



Joy Rosenthal

May 28, 1966 - November 7, 2023

Our beloved wife and mother, Joy Rosenthal, [<https://www.joyrosenthalphotography.com/about>] a Virginia Tech faculty in the School of Visual Arts (SOVA), passed away suddenly at home on Tuesday, November 7, around 12:30 pm (she had a massive heart attack). She was 57. She was cut in her prime. Djordje Minic (59) and Joy had 33 glorious, unforgettable years together. Their children Esther Minic-Rosenthal (24), David Minic-Rosenthal (17) and Djordje are utterly devastated and engulfed in sorrow. Joy was the love of our life, she was our life. She was the kindest, sweetest, warmest, most loving, most creative and most giving person. She was so beautiful, so unique and we adored her. We simply worshiped her. She was our rock, our guiding light. She was everything to us, and more.

How are we going to continue without her?

We don't know, but we have to, to honor her brilliant memory.

To paraphrase Samuel Beckett: "We can't go on, we'll go on."

David, Esther and Djordje

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear, dear Djordje, Esther and David,
A year now... With such dear memories and understanding of the many ways
Joy's presence has and always will influence and enrich your lives.

Laura and Chia

Laura and Chia Tze - November 11, 2024 at 02:33 PM

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“ Dear Djordje, Esther, and David,

Your SOVA family shares your loss. Joy will be remembered for her gentle
presence and positive spirit. Her photos of Esther's rats are so wonderful. They
gave us all a chance to admire her charming and witty eye.

Her legacy lives on in the hundreds--if not thousands--of students she taught
throughout her career. ❤️

Ann-Marie Knoblauch
School of Visual Arts, Virginia Tech

Ann-Marie Knoblauch - November 12, 2023 at 04:25 PM

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“ To Djordje, Esther, and David,

Your friends and colleagues in the Physics Department at Virginia Tech are
grieving this loss with you. We know that Joy played an enormous role in your
lives, and she will be missed greatly.

Mark Pitt
Physics Department Virginia Tech

Mark Pitt - November 12, 2023 at 07:33 AM

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Djordje, my condolences to you, David and Esther. I was devastated by Joy's sudden
passing. She was an amazing Aunt to my children and I am so grateful to her for that.
Take care of yourselves!

Kim

Kimberly L Rodenroth - March 05, 2025 at 06:06 AM

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“ I know that there is very little that I can say to ease your grief. I hope that you will take some limited comfort in knowing that she always brought a smile to my face. As a fellow artist, I loved her beautiful photographs and whimsical cards and calendars. I have many of her smaller pieces, including her little rat paintings that I have gifted to my children and friends. I will miss her.

Robi Sallee - November 11, 2023 at 10:02 AM