



Lorraine Woods Costello

July 8, 1934 - September 15, 2021

Lorraine Woods Costello of Leesburg, VA passed away Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at the age of 87. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 55 years, William “Bill” J. Costello. Lorraine is survived by her loving family: daughter Christine Costello Hessinger, son-in-law Karl Hessinger, and grandchildren Dana and Jake Hessinger. Lorraine had a fierce love for her family and treasured her time with them.

Lorraine grew up in Bronx, New York and remained a New Yorker at heart where ever she went during her life. She was a proud graduate of Hunter College High School and subsequently Hunter College in New York City with a major in Statistics. Following graduation, Lorraine became the first woman in management hired by Remington Rand where she worked as a Systems Analyst. Following marriage, Lorraine and Bill moved to Paramus, New Jersey and started their family. While living in Paramus, Lorraine was an active community member serving on the Paramus Public Library Board for many years, as well as participating in the League of Women Voters and the Democratic Club. In 2012, Lorraine and Bill moved to Lansdowne Woods in Leesburg, Virginia to be near their daughter and her family. Lorraine was a well-known and active member of the community of Lansdowne Woods, participating in committees and clubs.

Visitation will be on Saturday, September 25th from 10 – 11 am with a funeral service to immediately follow at Loudoun Funeral Chapel, 158 Catoctin Circle SE, Leesburg, Virginia. In of lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Paramus Public Library, 116 Century Road, Paramus NJ 07652.

Cemetery

Lakeview Cemetery

124 North Laycock Street
Hamilton, VA, 20158

Events

SEP **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Loudoun Funeral Chapel

158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg, VA, US

SEP **Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Loudoun Funeral Chapel

158 Catoctin Circle, S.E., Leesburg, VA, US, 20175

Comments



“ My sincere condolences to you Christine as well as to your family. I hope that all your hearts will find comfort in the stories and memories of her that each of you have individually and together as a family and from those memories others will share with you.

You are in my prayers.

Kindly,
Sylvia Ross

Sylvia Ross - September 24, 2021 at 04:51 PM



“ Cousin Lorraine was a force to be reckoned with. She was the first woman in our family to get a college education, she was one of the first to have a "career" so to speak, more than just a job. My Dad her cousin Thomas was intimidated by her; his entire life. Then, when his parents and her Aunt Connie and Uncle Pete became ill, she was a strong supporter to my Dad when he really wasn't sure what to do to help his parents. She guided him and gave him encouragement. He told me many times how much he really appreciated her help and guidance and love. He hadn't realized she was so approachable and he really appreciated her kindness and love, during such a terrible time. He was insecure, for some reason; he was too worried that his education would hinder them from having things in common. In later years he realized she was a person, just like he was, and that she loved the family as much as he did. He always said that Lorraine and Peter, my uncle and Lorraine's cousin were close because they were both so smart. They were both smart, but he was "street smart" and so gregarious...the cousins loved deeply and strongly. They had large family gatherings with second and third cousins as much as they could when we grew up. That is the basis of all of us cousins being so close now in our mature years.

I am thankful to have been a part of Lorraine's family. She was a strong woman with firm opinions when that was not always welcome and I strive to be a better person because Lorraine showed me the way. Love you Lorraine.

Love to Christine, Karl and her family and friends who lost a wonderful, tough, loving Mom. Sending you all my love. Kelly

Kelly Brennan - September 24, 2021 at 01:37 PM



“ Your Ashburn Book Group purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lorraine Woods Costello.



Your Ashburn Book Group - September 24, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ Michael Clementi purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Lorraine Woods Costello.



Michael Clementi - September 23, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ From Craig & Joyce purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Lorraine Woods Costello.



From Craig & Joyce - September 22, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Lorraine Woods Costello.



September 20, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Lorraine Woods Costello.



September 20, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ Lorraine was a valued member of the Riverview building community in Lansdowne Woods. We always saw her in the lobby or participating in activities. She was free to share a smile, a hello, and a few words when we saw her almost every day. She came to trivia pursuit game sometimes and knew the answers occasionally. She enjoyed being around/with people. She loved the company. When Lorraine became ill a few weeks ago, she felt comfortable coming by the Qi Gong class, where she has participated from her chair for a while, but had stopped in recent weeks, and asked for help. Two ladies from the class assisted her with calling 911. She was very appreciative of the help of the 2 Riverview residents. She knew she could count on them to help her in an emergency. They were the closest to her in proximity. The office was a father distance.

Lorraine was a special lady; she will be missed by all.

You are in my prayers and thoughts.

Lynda (Ell) Chase

Riverview resident

Lynda Chase - September 19, 2021 at 12:30 PM