

Belvedere Family Community: Seonghwa Ceremony Elsa Maria Rylands

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August 11, 2024



Seonghwa Ceremony Elsa Maria Rylands

Saturday, August 17th 8:30 AM EST

Edwards-Dowdle Funeral Home
64 Ashford Ave ~ Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

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Viewing

Friday August 16th
4:00pm-11:00pm EST

Memorial Service @ 7:00pm
Edwards-Dowdle Funeral Home

We sincerely ask that everyone Donate in Memory of Elsa Maria Rylands: Family Support, organized by Alan Rylands to this GoFundMe account: gofund.me/7d0327c4

For More Info Contact:

Pastor Daryl

TONIGHT Saturday August 10th, we are starting a Prayer Vigil for Our Sister Elsa Rylands until her Seonghwa Ceremony this coming Saturday, August 17th.

Please select as many slots as possible you can fill to support her smooth transition into the Spirit World.

Click Here to Join: docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZM1WVCd0Pa_4MaKIQezx...

Our beloved sister, Elsa Maria Rylands, of Ossining, NY ascended to the spiritual world at 7:35 PM Thursday, August 08, 2024.

Elsa's Life - Family and Service to Others:

Elsa was born in Bogota, Colombia on Dec. 18, 1953. She was six when her family moved to Guaduas, a country village nearby, where her mother Sara got a teaching job. Elsa's father, Carlos Parra, had just passed away. For eleven years she and five siblings traveled to the big city on weekends for plays, music, dance, and other social activities. Elsa enjoyed basketball and sports in general. She participated in choral events and was a theater/drama director for her fellow students. Everyone said that she was a very gentle and a sweet soul. She graduated High School in 1971 with two sisters. Elsa then worked with grandpa in Bogota and visited Tio Jorge in Puerto Rico before coming to the USA by May of 1974. Elsa was then a

governess for well-to-do families, ending November 1977 as she joined the Unification movement full-time in Tarrytown, NY. She did missionary-type work in the Bronx, NY until 1986, the start of her family. Elsa became a mom. She also was a naturalized USA Citizen and got the academic equivalent of Associate from CUNY Hunter College from 1997 - 1999. In 2000, the Rylands family moved to Ossining and Elsa was a Teaching Assistant at Ossining High School where she taught special education kids for twenty-three years. The kids and teachers adored her. Elsa also loved trips abroad with her sisters, daughter, and grandson. Lastly, she was involved in a communal garden and homeowners group from 2020. The fellow residents appreciated her so much.

Elsa as Wife and Mom - Where Her Heart Was:

She was introduced to Alan W Rylands, of Chicago, IL, on Dec. 30, 1980 and they became engaged at once. On July 01, 1982, Elsa and Alan were blessed in marriage at NYC's Madison Square Garden, a Unification mass wedding with 2,075 couples. In 1985, about five years from when Elsa and Alan first met, they conceived twins. Arthur and Albert were born in 1986. After that came Adele, then Alfred, and finally Edward. It was five children in six years. Oh boy, the number of diapers seemed unlimited! They lived in a Manhattan apartment three years before moving to a rental-house in Forest Hills, Queens. The kids walked everywhere before Elsa got her driver's license. Parks and reading were their favorite activities. Plus, Elsa and the kids relished the numerous driving vacations they took with Alan. At last, Jan 01, 2000, the family moved into their own house in Ossining, NY, totally paid with help from Alan's dad. It became a real home not just for Elsa's family, but provided an emergency home for close relatives and to welcome guests, *mi casa es su casa*. She lived there for the rest of her life.

Elsa is survived by:

Her husband Alan; her five children, Arthur, Albert, Adele, Alfred, Edward; her five siblings, Stella, Sara Patricia, Juan Carlos, Richard, Zelma; last, but certainly not least, the apple of her eye, her two-year-old grandson Robin; as well as an extremely large extended family. Elsa is moving on to the third level of life, and will continue to bring love and light to the earthly and heavenly worlds.

Sign In



Elsa María Rylands

August 8, 2024

Be the first to offer your condolence on Elsa's [Tribute Wall](#)

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Elsa María Rylands Obituary

An obituary is not available at this time for Elsa María Rylands. We welcome you to provide your thoughts and memories on our Tribute Wall. To [send flowers](#) to the family or [plant a tree](#) in memory of Elsa, please [visit our floral store](#).

Events

AUG 16

Visitation

Friday, August 16, 2024
4:00PM - 11:59PM

Edwards-Dowdle Funeral Home
64 Ashford Avenue
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

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AUG 17

Visitation

Saturday, August 17, 2024
1:00AM - 8:30AM

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AUG 17 Seonghwa Ceremony

🕒 Saturday, August 17, 2024
8:30AM

📍 Edwards-Dowdle Funeral Home
64 Ashford Avenue
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

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AUG 17 Wonjeon Ceremony

🕒 Saturday, August 17, 2024
11:00AM

📍 Sleepy Hollow Cemetery
540 North Broadway
Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591

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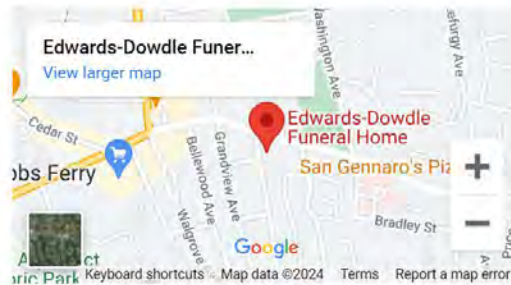
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Honoring Elsa Maria Rylands' Legacy



Alan Rylands is organizing this fundraiser.

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5 days until service
August 16th, 2024



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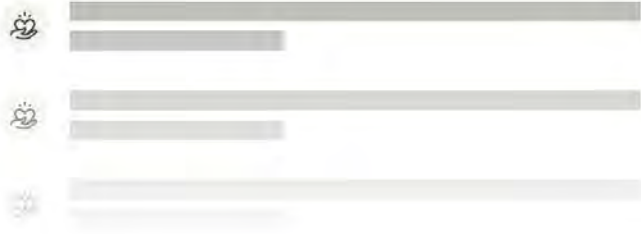
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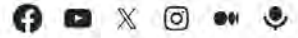
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