



Sylvia N. Redditt

February 14, 1921 - July 28, 2014

REDDITT, SYLVIA N.-

Sylvia Redditt, a resident of Deland, Florida since 1989, passed away on July 28, 2014. She was born on February 14, 1921 in Needham, MA. She moved to Florida in 1972 and married Richard Redditt, who predeceased her.

She was trained in music in Massachusetts and was one of the first to hold a Masters in Music Education from the University of Central Florida. Sylvia was a music teacher in the Seminole County, FL schools for several years before retiring to Deland. She was a concert pianist who gave her first recital at Faneuil Hall in Boston, MA at age 13. She also taught piano for many years. In 1988, she was selected as Teacher of the Year in Seminole County.

Sylvia has been a member of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church since moving to Deland.

She is survived by her son, James "Tim" Newslow of Ormond Beach, FL.; daughter, Debby Newslow of Orlando, FL; three stepsons, Richard W. Redditt, Carlsbad, CA; Bruce Redditt, Alpharetta, GA; Tom Redditt, Longwood, FL; two grandchildren, Heather Garvey and Tom Newslow, both of Ormond Beach, FL and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Deland, FL on August 2, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. with The Very Rev. Brian Garrison officiating. A reception will follow in the Canterbury House. Interment will be held at a future date in a family plot located in Massachusetts.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to The Humane Society of the United States (<http://www.humanesociety.org/>) or to St. Barnabas Episcopal Church (www.stbarnabaschurchdeland.org).

Tribute Wall

PR

“ *Sylvia Redditt was a Excellent music teacher at Altamonte Springs Elementary school. She gave my son Travis the leading role in a Christmas program. He had just finished stuttering class at UCF. I was worried that it would put to much pressure on him but she believed that he would be find. He never stuttered at all during the entire program. We both cried with joy after the program. I was so proud of him! I will never forget it. My son is now a stockbroker at Charles Schwab for more than 15 years. I just wanted to let you know that Mrs Redditt was a terrific teacher of music & life.*



Sincerely,

*Mrs. Pati Roy
956 Campello Street
Altamonte Springs, Fl. 32701*

Pati Roy - August 10, 2014 at 08:15 AM

RT

“ *Our fond memories of Aunt Sylvia go back to our childhood and continued to the present. We most appreciated her thoughtful phone calls and cards of support. Our generous and caring aunt will always be in our minds and hearts. We love Debby and will always be there for her. Pat and Rosemary*

Rosemary Turcotte - August 08, 2014 at 09:29 AM

“ Sylvia fought a gallant fight and lived way past the time that any of her doctors said she would live. They only gave her 2-4 months and she lived 12 months, a valiant 12 months at that.

I was fortunate to have been able to spend quite a bit of time taking care of her when she was first diagnosed with cancer. This was a very special time and as I reflect on the many memories I have of Sylvia, I go back to this time quite often. We spent quite a bit of time talking about current events, things she was going through, how much she loved and worried about her children, about what we thought heaven was like and life in general. I learned quickly, to listen to what she had to say because a lot of it was pearls of wisdom, to always put things away exactly where I got them from, to not buy too many items when I went to the grocery store because the refrigerator was cleaned out every day, not go in the garage without my shoes on, and to never leave a room without turning off the light (even if just going to the bathroom). I became familiar with the foods that she really liked so that I could make or have things on hand that she truly loved-Sees chocolates, spinach, tuna and chicken salad sandwiches, bacon double cheeseburgers and Chocolate Frostys from Wendys, chinese food, any fruit (except berries) & most anything sweet (especially apple pie and cool whip). Even when she didn't have an appetite, I would sit down at the table with her and coax her to eat to get some nourishment.

Sylvia was one of the strongest, most remarkable women that I have ever known! Her tenacity and spirit to excel in everything she did was her driving force. Her home always looked like a model home, she was always dressed immaculately and had her hair done every Friday like clockwork. I learned that nothing, I mean nothing, could get in the way of her standing Friday hair appointment. Even when she was in the hospital and she didn't really know the date or time, she always seemed to know when it was Friday and that she was supposed to be getting her hair done.

Sylvia also loved to dance. While in the hospital, she didn't miss a chance to ask any of the doctors that visited her, if they would like to go dancing with her. She would get this little twinkle in her eye and smile the biggest smile. I really don't think most of the doctors knew

what to think. Here was this petite, frail, 92 year old woman, lying in a hospital bed fighting lung cancer, asking them to take her out dancing! She had a wonderful spirit and always wanted to live life to the fullest. She would tell me about all the trips that she had taken with her family, about going to Cape Cod in MA every summer, about teaching piano and the various recitals that she and her students would put on, about playing her first recital in a hall in Boston when she was only 13 and had to memorize several classical piano pieces, about how she met her husband Dick Redditt and the wonderful years that they had together, how she was so proud of both her children and how they were both so successful, running their own businesses but they still took time out of each day to call or visit their mother and tell her how much they loved her, about how proud she was to be named Teacher of the Year for Seminole County. She loved parties and we would mark each special event this past year with some kind of celebration. She really enjoyed the parties and having people over to talk and laugh with. She didn't watch much TV but we all knew that between 7-8 p.m. each night that Sylvia was watching Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune and not to call her during those times. Sometimes we would just look at old pictures and it was like she was reliving it all over again. I loved her laugh and I would do silly things to get her to laugh. Thank you for all you gave to us Sylvia! You were special and I will miss you every day. You will always hold a special place in my heart! I hope that I will continue to embody your love of life!

Melissa Hays - August 06, 2014 at 07:36 PM

DE

“ On Saturday August 2, we had a great celebration of my mom's life. I want to thank everyone that worked so hard to make this such a beautiful party for Mom. I know many came from great distances and others close by -- even Father Garrison came in from vacation at the beach. It is still so hard to know that my mom is really now an angel. On Saturday, I read a tribute for my mom - one that contained some of the letter that she sent us and some thoughts and memories of one of the most loving, caring, and talented individuals ever to be put on this earth. It is pretty long but if you email me at newsdl@aol.com I will be glad to send you a copy. I will, however, share this poem that mom asked me to read. Thank you again to everyone so many have done so much which is just awesome, but she truly deserved the best!

*A million words can't bring you back, I know because I have tried
A million tears can't bring you back, I know because I've tried
God looked down from heaven and saw your weary face.
He then looked up to heaven to find an empty place.
Your loving heart stopped beating, your shining eyes at rest
God broke my heart to prove to me He only takes the best.*

We all love you mom and hear your music every moment of every day!

debby - August 04, 2014 at 08:18 PM

CC

*Dear Debby,
:My memories of Aunt Sylvia were: a lovely elegant lady who always was so gracious. When Frank & I visited with her she seemed so interesting and entertaining. I especially remember the 90th Birthday party which honored her life, with all the family and friends. She loved her family very much. Everyone will remember her with continued love.
Connie Carbone*

Connie Carbone - August 06, 2014 at 02:20 PM

DS

*Debby,
Our deepest condolences. (We just received the news this evening.) I know Dennis got to see your mother a few years ago when down in FL for one of your workshops, but I haven't seen your her in decades. I do, however, have wonderful memories of a gentle, caring, and gracious lady. Praying you find comfort with all the well-wishes, special memories and the love she so freely gave for you to carry onward.
Dennis & Kathy (New Hampshire)*

Dennis & Kathy Sasseville - August 07, 2014 at 06:44 PM

JB

“ *Debby and Tim,
I'm really sorry for the lost of your Mom. She was a great lady and wonderful friend.
I will miss her greatly. She would make my day by saying things like: I been waiting for you or where have you been ? She loved you both so much. Hold on to those precious memories that you have of your Mom, in them you will find comfort. You both now have a personal Angel to watch over you. Love, Judy Baltusis*

Judy Baltusis - August 02, 2014 at 09:00 AM

DE

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debby - August 01, 2014 at 05:24 PM

LO

“ Debby, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Although I only met your Mom once she was a lovely woman. She reminds me so much of my Mom. We were both so lucky to have them in our lives as long as we did. Try to focus on all the good memories you have of her. You and Melissa are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Lee Oliveri

Lee Oliveri - July 31, 2014 at 08:49 PM

DE

“ Thank you to all of our friends and family for your continued support through my mom's illness - they gave her 4 months tops and she made it 12 months - no surprise. My mom's ability to live on as an inspiration to all that knew her will live on forever. I was blessed to be the daughter of a great woman -- I miss you mom -- but I know you will be with me also forever. I love you and hearing your music from above will be the highlight of my every day. "Your favorite daughter", Debby

debby - July 31, 2014 at 08:20 PM

TV

“ Dear Debby, I was so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. I'm hoping that good memories will be a comfort to you and your extended family while you grieve this loss. Know that I'm keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Terry VanWinkle

Terry VanWinkle - July 31, 2014 at 01:53 PM

BH

“ *Debby, as long as I live I will not forget the great evening Cris & I spent with your Mom, when we picked her up in Deland and drove her to the IFT dinner in Orlando, to observe her wonderful daughter (YOU) receive special recognition for your amazing contributions to Food Science, the Food Industry in general, and the Citrus Industry in particular.*

She was then, and always has been, so very proud of you, all your many accomplishments, as well as your drive and total commitment to all you undertake. After getting to know Sylvia reasonably well, it became quite obvious that many of her traits are instilled in you.

She was always a truly great mom; always a great role model; and always your greatest friend, admirer and mentor. She will be forever watching over you, always worrying a little, but at the same time knowing your preparation and tenacious persistence will prevail.

Debby, you could not have ever asked for better mother, and certainly no mother ever had a better or more loving daughter. I loved your mom, I love you, and I extend my heartfelt sympathy to you and all your family....Bill Hatcher

Bill Hatcher - July 31, 2014 at 10:04 AM

RR

“ *We are all saddened to hear of Sylvia's passing. She was full of love for my father and for our family and was always glad to see us when we came to visit. I hope you can find some peace in celebrating a long life lived to the fullest.*

Rich Redditt - July 31, 2014 at 12:15 AM

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Heather - July 30, 2014 at 01:11 PM

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Tom and Angela - July 30, 2014 at 12:09 PM

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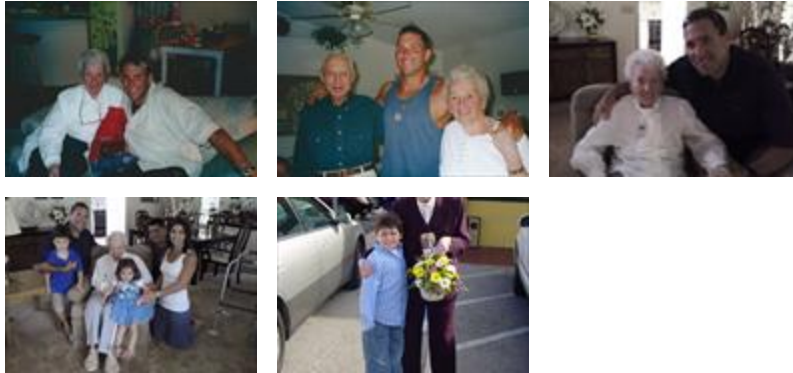
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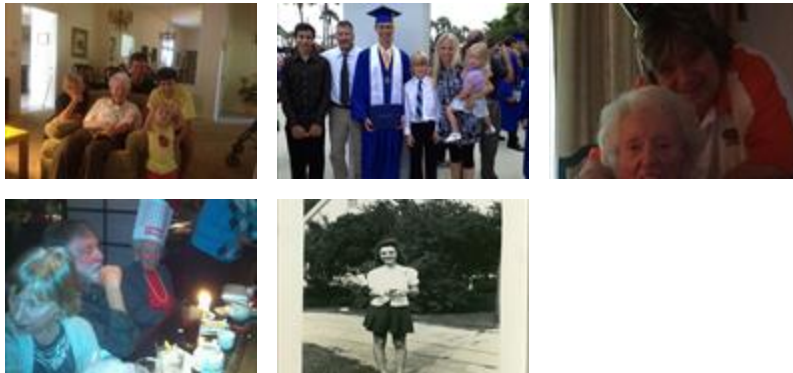
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Tom and Angela - July 30, 2014 at 11:58 AM

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Melissa - July 30, 2014 at 11:34 AM

MH

“ *Debby,
Kim and I are so sorry for you loss. I wish we could have known
your Mom, she seemed like she was a wonderful, interesting
woman. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and Melissa and
your extended family. May you find peace in knowing your Mom is
playing the piano and entertaining everyone in heaven. Big hugs
and much love, Mary, Kim, Lucy and Stella.*

Mary Hinkle - July 30, 2014 at 10:21 AM