**EULOGY SPEECH**

**FOR**

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Hello everyone.  My name is Jeannette Peten. We are here today to honor the memory of a wonderful woman, Rosalie\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and I would like to say a few words about my long time friend.  In Psalm 19:14 we learn, “May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my redeemer.” Rosalie was many things to everyone here... and beyond. She was a loving, devoted wife to Nick, an incredibly dedicated mother to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a tireless, encouraging colleague, and, of course, to me, a wonderful, compassionate, supportive friend. A long time ago, an English poet gave us these words.... “I am part of all that I have met.” Rosalie may have left this plane, but her spirit, wisdom, and kindness will be carried by all of us who were blessed to know and love her.

I’ve known Rosalie for more than half my life. We met over fifty years ago when we worked for the Defense Department in downtown Philadelphia.  Back then, she was married to her husband Nick and had one child at the time, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.  I remember that Nick was going to school part time to get his undergrad degree.  I admired Rosalie, not only for her intelligence, but for her style and grace as well.  Most importantly, Rosalie always had a vision of what she wanted her life to look like, even at that young age. She practiced focus and determination, and people all around her couldn’t help but be inspired.  I always noticed how she was able to be in the present while keeping her “eye on the prize”... in other words, she managed what was necessary in the present and concentrated on bringing to life, her vision for her family and how they would grow and accomplish their dreams **together**

Dr. Rosalie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ retired from Temple University as professor of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. She made her plan and accomplished her vision through hard work, tenacity, and an incredible drive.  She was always a great help to me, but I was not the only one who learned such valuable life lessons from this very noble woman.  One example, of how she is a part of all of us is clear when I think of how many people she has taught and influenced along the way, especially for her students.... by being a professor, Rosalie made an incredible impact on her academic community and beyond.

Fortunately, I was blessed to have her as an influence and example in my life. She naturally came from a place of **ENCOURAGEMENT**... as was clear when she supported my decision to go back to school, and her positive impact didn’t end there. She led her life as an example to all she touched. I will never forget how she offered ideas and suggestions on how to achieve and how to balance life... she was a living, breathing lesson and example, sharing tips on how to make it all work. From Rosalie, I learned even small suggestions meant a lot. She taught me (**Name three tips you learned from her**) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, are just a few.... and as I have used her ideas and example throughout my life, others have learned as well, and so the legacy of Rosalie\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lives on. Thanks to my friend, I had a successful career because of her encouragement to continue my education.  She was an outstanding example of how to make life work...   with kids, husband and job.

Somehow, Rosalie, even back then, as we first met and built the foundations of our lives, had a rare vision. She somehow had the foresight to know to manage going to work, attending college part time, raising and encouraging her family, and to achieve her goal to become a doctor. How could anyone **NOT** treasure the influence and friendship of such a fine woman?? Because of her inspiration, I was able to finish my degree and, guided by her own rare, dedication, I, myself, had a great career.

Rosalie married young... she was just a teenager when she met and married her husband, Nick.   She remained married to her best friend for all these years and she was proud of their union. She loved him very much and often told me the same until the day she died.  There was not a time that we talked that she did not make the comment that Nick was her best friend.

In the end, as we look back on the life of this person, we can see that Rosalie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lived her life as she would have wanted... she had a dream.... and she had the desire and dedication.... to make those dreams a reality..... and she had the love of Nick and her children to guide and inspire her along the way. Rosalie lives on in all of us and her impact.... her intelligence.... and her humanity will always be a part of us as well.. (**If any of her immediate family are living and present, you can say**) I would like to extend my heartfelt condolences to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Thank you all.