



Lorraine VanNess

February 27, 1927 - November 3, 2011

Lorraine VanNess, age 84, of Newark, DE, peacefully entered her eternal home, running and dancing into her Savior's arms on November 3, 2011.

Lorraine is survived by her four children and their spouses, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her life will be a legacy to all who knew her. Her vivacious personality and love for her Savior were unmistakable in every aspect of her life. Her family experienced the warmest love in her presence during many beach vacations, holiday meals and daily conversations over the phone and around her kitchen table. She served as her family's constant encourager, patient listener and best cheerleader. She walked through trials and triumphs setting the greatest example of what love truly is.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. In her memory, we remember to "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thes 5:16-18). She will be loved and cherished always, and her family stands on the promise that she is more alive today than ever.

Services and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 308 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711. To express an online condolence, visit www.strano-feeley.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

DS

“ So sorry to hear of Mrs. VanNess's passing - my condolences to all the family, I have many fond memories of the whole family . . . all the best to you.

Dana Strumbeck

Dana Strumbeck - November 22, 2011 at 11:06 AM

FR

“ *My memorial to Lorraine*

About 60 years ago Lorraine became a member of my family and I instantaneously got what I always wished for--a big sister. My family was so blessed over many years with her love. Because her parents died relatively young Lorraine truly looked upon and loved my Mother as her Mother. And what a wonderful daughter she was ! Always loving, always considerate and all through the years having Mother down at Newark with all the Van Ness grandchildren for all holidays and birthdays. Over the years Lorraine stood in the place of Mom's own children who were not there. I always appreciated that so much. While we lived in Memphis and these 40 years in Chicago we made many trips over to Delaware to see our extended family there. Lorraine would always organize her children to come to North Star so we could all be together. In later years we often came over with our grandchildren and again she was a most gracious hostess even as the gathering grew with enlarging families. One year she gathered up everyone and came up to Lancaster,PA to be with us as we were on another of our educational field trips/vacations with Parvin children who were home schooled. They met us at a wonderful buffet restaurant for dinner there. Several other times she put us up in her home.

Sweet, generous, thoughtful, a great hostess, a good mother, and a strong Christian believer in Jesus Christ as her saviour, these are words I would use to describe my "sister" Lorraine. I will see you in heaven when I too am "away from the body"

2 Corinthians 5:6-8

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. For we live by faith not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

Frances V.N. Rogers

Frances V.N. Rogers - November 09, 2011 at 09:01 PM

BD

“ *Trish and Family: What a special lady your Mom was to everyone she made contact with. A classy lady whom Dot and I simply adored. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family and may the many wonderful memories guide you through these difficult moments. Love, Bill and Dot Dewberry*

Bill Dewberry - November 07, 2011 at 11:02 AM

RC

“ *To the family of Lorraine our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. I can remember the times when Lorraine and Matty work together at Ogletown Bap. Church. I can hear her laughs and the talks we had. Again our thoughts and prayers are with you all. In God's Love
Matty and Randy Cloud*

Randall Cloud - November 07, 2011 at 10:40 AM



“ *I will always remember all the good-times we shared in the past and the manytime she and my mother would back Christmas cookies at Grandmom Veit's. We had some really good-times at Weddings in the past! She will be Missed but we know who holds her Hands!*

John Marsh - November 06, 2011 at 09:16 PM

SR

“ *I will always remember trips to Shady Maple with Grandma Lorraine and the Lentz family, sleepovers at her house with Megan, and her wonderful laugh. She was a bright spot in everyone's day and we are all thankful to have known her.*

Sarah Robinson - November 06, 2011 at 12:43 PM

LF

My condolences to, and prayers for Lorraine's family. My late wife, Lorraine's sister Naomi, loved her dearly and she has remained in my prayers over the years.

Lester Fink

Lester H. Fink - November 08, 2011 at 07:16 AM

DM

“ *Doreen Miller lit a candle in memory of Lorraine VanNess*



Doreen Miller - November 06, 2011 at 09:10 AM

DM

MOM you will be missed by all, especially your loving family, We will never forget you! Love you lots Doreen and Family!

Doreen Miller - November 06, 2011 at 09:11 AM

GD

Sue, through you I knew you mom and thought the world of her. My prayers are with all of you.

Gayle Dolinger

Gayle Dolinger - November 06, 2011 at 11:00 AM