

One Voice Ringing Clear

AOSA is saddened to announce the passing of Alice Sciscioli Pratt. Alice was born on September 28, 1952 and passed on April 27, 2023 after a long bout with non-smoker's lung cancer. Alice served AOSA in many roles from serving as a Regional Representative on the National Board of Trustees to twice named National Conference Chair to presenting at numerous national conferences. Alice was known for her fierce love for teaching diverse populations of children and pioneered many AOSA efforts for diversity, equity, inclusion, and access. Alice was a passionate teacher, brilliant presenter, and dedicated AOSA member. Her legacy will live on for years to come.

Alice Sciscioli Pratt was predeceased by her parents, Nunzio and Elisa (Pierleoni) Sciscioli, and her sister, Isabelle Scalise. She is survived by her devoted husband of almost 48+9 years, Ronald Pratt; her children, Rebecca Pratt (Kevin Roberts) and Kathryn (William) Prince; her grandchildren, Lucy and Molly Roberts and W. Joseph Prince; her sister Diane (Sam) Dugan and brother Vito (Janet) Sciscioli; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Alice earned her Bachelor's of Science in Music Education from Nazareth College and completed postgraduate work at Eastman School of Music and SUNY Fredonia. She began as classroom music teacher and choral director at School #16 in the Rochester City School District where she dedicated her career to the livelihood of her students and families.

Alice became a certified Orff-Schulwerk instructor in 1994 and was very active in the American Orff Schulwerk Association as both presenter across the country and in local and national leadership roles. She also presented for Carl Orff Canada and the New York State School Music Association. Alice received the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra's Music Educators Award in 1994 and the 2016 Outstanding Alumna Award from Nazareth College, among many other accolades.

After 34 years at School #16, Alice retired and transitioned to Hochstein School of Music where she was inaugural director of Little Singers and department head and instructor for FUNDamental classes. She also took a faculty position at Nazareth College where her encouragement of students was endless.

Alice's visitation will be Monday, May 1st, 2-4 pm & 6-8 pm at the funeral home, 1411 Vintage Lane, Rochester, NY (between 390 & Long Pond Rd.). Her Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 2nd, 10AM at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 3003 Dewey Ave., 14616. Interment to follow in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester, NY.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Hochstein School, 50 N. Plymouth Avenue, Rochester, NY 14616; Greater Rochester American Orff-Schulwerk Association (Alice S. Pratt Scholarship), 23 Mule Path Circle, Rochester, NY 14606; or Cancer Support Community at Gilda's Club Rochester, 255 Alexander St, Rochester, NY 14607.

Alice's great passions were her family, music, Orff Schulwerk, traveling, and teaching children. Her love and inspiration will be carried on through the many lives she has touched.

