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Roz left this world with grace and ease as she was called home on Monday, January 3rd, 2022 after a 7 year long brave battle with ALS, she was 58 years old.

She is survived by her parents, Juan Jose and Zenaida Vega, her sister Cyndi Avallone, her husband Thomas Skidmore, her son Jesse Ashenfarb, her step-daughter Kelsey Skidmore and many other family members.

Roz was raised in Spanish Harlem in NYC, where she grew up in the projects. She was proud of her upbringing as she knew how far she had come. She wanted to share, that with hard work anything is possible. Her parents instilled in her, that she was here for a great life and supported her in each endeavor she took. This support ignited a fire that never let up until her last breath. Roz was always motivated and determined to be better and do better in all that she laid her eyes on.

She graduated Marymount Manhattan College with a Bachelor's degree in psychology and went to Columbia University for 3 years. She started her finance career at the age of 17 at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette. Roz's career spanned 30+ years which included the following companies: DLJ, Kidder

Peabody, Smith Barney, PaineWebber, UBS Financial Services, Lehman Brothers and TIAA Cref. During those 30 years Roz held positions as a Trader, a Financial Advisor, a Regional Administrative Manager, and finally found her true passion in Strategy, Change and Program Management. Roz never took no for an answer, she believed that you needed to keep asking until you found the right person that would give you the yes, you were looking for.

Roz was physically fit, happily married, loved her job, loved being a Mom, and was on top of the world, when she received her ALS diagnosis at the age of 51. This forced her to leave her career behind which she worked so hard to build, but she took her diagnosis as a challenge and decided to cherish each moment, experience all that she could, and took the journey as one of God's Warriors cloaked in faith.

She once said, "ALS does not define who I am, it is just something I have to live with. Some may take it as a curse, but I have taken it as a blessing. Maybe one day, my testimony of how Great God is, will help others."

Roz was an amazing writer, and she loved to sing and dance. She performed in her Junior High School and High School drama club and traveled on tour performing in a play called Colored Girls. She belonged on stage, center stage.

Roz traveled the world, and took trips every opportunity she had. Her last trip 3 years ago was to the Grand Canyon. She wanted to share that with her son and her husband. She said it was the most incredible thing she had ever seen.

Although her time was short, she lived each and every day her way, with no regrets.

"She believed she could, and so she did!"

The family requests in lieu of flowers, please consider donating to "Roz's ALS Warriors", your donation will go directly to the ALS foundation, to help other families and continue with research. Go to www.alsnc.org or mail to The ALS Association North Carolina Chapter, 4 N. Blount Street - Suite 200 - Raleigh, NC 27601 in memory of Roselynn Skidmore.

The hope is that one day we will find a cure.

Thank you for being part of Roz's incredible journey.

For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream <https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/authorise.php?k=1642024014159309>

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

JAN 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home
494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Memorial Service

JAN 14. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory
494 East Plaza Drive
Hwy 150
Mooresville, NC 28115

Reception

JAN 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Roselynn Joelle Skidmore*



Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory - January 12, 2022 at 11:39 AM

RT

“ *Our memories of Roz will never be forgotten!
Her contagious smile and kindness will always be remembered!
So grateful she touched our lives with her kindred spirit!
Wishing you peace, my dear!*

Rossana Torres - January 15, 2022 at 01:28 PM

DS

“ *I did not know you personally Roz, but I felt your presence on this Earth. What a powerful light you are, still!. You are now in the presence of our Lord. Your life is going on in another realm, but your presence will be forever with those you knew and loved,.. and even with me who only knew you through the reflection of your beloved sister. God's Peace to this family.*

Debi Stewart

Debi Stewart - January 14, 2022 at 03:20 PM

MR

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Michael Roberts - January 14, 2022 at 01:52 PM

PE

“ Paula Everett lit a candle in memory of Roselynn Joelle Skidmore



Paula Everett - January 14, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Roselynn Joelle Skidmore.



January 12, 2022 at 10:40 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Roselynn Joelle Skidmore.



January 12, 2022 at 04:40 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Roselynn Joelle Skidmore.*



January 12, 2022 at 04:28 PM



“ *Thank you. Your friendship was a blessing. I will always cherish the wonderful memories. Goodnight my friend, rest in peace in God's Heaven. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Until we meet again..*



Elsa Valdes - January 12, 2022 at 04:07 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Roselynn Joelle Skidmore.*



January 12, 2022 at 11:58 AM



“ *Roz remained a fierce spiritual warrior through the end. I will forever miss my dear friend. Sincere condolences to her family whose infinite love carried her and nourished her spirit.*

Sandra Wilson - January 12, 2022 at 10:58 AM

TL

“ One of my favorite memories. We recently laughed about this one as she reminded me she always loved Halloween. I will treasure those memories and so many more. Our paths crossed early in her Wall Street career and I am forever grateful for the bond we shared. RIP sweet Roz, always in my heart.



Tammi Lauder - January 11, 2022 at 09:17 PM

DK

Roz was a positive force of nature in absolutely everything she did in life. We met when, no surprise, Roz approached me the day she learned my assistant had resigned. “I want to work with you” she said and the rest was history. Many many years of empowering this incredible talent unlocked a career that improved businesses and lives of anyone fortunate enough to have our Roz involved. She was a special talent and sets a standard for all.

dan kilmurray - January 12, 2022 at 07:57 AM

AO

“ I will always remember when we first danced in my house. My sister and Roz. Roz will always be like another sister to me. She was very well loved by my family and her friends in New York City. We will always remember her warm smile, how sweet a person she was and the impact she made on me and my sister's life. Rest well, my friend.



Albert Ortiz - January 11, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Roselynn Joelle Skidmore.*



January 11, 2022 at 11:18 AM



“ *Diane Bond Gohringer purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Roselynn Joelle Skidmore.*



Diane Bond Gohringer - January 10, 2022 at 02:15 PM



“ *Rest easy, my friend...
Sending love & prayers to her family.*



Joanna Geiger - January 10, 2022 at 11:49 AM



“ *Lori Underwood lit a candle in memory of Roselynn Joelle Skidmore*



Lori Underwood - January 09, 2022 at 03:32 PM

JM

*Wonderful service!! So glad I got to be a part.
God bless you, Tommy and the family
Jim Myers*

jim myers - January 14, 2022 at 01:43 PM