



Lorraine Marie Smorol

July 4, 1932 - August 31, 2020

Lorraine Marie Smorol, 88, died peacefully at the Nottingham on Monday, August 31. She was born in Syracuse on July 4, 1932, the daughter of Jacob “Jake” and Mary Smorol. She grew up on the west side of Syracuse, living in quarters above Jake’s Grill, run by her parents. Lorraine attended Syracuse University on a scholarship, graduating with a major in voice from the School of Music in 1954. Shortly thereafter, she was recruited to join the famed Robert Shaw Chorale and toured the country with them for several years. Settling in New York City, she married, then returned to Syracuse in 1957.

Lorraine continued her professional musical career locally, singing at many social and religious events and lending her voice to a number of musical groups. She also widened her horizons as a journalist and writer, working as a reporter for the Syracuse Post Standard and as an associate editor for the Syracuse New Times. She wrote articles and reviews on music, art, architecture, food, fashion and real estate. She won a number of awards, the most important of which was Syracuse Woman of Achievement in Music (1979). She was also a successful entrepreneur, working as a wedding and social event planner. Among many other activities, she directed a series of musical performances in Hanover Square for several summers and she designed and oversaw the launch of the yearly Dickens Christmas event in Skaneateles.

Lorraine was predeceased by her parents, and brother, Leonard J. Smorol.

She is survived by three children, Leonardo Caruso (Maria Elisa) of Boston, Laurence (Jacqueline) and Maria Sinopoli, both of Syracuse; and nine grandchildren.

Those who knew her remember Lorraine’s myriad talents, her indomitable spirit, her steadfast friendship, her openheartedness, her sparkling wit, her positive outlook on life, and most of all, her unquestioned love of family.

Farone & Son Funeral Home is in charge of funeral arrangements. No calling hours are scheduled. A requiem mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 5th at 9:30 a.m. at

the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 917 Park Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13204. Her remains will be scattered in the waters off Cape Cod, Massachusetts, an area that she loved.

Events

SEP **Funeral Mass** 09:30AM

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Basilica of the Sacred Heart

927 Park Ave, Syracuse, NY, US, 13204

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Farone & Son Funeral Home - September 04, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ Prayers and thoughts to Laurence, Maria and Leo. Lorraine was a lovely lady. And that voice!!

Anthony J Pietrafesa - September 07, 2020 at 08:31 AM



“ Our condolences to Lorraine's family, we had only recently reconnected with Lorraine at The Nottingham where she was the warm and friendly lady we had known for many years. And then when we planned on attending the Irish music festival she had organized for last St. Patrick's Day, it was cancelled at the last minute by the Covid restrictions. Our prayers are with you.

Gretchen and Dan Leary

Dan Leary - September 04, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ 37 files added to the album LifeTributes



Farone & Son Funeral Home - September 04, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ Dear Family of Miss Lorraine,
Please accept my deepest condolences.

Miss Lorraine was a dear friend of my parents, Nick & Irene Ewaniszyk. She was a bridesmaid in their 1950 Wedding in Syracuse. She was also a friend of my paternal aunt, Mary Ewaniszyk D'Agostino. All of whom have passed away, although she was a part of their fond remembrances.

I was able to speak with her, when my Aunt Mary wanted to “track her down”, years ago.

She was gracious, kind, warm and quite delighted to speak to me, being one of her oldest friends child. It was my privilege to connect the two of them, after so many years.

My cousin, Michael Ewaniszyk, had several fond encounters with her. He remembered her beautiful singing. He has also passed on a few years ago.

May God and His Angels warm your heart by knowing she is returned to her loved ones and to those who loved her.

Prayers & Blessings,
Suzanne



Suzanne - September 03, 2020 at 07:30 PM



“ Sending my sympathies to all of the family. I worked with Lorraine for many years at the New Times, she was always one of my favorites there... and the only one I ever new that called me 'Dolly' ~ which always made me smile. A sweet, kind soul. Bless.
Lesli Mitchell

Lesli Mitchell - September 03, 2020 at 03:36 PM