



Rose M. Houseman

April 27, 1934 - June 14, 2025

Rose (Nonna) (Rosa Maria Giallanza) Houseman (1934 – 2025)^[1]_[SEP]A beloved child care provider, school teacher, devoted community volunteer, pillar of Saint John the Evangelist Church, and neighborhood matriarch, Rose passed away peacefully at home on June 14, 2025, with family members by her side.

After spending decades raising her own eight children, Rose spent many years as a kind and patient school teacher who nurtured her students. She dedicated countless hours to her community, including the Hudson food pantry, Nashua soup kitchen, the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies, Girl Scouts, Rainbow Seekers, and the Hudson Historical Society, where she always offered grace and warmth. She served as a Catholic Youth group leader, and was a member of both the Catholic Daughters and the Women's Guild.

Her faith was grounded in her fellowship at Saint John the XXIII (Previously John the Evangelist) Church. She spent many years as the Sacristan at St. Johns, leading the bereavement committee, running the Bingo nights alongside her husband Ronald, and serving as a Eucharistic minister for those who could no longer make it to Mass.

For many years, she was the neighborhood matriarch, watching over all the local children, celebrating their successes, and holding them accountable

when needed, always with a firm love that shaped their character.

In 1954, she married Ronald D. Houseman, who passed away on August 31, 2002. Their partnership laid the foundation for love and devotion that is now shared by their extended family.

She is survived by her eight children, twelve grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, who carry on her legacy. Her children and their families survive Rose:

Rose Anne Houseman

Renee Houseman, her son Ronald Houseman, and grandson Luther Houseman

Ronald Houseman, his wife Robin, and son Nicholas

Robert Houseman, his wife Michelle Rafalowski, their daughter Hannah, her husband Austin Colcord and their son Theo; and their daughter Zoe

Rachel Houseman, her husband Rick Chan, and their children Zachariah and Isabella

Regina Beals, her husband Steven, and their children Ethan, Erin, Emma, and Evan

Randal Houseman, his wife Meredith, and their children Lindsey and Quinn

Rae Ellen Houseman and her wife, Ashley Hicks

Over the past decade, Rose was lovingly supported by her children and grandchildren, who helped her with appointments, shopping, and caring for her home. In recent years, she was especially blessed to have her granddaughter Isabella living with her. The two became inseparable companions, sharing quiet moments, laughter, and deep love. Bella remained faithfully by her side, day and night, offering comfort and care until Rose's final moments. Additionally, Rose spent her days with her loyal cat, Oreo, who Bella and Rose adopted in 2019 and was a constant companion and source of comfort.

Predeceased by her husband, Ronald D. Houseman, Rose's legacy endures through generations of loving family who embody her values of compassion, accountability, and dedication.

A funeral Mass will be held according to her wishes on Monday July 7th at St. Kathryn's Catholic Church, 4 Dracut Road in Hudson, NH at 11:00am. Family will receive guests during a visitation hour at church that will begin at 10:00am as well as at a luncheon following the Mass in the church hall. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in her memory to Saint John the XXIII Church or the Presentation of Mary School's scholarship fund.

The Houseman family extends heartfelt gratitude to all caregivers and friends who supported Rose like she was a member of their own family throughout her entire life.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Kathryn's Church
4 Dracut Rd.
Hudson, NH

Service

JUL 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RT

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mrs Houseman’s passing. There are so many memories I have of her and living on Daniel Webster Dr. The neighborhood fairs and plays for the Jerry Lewis telethon. Playing in the basement. General neighborhood mischief. I hope she and my mom are getting to share some time. Prayers to all of you. I know she will be missed.

Rayelle Thomas - July 21, 2025 at 02:11 AM

DK

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the extended Houseman family.

Dale Keirstead - July 07, 2025 at 08:21 AM

DS

“ My deepest sympathy, love and prayers in the loss of your beloved Rose. She was a dear friend and I will miss her more that words can express. I enjoyed being a bereavement team member for our captain Rose. The first card received for any occasion was from Rose. I believe that she has found peace now at home with her loved ones. She has entered the pearly gates greeted by the angels, presented to God were HE welcomed her and spoke these words to her "Well done my beloved, take your rest in my glorious kingdom" May God comfort you during this difficult time and my you find peace in knowing that friends care about the family Don Smith

Donald I Smith - July 02, 2025 at 08:54 AM

JP

“ I was very fortunate to know Rose during my time as a parishioner at St John the XXIII parish for about 7 years. She was a compassionate, caring individual that I truly enjoyed spending time with. Our conversations and visits were always filled with love, laughter and memories. I will always treasure our conversations and time at church. I will hold her forever in my heart. Rest easy and in peace Rose with Ron and other family members. I will always love you. Jennifer Pizzi

Jennifer A Pizzi - June 21, 2025 at 10:19 PM

JR

Rose was a very special and kind person....we met while working together with the Rainbow Seekers....she was so devoted and caring....she definitely earned her Eternal Reward.....Rose, rest in God's loving arms.

Janet Richardson - June 27, 2025 at 02:31 AM

EB

“ I knew Rose (with Ron) as a wonderful, reliable, and hospitable volunteer at the Nashua Soup Kitchen for many years. I am glad she had her abundant love returned, especially in recent years. Many thanks to her family for sharing her.

Eileen Brady - June 20, 2025 at 06:42 PM