



Rosalie Monjar Tappe

March 31, 1938 - January 19, 2013

Rosalie "Rose" Carol Monjar Tappe passed away peacefully at the age of 74 after a long illness on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013 in her home surrounded by family. Rose was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, the youngest of three children, to William Monjar and Anna Stecher Monjar. She is survived by her son, J. Kurt Tappe, and her daughter, Karyn A. Tappe. Rose came to love the woods of rural Chester County after relocating east in the mid-60's with her husband, John Tappe, now deceased. After earning her PhD in history at Temple University, Rose taught at Montgomery County Community College from 1969 to 2007 and was admired by the thousands of students who attended her classes. Even after her retirement, she continued to enrich herself, reading avidly and absorbing all information she encountered. Rose was not someone easily challenged at "Jeopardy!" or Trivial Pursuit., She was jokingly known not to suffer fools gladly. Her ironic sense of humor often came out of the blue and her presence would lighten up any room she was in. She strived to live by the immortal words of Edith Piaf, "Je ne regrette rien." The family will hold a private "celebration of life" event to honor Rose's memory. Donations to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association in Rose's memory are encouraged.

Tribute Wall

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“ Kurt and Karyn - Wishing you and your family strength and peace. May God's love and your happy memories of your mother carry you through this sorrowful time. You will remain forever in our prayers. With deepest sympathy, Mary and Bob

Mary and Bob Jamieson - mjamieson50@hotmail.com - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

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“ Extending deep sympathies to her family. Dr. Tappe was the best history instructor that I have had ...Her knowledge, her demeanor , her presence made the classroom come alive. As a student, I was in awe of her; when I joined the adjunct faculty at the college, I had the pleasure of meeting her again..still awestruck by a woman of intellect, of love of her children and of life. Her legacy remains- she will be missed and always a part of all of those who had the privilege to meet her. I am grateful for that opportunity and saddened at the loss... with heartfelt respect and love Barbara

Barbara May - hrmbarbara@verizon.net - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

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“ Rose was loved by so many people. She really could make any gathering more exciting. I have only known her for several years and her kindness to me was instant and lasting. I will always hold a special in my heart for her.

Bonnie Mauger - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM

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“ Dear Joerre and Karyn: Accept my sincerest condolences on the loss of your mother and one of my favorite colleagues; I've missed her since her retirement and will miss her even more now. May she rest in peace.

Lawrence Backlund - Lbacklu@mc3.edu - July 19, 2013 at 08:34 AM