



Rozaliya "Rose" Drapkin

December 26, 1937 - April 9, 2026

Rozaliya Drapkin, lovingly known as "Rose," passed away on April 9, 2026, at the age of 88.

Born on December 26, 1937, in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Rose lived a life marked by a deep devotion to her family and loved ones. Having experienced World War II as a child, she learned strength and resilience. In 1976, she made a courageous new beginning when she immigrated to New York City, where she built a life for herself and her family. There, she became a hair salon owner, creating not only a successful business, but a place where neighborhood friendships flourished. She taught herself how to speak English through her love of reading, something that made her very proud. Remarkably, she spoke four languages.

Rose had a gift for bringing people together. She expressed her love the most through her cooking. Hosting parties with family and friends created lifelong memories around the dinner table.

Rose's incredible sense of humor was adored by anyone who met her. She loved to joke, even in the toughest of times. Sometimes inappropriate, always hilarious.

She is survived by her beloved son, Ruslan "Rus" (Maggie) and her cherished

granddaughters, Sasha and Elise, who will carry her love and legacy forward. She is also survived by her sister, Alla, her aunt, Sofiia, her niece, Olga, and her great niece, Karina. She was predeceased by her husband of 36 years, Seymon "Simon".

Though she is no longer with us in body, her spirit remains through the recipes that have been passed down to the next generation, the lives she touched, and the love she gave.

She was not lost to the stars, she became one, still lighting our way.

A private gathering will be held in Queens, NY at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Lynne & Phil planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rozaliya "Rose" Drapkin.*

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“ *Lynne & Phil purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Rozaliya "Rose" Drapkin.*



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