



## Rosemarie Noctor Retacco

June 14, 2026

Rosemarie Noctor Retacco of Philadelphia, age 88, died suddenly on June 14, 2026.

Born on August 12, 1937 in York, PA but raised in Baltimore, MD, Rosemarie lived a life defined

by love, strength, learning and service. A devoted educator, she dedicated both her professional

and personal life to helping others learn and grow.

Rosemarie answered the call to service by joining the second-ever class of the Peace Corps in

1966, through which she was stationed as a teacher in Ethiopia. The experience reflected her

adventurous spirit, commitment to education, and a desire to make a meaningful difference in

the lives of others.

After earning her Ed.D from Temple University in 1987. Rosemarie served as Vice Principal of

Springfield High School in Montgomery County where she was respected by students and

colleagues alike. She later taught Educational Psychology at West Chester University working

with aspiring educators. After her retirement, Rosemarie continued that love of teaching and

learning with positions as docent at the Rosenbach Museum and Library and the Lemon Hill

Mansion in Fairmont Park.

Rosemarie was an avid reader. Throughout her life she found joy in books, her beloved Phillies and her time at the Jersey Shore.

Above all, Rosemarie was a devoted mother to her daughter, Lyandra, and grandmother to

Sam. She was preceded in death by her husband of 26 years, Louis G.F.

Retacco as well as her

brother James Noctor. In addition to Lyandra and Sam, Rosemarie is survived by Lyandra's

husband James Temple, her two sisters Suzanne Willett and Anne Noctor, and her niece and

nephews, Catherine Noctor, and Chandler and Bradford Willett.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a viewing beginning at 9:00 am on June 19, 2026 at

St. Francis Xavier Church, 2319 Green Street, Philadelphia, PA. Funeral Mass to follow. at 10am. Interment Calvary Cemetery, Conshohocken.

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