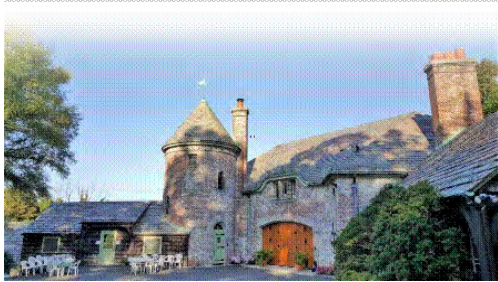


Belvedere Family Community: 40-Day Memorial for Elsa Rylands

Justin Okamoto
September 30, 2024



Beloved Sister, Wife, and Mother 40-Day Memorial of her Seonghwa Saturday, Oct 5th at Noon



Elsa Maria Rylands

Place: Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. Directions: 540 N. Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591, enter the Southgate entrance and stay right until the wooden bridge. Turn right over the bridge and head up the hill. It's easy to find. Rev. Esteban Galvan, who gave Elsa's Seonghwa address, will again officiate. Come early, the graveside service will be a short one, less than 30 minutes.

RSVP: There will be a tasty lunch afterward at Belvedere, 723 S. Broadway, Tarrytown, NY. In order to get a headcount, kindly email Alan Rylands at letusbeginr@gmail.com or call him by Tuesday, Oct 1st so we let Kanae Holt know who'll be there. All are welcome.

The Rylands family has been raising funds to honor Elsa Maria Rylands, who dedicated her life to family, missionary-type work in the Bronx, and teaching special education kids for 23 years in Ossining, NY. They have only reached one third of their financial goal. Every donation will help to keep her legacy alive, and your support means so much to her family - please click the link below to donate or share this cause. Thank you. gofund.me/7d0327c4

Honoring Elsa Maria Rylands' Legacy



Alan Rylands is organizing this fundraiser.

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Our beloved sister Elsa Maria Rylands of Ossining, NY ascended to the spiritual world at 7:35 PM Thursday, August 08, 2024.

Elsa's Life – Family and Service to Others

Elsa was born in Bogotá, Colombia on Dec. 18, 1953. She was six when her family moved to Guaduas, a country village nearby, where her mother Sara worked as a teacher. Tragically around the age of twelve she lost her father, Carlos Parra, Elsa's hero, a talented jazz musician. She and her five siblings would travel to Bogotá on weekends for plays, music, dance, and other activities. Elsa enjoyed playing basketball and sports in general. She sang in chorus, played the trumpet, and was a theater/drama director for her fellow students. She graduated High School in 1971 with her two sisters, Stella and Sara Patricia. After working with her Grandfather in Bogotá and spending time with her Tío Jorge in Puerto Rico, she came to the USA in May of 1974. Elsa was then a governess for well-to-do families, ending in late November of 1977 as she joined the Unification movement full-time in Tarrytown, NY. She did missionary-type work in the Bronx, NY until 1986 the start of her family.

Elsa was introduced to Alan W Rylands, of Chicago, IL, on Dec. 30, 1980 and they became engaged at once. On July 01, 1982, Elsa & Alan were blessed in marriage at NYC's Madison Square Garden, a Unification mass wedding with 2,075 couples. In 1985, about five years from when Elsa and Alan first met, they conceived twins. Arthur and Albert were born in 1986. After that came Adele, then Alfred, and finally Edward. It was five children in six years. Oh boy, the number of diapers seemed unlimited! They lived in a Manhattan apartment for three years before moving to a rental-house in Forest Hills, Queens. The family enjoyed long walks, going to the many city parks, and reading. Elsa and the kids were also fond of the numerous driving vacations they took with their Dad. Also, she became a naturalized US Citizen and from 1997-1999 got the academic equivalent of Associate from CUNY Hunter College.

In January of 2000, Elsa and Alan bought a house in Ossining, NY. It became a home not just for Elsa's family, but provided a home for close relatives, friends, and welcomed guests, mi casa es su casa. She lived there for the rest of her life. Elsa became a Teaching Assistant at Ossining High School where she taught special education kids for twenty-three years. The kids and teachers adored her. Elsa also loved trips abroad with her sisters, daughter, and grandson. Lastly, she was involved in a communal garden and homeowners group from 2020. Everyone who knew her knows that she was a very sweet & gentle soul.

Elsa is survived by:

Her husband Alan; her five children, Arthur, Albert, Adele, Alfred, Edward; her five siblings, Stella, Sara Patricia, Juan Carlos, Richard, Zelma; last, but certainly not least, the apple of her eye, her two-year-old grandson Robin; as well as an extremely large extended family. Elsa is moving on to the third level of life and will continue to bring love and light to the earthly and heavenly worlds.

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Alan Rylands
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Sending all of our love to the Rylands family. So sorry for your loss, Fred.

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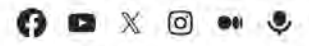
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