



Claudia Alice Ruoff

February 26, 2020

Claudia Alice Ruoff, age 47, died Wednesday February 26, 2020 peacefully in her sleep at Hospice in Mount Joy after a bruising battle with brain cancer. She was a loving mother, wife, daughter, sister, friend and educator.

Claudia was born in The Bronx, NY to Edwin and Kathryn Roberts. Claudia graduated from North Penn High School (Lansdale) in 1990 and Millersville University in 1994.

During her 25 years as an English teacher she earned two master's degrees and achieved her National Teaching Certificate twice. She was a beloved mentor and educator who sought solutions. She taught at Girard College in Philadelphia and also taught with Vision Quest including time teaching on a tall sailing ship. The last 20 years she taught high school English in the Lampeter/Strasburg School District. Claudia was also the district English Language coach working with teachers K through 12.

Claudia loved to sing and was a soprano in many choruses including the Lancaster Symphony Chorus, The Music for Everyone Lancaster Community Chorus and also with church choirs at Trinity Lutheran Church, UUCL, Grace UCC, St. James Episcopal Church, and other choruses in the Philadelphia area. She was a poet and writer who was well-traveled and who also liked to paint and cook, and she was physically active with hiking, bike riding and

going to the gym.

Surviving is her husband, Richard E. Ruoff; 3 sons: Alexander, Pierce and Brandon, all at home in Lancaster, her parents, Kathryn and Edwin Roberts, Lancaster, a sister, Lauren Roberts and brother, Matthew Roberts (Both of Philadelphia).

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Claudia's Celebration of Life service at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. The family will receive friends on Friday evening, March 6, 2020 at The Groffs Family Funeral Home from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and again on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Music for Everyone, musicforeveryone.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc
528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
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admin@thegroffs.com
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Tribute Wall



“ *Claudia Alice Ruoff*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dear Rich*

Our sincere condolences for your loss to you and the family. Marna and I removed her from Marks wedding and we know that they also have you in their thoughts and prayers

God Bless you and the family

Sincerely

Mike, Marna, Mark and Jenn Kirkham

Michael C. Kirkham - March 07, 2020 at 09:15 AM



“ *I never knew Claudia, but Rich and I grew-up, raced bicycles and had a great friendship in High School and College.*

Rich, Judy and I are so sorry for the passing of your wife. Please know you and your family will be in our prayers and thoughts. May God hold you and comfort you in this time of sorrow.

Jon Beltz

Jonathan Beltz - March 04, 2020 at 01:42 PM



“ *Rich (and family) - I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Claudia. Please accept my deepest condolences.*

Adam Frederick - March 04, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ I’m just one of many people who was touched by Claudia. I took a class with her at Millersville a few summers ago; she left an impression on me. I imagined what it would be like to work with an amazing colleague like her. Today, when I opened the paper, it took my breath away to learn of this news. We lost a really good one. My heart and wishes of comfort go out to her family and friends. xo

Sara Eden - March 02, 2020 at 06:20 PM



“ Both of my children had Claudia as a teacher at LS. As a parent, I loved her as a teacher because she was strict, but also kind and compassionate. In the end, both of my kids loved Claudia as a teacher. When my son died last January, I was shocked to see her at his Celebration of Life service. I knew that she was sick, and I didn't expect her to be there. She said, "I wouldn't have missed this for anything. Your son was a great student." What great comfort from someone going through so much!!
Thanks for being a great teacher to both my kids and to the LS community. We as a family will never forget you!! Prayers to Claudia's husband and three sons.

*Farley, Kris, and Cindy Rezendes
Strasburg, PA*

Farley Rezendes - February 29, 2020 at 10:38 AM