

Schneider, Rosalind Gallagher 1914 - 2007

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Rosalind Schneider, founded Rosebrook Art Center

About 10 years ago, Rosalind Schneider realized a lifelong dream and opened her own art gallery, the Rosebrook Art Center in Florence. The Florence resident taught art classes, exhibited works of art and sold art supplies and artwork in a historic building there.

Mrs. Schneider, who died Sunday at 67, had a childhood interest in art.

She attended Roman Catholic schools in Covington, then earned a bachelor's degree in art history from Villa Madonna College in 1962. After graduation, she married Dave Schneider, a law student she had met in the school library a few years earlier. It was love at first sight, her husband said. "She was very quiet, but caring," he said. "Always considerate of others."

She earned a master's degree in art history from Northern Kentucky University and continued her art education through classes at the Cincinnati Art Museum and the Baker Hunt Art and Cultural Center in Covington. But she put her dream on hold to become a mother to her four children. "She was always there when we needed her, whether it be to Band-Aid the scrape of the knee, make us fried bologna sandwiches, take us to many practices, decorate for our proms, celebrate our successes or support us through disappointments," her children said in a joint statement. When her youngest entered school, she decided to start teaching art again, first at St. Henry High School, then at St. Henry Elementary School. After 12 years of teaching, she decided it was time to realize her dream, and she opened her gallery.

She also found time to be a grandmother. She and her husband saved property on their street for their children, so that after they married, each of them eventually built a house within walking distance of their parents. She swam in her pool with the grandchildren, and always remembered to buy them gifts when she traveled. "They will always remember her last Christmas gift to them, which was to spend the weekend together at the Great Wolf Lodge," her children said.

She often traveled, making trips to Ireland four times with her husband, which resulted in her painting many landscapes. She often went to Myrtle Beach with family members. "When we look at shells that she collected and turned into garden art, or when we are eating at the 'Chop Chop' house, we will always feel her presence and influence and joy," her children said. In her last few years, she fought cancer, and never gave up hope and the fight to survive, her children said. "She always looked forward, no matter how much pain she was experiencing or how sick she felt, with the greatest courage of anyone we have ever met," they said. Just before her death, she participated in two exhibitions, including one of her paintings from Ireland on St. Patrick's Day at her gallery. Her family plans to keep the art gallery open through a foundation that would pay teachers and pay for scholarships, her husband said.

Other survivors include daughters Rosanne Nields, Sharon Elliston and Christine Henning, all of Florence; a son, David M. Schneider of Florence; sisters Patricia O'Hara and Mary Ellen Schreiber, both of Florence, and Michelle Reibling of Lexington; and nine grandchildren.

Mass of Christian burial will be at 12:10 p.m. Thursday at St. Paul Church, Florence. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Linnemann Funeral Home, Erlanger. Memorials are suggested to Mother of God Cemetery, Fort Wright. Memorials are suggested to St. Elizabeth Hospice Unit, 483 South Loop Drive, Edgewood, Ky. 41017; or Point/ARC of Northern Kentucky, 104 W. Pike St., Covington, Ky. 41011.

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FLORENCE – Rosalind "Rose" Schneider, 67, died Sunday at her home.

She taught art at Holy Cross and St. Henry School. She later opened her own art business called Rosebrook Art Center in Florence.

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