



Rose Mary Kaufman

March 21, 2021

RoseMarie "Rose Mary – Rosie" Valente Kaufman was born in Pueblo, CO July 10, 1935 and passed away on March 21, 2021. She was a '53 graduate of Central High School with emphasis in creative writing, violin, pep club, Student Council, and the National Honor Society.

She was awarded a writing scholarship to CSC now UNC to study elementary education. Graduating with honors in '57 she began her teaching career in Arvada, then Pueblo and then Boulder to be closer to her soon-to-be husband, Dr. Thomas A. Kaufman.

Rose Mary and Tom were married in 1962. They had three boys: Gregory Thomas, Matthew Edward, and Scott Anthony. She was a stay-at-home mom until resuming her 20-year teaching career at Bauder Elementary in Fort Collins in '73. Loving everything and everyone connected with education, she was Honorably initiated in Phi Delta Kappa, was Honorably Designated Colorado Teacher of the Year, received the Colorado Distinguished Teacher Award, and the Colorado Senate Distinguished Teacher Award.

Upon retirement from Poudre School District, Rose Mary was hired by UNC to supervise student teachers. After that, she and Tom farmed in Windsor and began a greenhouse business, opened the Bonnie Rose Antiques and Book Store for Children, and established Kaufman's Confectionary, an olde

chocolate and ice cream shoppe.

Later on, Rose Mary became totally involved with her grandchildren and their activities and writing in her journals while preparing meals for friends in need and the homeless at the Catholic Mission. She was nicknamed Meals on Wheels. She always remained a devoted Broncos and Rockies fan. Rose Mary mainly enjoyed trips with Tom to the ocean. She was ever the teacher regarding schools, cooking, good books.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Dr. Tom; sons, Gregory and his wife Dr. Gail, Matthew and his wife Cindy, Scott and his wife Jennifer; 4 grandchildren: MacKinzie, Mason, Harrison, and Zachary. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother John Valente.

Rose Mary was a wonderfully, busy lady who was appreciated, loved, and respected by all who knew her. She was the warm, tender, intelligent and nurturing matriarch of the Kaufman Family. Services are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rose Mary Kaufman*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I'm so saddened to hear of your loss. Mrs. Kaufman was my 2nd grade teacher at Bauder Elementary. At that time, I was having trouble with my reading skills. She spent hours with me after school to keep me from falling behind. She also recommended to my parents to get my eyes checked. The time she spent with me paid off and I owe a huge part of my success to Mrs. Kaufman. I'm the President/CEO of a high tech company in Fort Collins. I could not have accomplished this if not for her devoted time to a shy kid who was having trouble reading.*

Richard Serrano

Richard Serrano - August 27, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *We are so saddened to hear of Rose Mary's passing! We knew her as a colleague, a friend and as a parent as our daughter was I her second grade classroom at Bauder Elementary. Every time we would see her, that smile of hers would warm your heart! As always she wanted to know all about you as her caring spirit always shine through,*

Alan and Beth Stevens

Beth Stevens - April 21, 2021 at 09:29 AM

BE

“ Tom and family, we offer our sympathy in your great loss of your wife an mother to your children. Rose Mary was wonderful personality and will be missed by many.
with sincere condolences,
Bob & Grace Ellis

Bob Ellis - April 11, 2021 at 11:21 AM

YE

“ Rose Mary was an exceptional teacher and even better person. She gave our children an amazing start to their educations.
With sympathy.
Shannon and Steve Yemm

Yemms - April 05, 2021 at 12:29 PM

DH

“ Tom and Family

As colleagues in Poudre School District I had the wonderful pleasure of working with Rose Mary at Bauder School when it first opened up. What a wonderful experience being able to work with Rose Mary in the Primary Pod. She was a role model for all of us to emulate. We were also indeed fortunate that our two girls who attended Bauder School had Rose Mary for a teacher. They would come home each day so excited about what they had learned from Rose Mary and the rest of the Primary Team. Her enthusiasm, caring attitude for her students and dedication to providing each student with the best educational experience will be remembered by all who knew her.

Mary and David Hodge

David and Mary Hodge - March 30, 2021 at 12:38 PM

EW

“ *Dear Tom and family*

It was with a very heavy heart that I read of Rose Mary's passing in the Pueblo Chieftain today. I just had a feeling lately that something was not good since I have not heard anything from you since our telephone conversation a month or so ago when you told that you both had had the virus. I have been praying daily for you and our other classmates and families who have been similarly affected. I do pray that you are through with the virus. I can't even imagine how hard Rose Mary's death has been on you and your family. I have many fond remembrances of her and her brother Johnny during our younger days. Please accept my heart felt sympathies at this difficult time. Savor all the great memories that you had together. Much love, Esther Williams

ESTHER J WILLIAMS - March 28, 2021 at 05:40 PM

KS

“ Miss Valente was my 2nd grade teacher at Parkview Elementary school in Pueblo in 1961-62. She was my all-time favorite teacher. My class was the lucky class. We had a beautiful, young, exciting teacher. I have never forgotten learning Irish songs and walking through the hallways of the school singing them for St Patrick’s Day. Miss Valenti recorded each student sending a message to her boyfriend and his friends in the military (at least I think that’s where it went), and it was an exciting day when coming back up the staircase to our room one day was the boyfriend standing at the top of the steps (my memory has him smoking a pipe). I was so jealous of my best friend who’s neighbors were invited to Miss Valente’s wedding and took her along with them to the ceremony. Over the years I always wondered about her. In 1994, in Littleton, a preschool classmate of my daughter’s, had a Halloween party and while talking to the child’s mother we discovered we were both from Pueblo. When I learned her maiden name was Valente and my Miss Valente was her Aunt I was so happy to learn about where she lived , what she had done, and about the ice cream shop in Windsor. My family and I stopped in the shop later that summer, and luckily she was working that day. Before I had a chance to say a word she greeted me with a big “hi, Kathy!” The fact that she could recognize a 41 year old she knew as an 8 year old was inspiring and reinforced the specialness of a great and memorable teacher. My deepest condolences to her family. I know you will all be strengthened by incredible memories of a wonderful woman.

Kathy Kyffin Schleifer - March 26, 2021 at 02:59 PM

JD

“ Dear Tom and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. RoseMary has been a wonderful friend and mentor to me for many years. When I started as a para at Bauder, I had the privilege of working for Second grade. RoseMary was such a warm and loving teacher who always respected her co workers and the children she taught. She always made me feel Special and so much a part of the Second grade team. I truly appreciated after retirement that we kept in touch and had a wonderful bond for the past 40 years and an inspiration to all who knew her. The heaven's are rejoicing to have you. Your smile, positive ways and gentleness will be missed. Heaven gained an Angel. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Loved this beautiful RoseMary. Joan Demma & Family

Joan Demma - March 26, 2021 at 12:13 PM

SE

“ Tom, Greg, Matt and Scott, I have many fond memories of your mother and her wonderfully happy spirit. I know this time is hard but please know that my family is praying for peace and comfort for all of you during this difficult time. May God be with you all.

Susie (Ruppel) Erickson - March 25, 2021 at 10:44 PM

DD

“ Dear Dr. Kaufman and Family,
Please know you are in the thoughts and prayers of everyone here aboard the Viking Ship. While I didn't know Rose Mary personally, I feel like I do after reading such a beautiful tribute. She reminds me so much of family and friends I hold dear. As a fan of creative writing and good books, and someone who lived her dash, I suspect Rose Mary and your family would appreciate the popular poem I've attached and read graveside at my dad's burial a few days before Christmas. She will live on through you and your family and friend's memories. God bless.

Sincerely,

Principal Tom Dodd and Your Lesher Middle School F-A-M-I-L-Y...
Forget About Me I Love You.



Dr. Tom Dodd - March 25, 2021 at 05:38 PM

KK

“ Tom and Family,
Such a difficult time for your family. You know how much I love both you and Rose Mary. As our daughter's so kindly put it: "I'll always remember how kind, gentle, and caring she was."
That she was and more. Her greatest words to me: "Learn how to say No."
Sweet Rose Mary, I have.

kathy king-steinbach - March 24, 2021 at 03:29 PM

MM

“ Tom, I’m sad to hear of the loss of your beloved Rose Mary. Although I didn’t know her well, I do know that behind every great man is an even greater woman. Rose Mary must have been amazing.

Micki McMillan

Micki McMillan - March 24, 2021 at 08:02 AM