum and was very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family and we have made a donation to the ASPCA in her honor.*

ken richmond - May 07, 2023 at 06:18 PM

AT

“ *Joe, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family - Al Tierney*

Al Tierney - May 06, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Grace Ellen Rosboschil.*



May 03, 2023 at 10:51 AM

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Cameron Creinin - May 02, 2023 at 09:45 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Grace Ellen Rosboschil.



May 02, 2023 at 04:05 PM

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“ My deepest condolences to Joe and his family.

Bruce Levy - May 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM

JR

“ 8 files added to the album Gracie



Joseph Rosboschil - April 28, 2023 at 01:34 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Grace Ellen Rosboschil.*



April 28, 2023 at 12:51 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Grace Ellen Rosboschil.*



April 28, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Grace Ellen Rosboschil.*



April 27, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *I remember Gracie as funny, smart and devoted to her children. Our prayers for Joe and the now grown-up and beautiful young adults you two raised. Amy and Bob Flenniken*

Amy Flenniken - April 27, 2023 at 06:14 PM



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Cameron Creinin - April 27, 2023 at 05:41 PM