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Rosalie Ann Redmond, age 83 of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away on Friday, Feb. 25, 2022, in Lewes, Delaware. She was born on March 1, 1938, in Rome, NY, daughter of the late Arnold and Katherine Karker Lauber.

Ms. Redmond retired in 2014, as an administrative services specialist after 50 years with the U.S. Federal Government. During that time, she worked for the U.S. Department of Commerce, including stints with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in both Boulder, CO and Washington, D.C., as well as the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) in Washington, D.C. Previously, she held multiple posts for the U.S. Department of Defense, including at Griffiss AFB in Rome NY; Kelly AFB in San Antonio, TX; Tan Son Nhut AFB, in Saigon, Vietnam; and Bolling AFB in Washington, D.C., as well as many other enterprises including SAIC in Heidelberg, Germany, and the international hospital in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Even with such a storied career, her first “job” - and favorite one - was learning to drive her dad’s tractor at age 6. Since she was too small to sit on the tall metal seat, he taught her how to steer standing up and work the pedals. She insisted that she was an essential part of his team with his brothers as they made cheese and farmed their land in upstate New York.

Ms. Redmond loved to travel and deeply appreciated exploring different cultures. In addition to visiting all 50 states, she visited 48 countries on six continents and lived and worked in four countries in addition to the U.S.: France, Germany, Saudi Arabia and Vietnam, from which she was one of the last ones airlifted out in 1975.

Some of her favorite travel recollections included promenading with penguins in Antarctica, petting llamas on Machu Picchu, listening to gibbons in Angkor Wat, seeing a Chinese pheasant strut the Great Wall of China, bathing a baby African elephant near Victoria Falls, snorkeling in the Red Sea, counting the goats hanging in the Moroccan trees, church hopping along the Volga, swimming with the dolphins in Cancun, eating limburger cheese in Lucerne, riding a motorcycle through the south of France, playing with lambs in Jordan, riding the train into Prague,



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parasailing over the Caribbean, horseback riding along the coast of Jamaica, riding a camel through Wadi Rum and driving a jeep in Saudi Arabia, before it was legal for women to drive there.

Born to a Swiss father and Hungarian mother, she loved meeting people from every corner of the world and would do all she could to genuinely connect with them. She had 'adopted' daughters, sons and grandchildren from France, in particular, as well as several other countries that she had lived in, many of whom stayed closely connected to her throughout her entire life. She encouraged her children as they began their own international travels, "When you visit a new country, at the very least learn how to say 'hello, good-bye, I'm sorry I don't understand' and, most importantly, 'thank you' in their native language. In doing so, you show them respect and kindness."

Ms. Redmond played the piano and the accordion. She also sang in musical choirs and groups - including the San Antonio Sound in the Sixties, which released one cover record, Side A: 5th Dimensions' "Aquarius/Let The Sunshine In" and Side B: Tony Bennett's "Yesterday, I Heard the Rain". She also attended hundreds of concerts, (Tina Turner in Germany being her favorite), operas (singing along to La Traviata's *Sempre Libera* and crying to *Addio, del Passato*) and musicals, including going to see "Mamma Mia!" seven times on stage. She loved to socialize and entertain family and friends, including her newest friends at Brandywine Senior Living in Rehoboth Beach, DE. She was witty and quick, and loved laughing and sharing new experiences with everyone from cooking and playing parlor games to singing and dancing. Ms. Redmond had many organizational affiliations over the years, including being elected the PTA President of her children's school, Glen Oaks Elementary, in San Antonio, TX, in 1968, using "Harper Valley PTA" as her inspirational song. Ms. Redmond, at her passing, was a proud member of the Rome Free Academy Alumni (RFA), Class of 1956, and the Saigon Mission Association (SMA).

In addition to her parents, Ms. Redmond was preceded in death by her son, Dennis Lee Redmond; her sisters: Theresa L. Lauber and Vida M. Richards; and her stepfather, John W. Miller. She is survived by her daughter, Deborah L. Redmond (Cathy Nelson) of Washington, DC; her sons: David L. Redmond (Ray Brumley) of Rehoboth Beach, DE, and Douglas A. Redmond of San Antonio, TX; her nieces: Taysa Rhone, Leila Costello Harris, Dyana O'Neill, Dana Hall, Stephanie Patel; her nephews: Paul Costello III, William "Billy" Herrig, Jr., and Matthew Lovely; her cousins: Arlene Ernst and Christine Baumgartner; and her former husband and warmly



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regarded father of her children, Donald L. Redmond. There is also a long list of many loving “family members by choice” from here, France, and other countries around the world.

Ms. Redmond LOVED penguins! In lieu of flowers, she would have been thrilled if you honor her with a donation to the Global Penguin Society in her memory - they are set up beautifully for such memorial gifts. You can find them at <https://www.globalpenguinsociety.org> and you will be asked for a family email - please feel free to use dlrsoho@icloud.com (Yes, we know - Ms. Redmond also loved mice. The mice will be fine.)

Equally inspiring to Ms. Redmond, were all things music and her high school - Rome Free Academy - which she was active in when she was in school and always attended the alumni reunions in the many years that followed. Please feel free to support RFA'S Musical Club in Rosalie Redmond's memory with a contribution sent to Attn: Mr. Jake Meiss, RFA Musical Club, 95 Dart Circle, Rome, NY, 13441. www.rfa.romecsd.org.

Details of two Celebration of Life services - one in Rome, New York, on May 1, 2022, and one in the Washington, DC region on April 23, 2022 - will be announced shortly.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



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AC

Aine Cassidy posted:

I have fond memories of Rosalie when we worked in KSA - she would make me laugh like no other. She would ring to invite me for breakfast on Fridays (our off day) and say I'm making pancakes. Rosalie and I became fast and firm friends and I talked with her many times since our days in KSA. I will always remember her and her vivacious personality. Light of Heaven to you Rosalie and eternal life to you. Aine

August 27 at 11:37 AM

PM

Patrick R. Mcgrady posted:

I remember Rosalie as a very sweet woman and a good close friend. She resided next door to me at Edsall Bluff Condos in Alexandria Va for a number of years and we talked about her life and travels and her thoughts about our condo community. I could tell she was a very educated woman and well loved. My sincere condolences go out to her family. May she rest peacefully in gods arms. I'll miss you Rosalie. By Patrick R. McGrady, Alexandria Va.

March 17 at 10:32 AM

SD

Susan M. Daniel posted:

Such a great friend and cohort in all things - will miss it all, dear friend. Rest in peace, knowing that you left Deb, David and Douglas and the rest of us with wonderful memories and a great legacy of love. Susan Daniel

April 24 at 11:07 AM

CH

Char posted:

What a gal! Always ready to hear a joke sometimes a dirty one. We had long conversations on the phone, covering all subjects. Our overseas travels to China and Eastern Europe were memorable along with many in the US. Rosalie was a class act...always "put together" with gorgeous jewelry. I am missing my dear friend. Charlene Cunningham, Longmont, Colorado

March 27 at 9:48 AM



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Janet S Armstrong posted:

40 years of laughter, fun, getaway weekends, long telephone conversations and sharing secrets. That's what true friendship is all about. Rest in peace dearest friend....and swim with the penguins. Love, Janet Armstrong

March 19 at 10:49 AM



Patti Lemon posted:

My condolences to you Deb, David, Doug and your families on the passing of your Mom.. She was such a classy lady and I always admired all she had accomplished in her life.. So glad I seen her at the Reunion in 2019..she looked great.. We all have so many memories with family get togethers to hold onto..sending hugs and prayers...Love Patti Lemon

March 13 at 12:58 PM



Alun Coss posted:

I haven't seen the Redmonds in 40 years. But I can still hear Rosalie's laughter.

March 11 at 1:27 PM



Andrea Lawrence posted:

ROSALIE WILL ALWAYS BE MY AUNT BECAUSE SHE ALWAYS MADE AN EFFORT TO SEE US EACH YEAR AND CALLED MY MOTHER OFTEN AS WELL. WE TRIED TO GO TO LUNCH EVERY APRIL WHEN POSSIBLE AND LISTEN TO HER LATEST TRAVEL EXPERIENCES. SHE WAS A UNIQUE PERSON IN SO MANY WAYS AND VERY EASY TO LOVE. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.LOVEANDY

March 11 at 11:59 AM



Lavinia Davis posted:

I can't believe that your gone I'm going to miss seeing you in the hall. Stopping and talking to you. I always called you prima donna and you would smile . I always had you laughing. A beautiful soul you had.One of my favorite. It's hurts my heart seeing that your gone. I'm glad I got to talk to you when I always saw you.I would offend say you look like a movie star. You will be missed.

March 9 at 3:39 PM



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Deborah Redmond shared an album called **Family Photos**.



March 9 at 11:55 AM



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Deborah Redmond shared 3 photos to the **Family Photos** album.

March 9 at 11:55 AM



Lavinia Davis March 9 at 3:40 PM

Beautiful!!!!



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rosalie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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