



Roslyn Hill

September 23, 1947 - October 28, 2025

ROSLYN "ROZ" HILL (Castrogiovanni), 78, a loving mother, grandmother, sister, friend, and neighbor, passed away on October 28, 2025 in the company of family.

The eldest of three children of Anthony Castrogiovanni and Frances (Dodaro), Roz was born on September 23, 1947. Whether advocating for child welfare, holding court at Carrabba's on Voss with friends and family, or setting up elaborate, idyllic holiday villages with her grandchildren, she was attentive to everything, giving fully of herself and her immense intellectual, spiritual, social, and emotional capacities.

In her daily interactions, she embodied love, generosity, honesty, humor, style, and unflappable conviction to make the world more just.

Born in Rockford, IL, Roz pursued higher education at St. Mary's College in South Bend, IN. There, she met her husband, Stephen Hill, a Notre Dame student, native Texan, and raconteur extraordinaire. The addition of the couple's two children, Anthony (Tony) and Jeffrey (Jeff), made for a complete family.

After stints in Chicago and Roz's hometown of Rockford, the quartet embraced a new chapter in Houston in 1984. They quickly found community at Saint Cecilia Catholic Church and St. Thomas High School, which proved

indispensable for Roz, Tony, and Jeff in 1989, when Steve tragically passed away at the age of 42.

For the past forty-plus years, Roz harnessed her skills as a gregarious connector and passionate social justice advocate. She enmeshed herself in child welfare work, helping to establish the Children's Assessment Center, which provides treatment and advocacy for sexually abused children. She led the aid-organization the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, as executive director. And, she worked as a formidable fundraiser for the Archdiocese of Houston-Galveston, galvanizing the capital campaign around the construction of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. Her leadership touched the lives of innumerable Houstonians; her legacy will live on in the missions of these institutions and all those whom she loved and mentored.

In the past few years, her body and nervous system proved increasingly uncooperative; eventually, the cause was uncovered as progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP), a rare, neurodegenerative condition. Nevertheless, she remained attentive and intellectually curious. Even in recent weeks, she sought out details and progress reports on her grandchildren, friends, and loved ones, engaging — reciprocally and inquisitively — with the many folks who stopped by to share a moment.

Roz is survived by her sons, Tony (Rebecca) Hill and Jeff (Jennifer) Hill; six grandchildren, Olivia, Stephen, Anthony, Andrew, Nicholas, and Mathew; sister, Carla Cox; brother-in-law Jim Knutson, and three nieces and one nephew. She was predeceased by her parents, Tony and Fran Castrogiovanni; husband, Steve; and sister, Frances Knutson.

A Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., with a recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2025 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 11720 Joan of Arc, Houston, Texas 77024. A Mass of the

Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 11720 Joan of Arc, Houston, TX 77024.

A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m., on Saturday, November 15, 2025 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 4401 Highcrest Road in Rockford, Illinois.

****In lieu of flowers, Memorial Gifts can be made in Roz Hill's name to:****

* [St. Thomas High School, 4500 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX, 77005, Memorial Gift Donations - St. Thomas High School](<https://www.sths.org/support/fundraising/memorialgifts/>)

* [Incarnate Word Academy, 609 Crawford St, Houston, TX 77002 FY26 Annual Fund Form](<https://www.incarnateword.org/giving/iwa-annual-fund>)

* [St. Mary's College, Advancement Division, 110 Lemans Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556-5001, Invest in Saint Mary's – Gift Information](<https://www.saintmarys.edu/about/invest-in-saint-marys>)

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church
11720 Joan of Arc Drive
Houston, TX 77024

Rosary

NOV 3. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church
11720 Joan of Arc Drive
Houston, TX 77024

Mass of the Resurrection

NOV 4. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church
11720 Joan of Arc Drive
Houston, TX 77024

Memorial Mass

NOV 15. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
4401 Highcrest Road
Rockford, IL 61107
<http://www.holyfamilyrockford.org>

Tribute Wall



“ To the Family of Roslyn “Roz” Hill,

Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of your beloved Roz. I was truly blessed to have met her during my time serving as my parish’s Diocesan Services Fund Coordinator. Through her kindness, wisdom, and patience, Roz taught me how to connect the hearts and minds of parishioners to the incredible ministries supported by the Fund each year.

Her commitment to the Archdiocese of Galveston–Houston and her faithful service to the ministry of stewardship left a lasting mark on so many of us. Roz’s example continues to inspire all who seek to serve with humility and grace.

May she rest in the peace of Christ, and may her family and loved ones find comfort in knowing that her legacy lives on in the many lives she touched. The Texas Southern University Catholic Newman Center will remember her with gratitude at the altar of the Lord during our Wednesday weekday Mass.

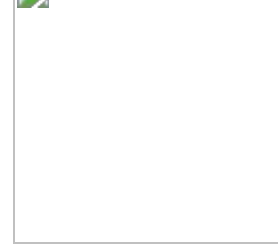
May she find welcome in the heavenly and eternal Jerusalem. Blessings and heartfelt sympathy to the Hill family.

*In Christ,
Doris Martin Barrow III
Campus Minister & Director
Texas Southern University Catholic Newman Center*

TSU NEWMAN - November 04, 2025 at 05:52 PM

TM

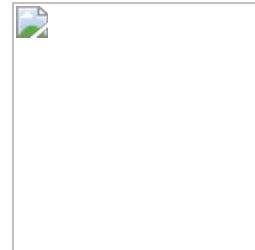
“ *My condolences to the family. May you find peace in knowing Roz is in a better place and no longer suffering.*



Tanya Mahoney - November 03, 2025 at 05:33 PM

TM

“ *Roz was my little firecracker, and I loved everything about her! We would often go to lunch together just to get away from the hustle and bustle of the office at Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. One thing for sure, you knew exactly how Roz felt about you and I know for a fact, that she loved me. There was nothing I couldn't talk to her about, whether it was work related or personal issues. She was always there for me, and I could count on her for always having my back. Even after she retired, we would go to lunch just to catch up. I am going to miss her dearly. There is no other like her and I thank God every day that I had the honor and privilege to meet her. Rest In Paradise my friend! I love you, Tanya*



Tanya Mahoney - November 03, 2025 at 05:30 PM

LM

“ *Love, Jan Mendenhall purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Roslyn Hill.*



Love, Jan Mendenhall - November 03, 2025 at 02:10 PM

LM

“ Love, Jan Mendenhall planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roslyn Hill.

Love, Jan Mendenhall - November 03, 2025 at 02:10 PM

KS

“ Early in our marriage, we were out of power after one of the hurricanes (perhaps Hurricane Rita?). We were invited over to Roz's home where she shared a delicious dinner with us, her children and Father Nesti. We were appreciative of her kindness and generosity.

Over the years and at family events large and small, we observed how much she was loved and how she loved you all in return and made everyone feel like family.

Much love,
Aaron, Karen and Ben Salinas

Karen Salinas - November 02, 2025 at 10:35 PM

LF

“ Love the Cox and Knutson families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roslyn Hill.



Love the Cox and Knutson families - November 01, 2025 at 08:00 PM

TF

“ *The McKeever Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Roslyn Hill.*



The McKeever Family - November 01, 2025 at 02:16 PM

AC

“ *Roz was truly exceptional. From the moment we met at Holy Family Church in Rockford, I was introduced to a remarkable individual characterized by her compassion, generosity, and unwavering support. Her tenacity in advocating for causes close to her heart, combined with her unparalleled skill in enhancing outreach initiatives, distinguished her among peers. Those who had the privilege of knowing her have been enriched by her presence, leaving an indelible mark on our lives. Her legacy serves as a powerful reminder of the profound influence one individual can wield. The admiration, respect, and love I hold for her are boundless. May her memory be eternal. -Alexander Constantine*

Alexander Constantine - November 01, 2025 at 01:14 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Roslyn Hill.*



November 01, 2025 at 11:26 AM

DM

“ David M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roslyn Hill.

David M. - October 30, 2025 at 09:39 PM