

Rosemary Koepfle (Rosie) passed away after a long struggle with Atypical Parkinson's Disease on Christmas Day, 2023. She was 79 years old.

Rosie graduated from Edgecliff College (Xavier University) in 1966. She also earned her Master's Degree from Miami University. She received advanced certification in Orff Schulwerk training from the University of Denver. Rosie taught Music in the Cincinnati Public Schools and in the Princeton School District for her entire career. She served as President of the Ohio Music Educators Association (OMEA) from 1992-1994. She received the Spirit of Cincinnati Achievement Award, from the Greater Cincinnati Convention & Visitors Bureau, in recognition of her outstanding effort in bringing the OMEA conference to Cincinnati. After retirement, she served as a music curriculum certification specialist for the State of Ohio Department of Education. Rosie was an avid golfer having played various courses across the country and she loved to travel with her sister, Janie.

Rosie served the American Orff-Schulwerk Association through her national conference work. She was the National Conference Chair for the 2001 Cincinnati conference. After she retired from teaching, she also served as the National Conference Director of AOSA and was a certified meeting planner. She was responsible for identifying the location and venue for annual AOSA conferences in addition to coordinating all conference details.

Her dedication to excellence and attention to detail led the AOSA conference to become the largest Orff Schulwerk conference in the world. Her legacy lives on in the joy that conference brings to so many AOSA members. Her kindness, sharp wit, and heart for music education will not be forgotten.

Online condolences may be shared at www.MRFH.com

Contributions may be made in her memory to:

The Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, <https://give.michaeljfox.org/give>

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Parkinson Support and Wellness, <http://parkinsoncincinnati.org/>