



## Effie Koufalias Rouse

April 21, 1974 - July 31, 2020

Effie Koufalias Rouse of Mount Prospect, IL

Beloved daughter to George and Penelope Koufalias; loving mother of Nathaniel Rouse; cherished sister to Theo (Nina) Koufalias; fond cousin to many.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, August 4th from 2:00 P.M until 8:00 P.M at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to Nathaniel's college fund.

This Life Tributes page has been created to make it easy for Family and Friends to share memories, photos and videos.

For further information please contact the Morizzo Funeral Directors at 847.752.6444. Arrangements entrusted to Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, at 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Morizzo Family Funeral Home, Cremation Services, and Cemetery Memorials

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Effie Koufalias Rouse*

November 04, 2022 at 06:54 PM



“ *Effie was my boss when I was just 16. I've seen her at the airport through the years. Recently I watched a Peal Jam documentary and it made me think of her so I looked her up and sadly found this. It's hard to wrap my head around someone who was so full of life not with us anymore. My heart is so heavy for her parents who I know loved her soooo much! I'm grateful for our last run in and so happy to have met her son. Effie has left a lasting impression in my life and I will forever be grateful and remember her with the highest accolades. Rest easy my friend. Xoxoxo*

**susanne** - February 27, 2021 at 07:45 PM



“ *The quote from "The Great Gatsby" described you perfectly: you were beautiful in mind and spirit. You exemplified vibrancy and loved to share your enthusiasm with every person you met. You were known for strong hugs and having a big smile. I know Nathaniel will grow up to be a kind, smart, and good man because of you. You are missed on our team, but you will never be forgotten.*

**Maureen** - August 10, 2020 at 09:34 PM

IG

“*Effie was pure joy and light that radiated in any room she entered. Her energy was infectious. One of the kindest, happiest and purely joyful people I have ever known. As a team member, she cared for all fiercely. She taught me to take the high road and keep my chin despite challenges I was facing and always had a warm embrace whenever it was needed. An incredible dancer and lover of life!*”



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**Iliana Gonzalez** - August 06, 2020 at 07:37 PM

MM

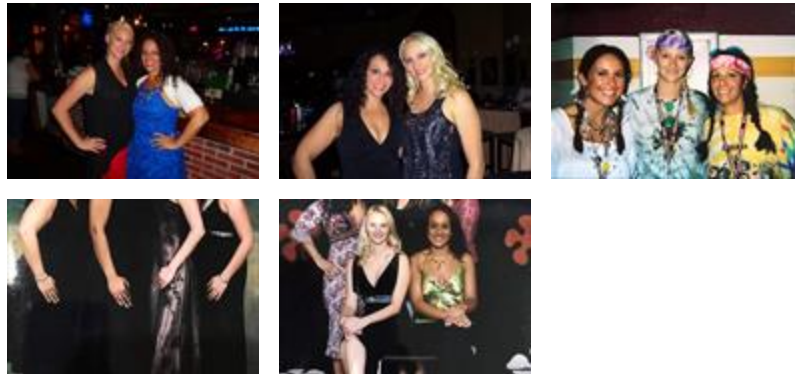
“*Seeing these recent pictures of colleagues from Elgin High, and hearing from Sjoukje, reminds me of how Effie made everyone feel- no matter the context-school, out of school meetings (Elgin Community College), at teacher get togethers. I saw Effie a few years ago at ECC, she was always so warm, always made you feel that she saw you at that moment. Maya Angelou said, "A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again." I will remember you Effie. I will remember how I felt every time I was around you. Thank you, Marsha*”

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**Marsha Miller** - August 04, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ *Effie was and is a beautiful soul, that I was blessed enough to call one of my best friends. She was truly a treasure to so many from family to friends to her students. For me she was not only a friend, but a mentor and family. Her light, love and joy will be missed by all. I love you Effie.*



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H - August 04, 2020 at 03:04 PM



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Asa A Gordon - August 04, 2020 at 01:05 PM



“ *I've never met such a warm, loving person. Effie was one of my favorite people to see at the office and to spend time in her office talking about books, life, and her precious son, Nathaniel. I am so thankful to have known her and worked with her and been a witness for the pure love and joy that she brought to this world.*

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Kristian Gist - August 04, 2020 at 12:51 PM

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**Sharlet Spann** - August 04, 2020 at 10:15 AM

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**Sharlet Spann** - August 04, 2020 at 10:08 AM

GV

“ Ms. K was my Senior English teacher. Thanks to her I also became a teacher and get to live a wonderful life! I owe her so much! When I started teaching at EHS she guided and mentored me. Teaching was her calling. I don't think she knew how much of a difference she made in so many people's lives. She was full of live and positivity. She will truly be missed.

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**Gloria Verastegui** - August 04, 2020 at 09:45 AM

GV

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**Gloria Verastegui** - August 04, 2020 at 09:58 AM

 K.T.  
Dunkan

“ Ms. K was my senior English teacher and also our class advisor for 2002 so we got to know and grow with her for 4 years! She was always up beat and smiling and she really got to know everyone of her students! The last time I saw her was when I was planning our 10 year reunion and she was, as usual, so helpful. We will make sure to have a moment of silence for her at our upcoming 20 yr reunion. Rest in peace Ms. K you were an awesome teacher and person. Thinking and praying for your family and your son!

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**K.T. Dunkan** - August 03, 2020 at 08:39 PM

KH

“ I will never forget the first moment I saw you. You smiled and I was yours. There is no memory wall big enough to share all that we shared. You are the true definition of beauty and strength. Thank you for coming into my life. Thank you for allowing me to stand by your side. I was always in amazement by the lives that you touched. Over the years meeting so many people who sung your praises. It always reminded me how blessed I am to have had you in my life. I fell in love with you the moment I saw you and grew in love with you everyday. You were my why. Loved your smile and your laugh warmed me..you knew exactly when I need you. I can never thank Penny and George enough for raising such a beautiful soul as yours. You fought and fought my love. I am sad but happy for having the memories of you. When we met you told me your name meant Happiness. Thank you for being mine. I Love You so much. I will miss you.



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**Kevin Hampton** - August 03, 2020 at 05:43 PM

KR

“ When I met you in Chicago 5 years ago at a work event our souls connected immediately and I was drawn in by your beautiful soul and spirit. Then we connected on being New Yorkers as well because the accent you never lost!! You embraced me right away made sure I was good, brought me along with you to company dinners and made me feel so welcome when I didn't know anyone. You exuded, power, intelligence, sexiness and kindness all in one. I see how many lives you have touched by reading all these amazing stories and I can relate because you left a mark on me as well. You loved your job and always fought hard for the kids. My most deepest condolences go out to your entire family and most importantly your son whom I know was the hardest to leave. Feeling blessed to have been able to share some words with you on your birthday which was the last time we communicated. Your soul may have left this earth but the impact you have had on everyone's lives will live on forever. You will be dearly missed my beautiful friend and may your soul forever rest in peace.

*"A Beautiful Soul will never be Forgotten"*

*Sending you all my love,  
Kathy Romero*



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**Kathy Romero** - August 03, 2020 at 12:59 PM

MK

“ Miss K was my senior English teacher back in 1999/2000 school year. She made the last period of the day so enjoyable. She was fun, light hearted and so kind. I recall her love of the band Pearl Jam and still think of her when i what them on the radio! She will be missed.

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**Melissa (Peña) Kierl** - August 03, 2020 at 10:30 AM

LM

“ I met Effie at a baseball game where our sons were playing together. She quickly introduced herself and warmly welcomed me. Knowing Effie was a blessing, I always had a friend! Hellos were always given followed by a warm, welcoming hug. Effie's smile would light up a room.  
Prayers to her amazing son and her family. May they find peace and comfort. RIP Effie, you were a fighter and a warrior until the very end!

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**Lena McCarthy** - August 03, 2020 at 10:17 AM

JM

“ For the past 11 years, I was blessed to have Effie as a friend and colleague. I learned many things from Effie including how to stay positive and be strong. She was a beautiful person who touched the lives of so many people. I will miss her dearly.



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**Jennifer McDonnell** - August 02, 2020 at 10:45 PM

PK

*I logged on to this page this morning and the first thing I saw was this picture- Thanks so much for posting it Jenny. Effie was such a bright light and wonderful soul. She was talented and funny, courageous and strong. You could always count on her smile and her helping hand, no matter the ask. Rest in peace dear Effie. You were a special person and I am so fortunate to have known you.*

**Penny Kotterman** - August 03, 2020 at 11:42 AM

BM

“ *I will always be so thankful to have had Ms. Rouse as my teacher senior year of high school. She was the highlight of my entire day and made me feel so cared about. I'm so glad I got to know her a little as an adult and even got to teach with her once. Thank you for everything you've taught me.*

**Brittney Mallen** - August 02, 2020 at 08:56 PM

SF

“ *I had the amazing luck of having Ms. K as my English teacher one year and after that first year I made sure to get her for a second year as my English teacher. She was amazing, caring, sweet, caring, and overall an awesome human being. It was sad when I had to finally graduate because I knew that I would no longer have the luck of seeing or talking with her. Lucky we found each other on Facebook and was able to reconnect again. I am at a loss for words but I do have many prayers for her son and family that God covers them in this time of need. Miss you always beautiful and hope your at peace and enjoying your time up above. 🙏🙏🙏😊😊😊*



**Skye Foster** - August 02, 2020 at 07:36 PM

AW

“ I had the privilege of being in Mrs. Rouse’s class twice during my time at EHS. This woman taught me what it was like to be a powerhouse. She encouraged me to always push harder, be better, and be the best version of me that I could be. I remember my first year of college, I was light years ahead of my classmates because of her. She touched so many lives in so many ways, both in and out of the classroom. She was full of life and had a fire in her that I aspired to have one day. My heart breaks for her son, her families, and all of us who have had the opportunity to know her. May she Rest In Peace knowing how loved she was. I thank God that I had you in my life.



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**Alexis Waarich** - August 02, 2020 at 04:42 PM

AA

“*Effie was the beautiful light in all of us. She loved her family and friends with her whole heart and never hesitated to show a kindness when it was needed. She was an outstanding educator and valued each of her students. She loved and treasured her parents and was an amazing and dedicated mother to Nathaniel. For me, she was not only my best friend but part of my soul. I am grateful for having grown up with her, and grow with her, sharing life's moments big and small. Effie was a beautiful warrior and I will carry her laugh, her smile and her spirit with me.*



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**Andrea Tuil Abramowitz** - August 02, 2020 at 04:26 PM



“*Will love you forever my sister.. Rest in Papa's loving arms.*



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**Marilyn Velazquez** - August 02, 2020 at 03:14 PM

HB

*Dear Effie, thank you for always smiling and being such an amazing spirit. I will forever try my best to keep your spirit in my heart and to remember all the wonderful moments shared together. You will always be a beam of light and will be forever missed.*

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**Hoor Bhanpuri** - August 02, 2020 at 04:24 PM

LL

*Dearest Effie. God shared you with us for a short time but your impact will last a lifetime. Thank you for your kindness, warmth, and generosity. You were always so generous with your time and love. You were loved by many and now rest in the loving arms of our Lord. God bless and grant your beautiful son Nathaniel and your family peace and hope in knowing they will see you again in Heaven. Love you my friend.*

Lana Lyman - August 04, 2020 at 09:48 AM



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Morizzo Funeral Home & Cremation Services - August 02, 2020 at 01:28 PM

SB

“ *I will never forget how comfortable Effie made me feel when I started as a student teacher at Elgin High School, and how quickly we became friends. we have shared so many great memories together over the years, 19 of them, and I will truly miss her smile and accepting way of loving everyone for who they were. This is a huge loss for all of us, and Effie's family is in my thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace beautiful lady.*

Sjoukje Brown - August 02, 2020 at 11:52 AM

JW

“*Effie was an absolute angel among us. Mr. & Mrs. Koufalias, I thank you for bringing such a beautiful soul into this world. To have known and been loved by Effie is one of the greatest gifts I ever received.*

*Love,*

*J. Elliot Weinstein*

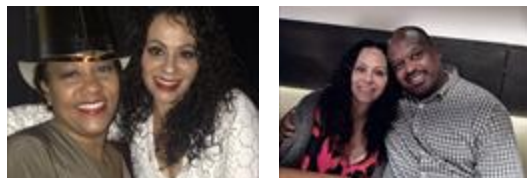


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**Jordan Weinstein** - August 02, 2020 at 07:07 AM

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“*Adina and I will miss you greatly my friend. We had some good time. My heart goes out to your family. Rest In Peace as I am sure you are in a better place in the Lord.*



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**Greg Walker** - August 02, 2020 at 06:54 AM

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**Kat** - August 01, 2020 at 08:44 PM



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**Nick Itsines** - August 01, 2020 at 08:39 PM