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A life of love, learning, language, tennis, poodles, and lasting impact

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Roslyn "Ros" Heller Rudin was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, coach, advisor, and friend whose kindness, strength, intelligence, and compassion touched all who knew her. Throughout her life, Ros gave fully of herself—to her family, her students, her colleagues, her athletes, and her community. She lived with clarity of purpose, quiet determination, and an unmistakable energy that inspired those around her.

Ros and Sandy Rudin were married on November 12, 1967, beginning a loving partnership that would span a lifetime. Several years later, they welcomed their firstborn, Joshua Rudin, and shortly thereafter their daughter, Danielle DelPo. Over the course of their marriage, Ros and Sandy also welcomed many beloved four-legged family members into their home, sharing a special love for poodles.

A magna cum laude graduate of American University and Fairleigh Dickinson University, Ros earned a master's degree in Spanish and spent an undergraduate year studying in Spain. Her love of language, culture, and travel remained a defining part of her life. Ros and Sandy shared a deep love

of exploration and enjoyed annual travels to Central and South America, as well as memorable journeys to destinations including China, Patagonia, the Galápagos Islands, and many others.

Ros dedicated her professional life to rigorous language instruction, academic mentorship, and coaching tennis. She began her teaching career in 1972 in Wood-Ridge, New Jersey, and later taught in Hazleton, Pennsylvania. In 1975, she joined Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School, where she taught Spanish for 31 years and became a beloved and influential presence in the lives of generations of students.

In 1979, Ros was asked to coach the school's new girls' club tennis team. Determined to help launch the first-ever girls' tennis program, she joined the Volvo League for adult players, learned the rules of tennis, and taught herself how to play the game. That determination became the foundation of an extraordinary coaching career. Over 26 years, Ros led her teams to a remarkable 269–55 record, capturing 14 division championships, three league titles, and one district title.

During her tenure at Wyoming Seminary, Ros also served for 15 years as Chair of the Foreign Language Department. She assisted with the Colegio Ward student exchange program and served as a member of the Honor Council, Curriculum Council, Academic Standards Committee, and Sem Government. She also advised the Spanish Club, offering guidance, encouragement, and support to students both inside and outside the classroom.

Ros's dedication and impact were widely recognized. She received the 2001 Maslow Award and was inducted into the Wyoming Seminary Sports Hall of Fame in 2005. In 2006, Ros retired from Sem, and in 2009, the school honored her legacy with the dedication of the Roslyn Rudin Tennis Pavilion—a

lasting tribute to her influence as a coach, teacher, and mentor. Ros continued to teach intermediate Spanish for an additional 10 years at King's College.

Both in the classroom and on the tennis courts, Ros was energy personified. She demanded participation, effort, and competence, while also bringing warmth, fairness, humor, and joy to everything she did. Her students and athletes knew her as someone who expected their best because she believed in their potential. She taught with discipline and heart, and she coached with enthusiasm and purpose.

Above all, Ros cared deeply for her family, friends, students, and colleagues. She offered support in ways both big and small, always showing up when it mattered most. Her presence made people feel seen, valued, and understood. Though she is no longer with us, the impact of her life, the lessons she taught, and the love she gave will continue to guide and sustain all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Survived By

Ros is survived by devoted husband, Sandy Rudin; her son, Josh Rudin; her daughter, Danielle DelPo, and her husband, Chris DelPo; her cherished grandson, Andrew DelPo; and her brother, Barry Heller.

In Lieu of Flowers

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Roslyn "Ros" H. Rudin to the Israel Tennis & Education Centers (ITEC). Donate: <https://itecenters.org/donate/> or to the charity of your choice.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

MAY **20**. 1:00 PM (ET)

The Terraces at Bonita Springs
26455 South Tamiami Trail
Bonita Springs, FL 34134