



Lorenza Caradonna

July 9, 1937 - November 14, 2024

Lorenza Caradonna, passed away on November 14, 2024 surrounded by family. She was born on July 9, 1937 in Alcamo, Sicily to her parents Damiano and Maria Campo. She immigrated to Canada in 1954. With her parents and brothers she crossed the Atlantic on the SS. Saturnia, endured a long train, then bus ride, finally ending up in Windsor, Ontario. There they were lovingly welcomed by family, who had a home ready for them. Shortly thereafter, she met her future husband, Jack Caradonna. They were married October 23, 1955 at San Francisco Catholic Church in Detroit, Michigan. Together, they built their business, Car-Donna's Party Store which opened in Sterling Heights in 1962. Together they ran their family business for 53 years. Car-Donna's was famous for their pizza, fancy fried chicken, broasted potatoes, and Italian subs. Lorenza held her strong catholic faith close and was active in St. Jane Frances de Chantal Catholic Church. Above all came her family and her faith.

Lorenza is survived by her husband Jack; her adoring children Bridget (Doug) Reaume, Virginia (Kevin) Graham, Vince (Sandy) and Dominic (Marie); her cherished grandchildren, Jim (Angela) Caradonna, Emily (Eric) Elkins, Nicholas (Lauren) Caradonna, Conor (Morgan) Reaume, Cara Reaume, Alex (Whitney) Caradonna, Christian Graham, and Salvatore Caradonna; and her treasured great-grandchildren Maria & Vincent Caradonna, River & Wyatt Elkins.

Lorenza is preceded in death by her parents, Damiano and Maria Campo, her siblings, Jack, Gaspare, and Vincenza Campo.

Lorenza led a life of clear purpose that was focused on family, faith, and friends. She will be most remembered for her warm and generous spirit, always thinking of others, and how she spread love to all who knew her. She will be dearly missed by her adoring family.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Karmanos Cancer Center in honor of Lorenza's health journey or to Father Solanas Casey Center in honor of Lorenza's strong faith and giving nature.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Rosary

NOV 18. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Instate

NOV 19. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances deChantal Catholic Church
38750 Ryan Rd
Sterling Heights, MI

Mass of the Christian Burial

NOV 19. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

NC

“ Nick & Tina Cadarean purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Lorenza Caradonna.



Nick & Tina Cadarean - November 18, 2024 at 01:06 PM

DJ

“ David and Johanna purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lorenza Caradonna.



David and Johanna - November 18, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lorenza Caradonna.



November 18, 2024 at 09:20 AM

JE

“ Love you Great Aunt Lorraine, Rest easy and watch over us .. love 💕💕 Jessica, Ryan, Ava and baby James



jessica - November 17, 2024 at 09:29 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorenza Caradonna.*



November 17, 2024 at 05:26 PM



“ *Catherine M. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Lorenza Caradonna.*



Catherine M. - November 17, 2024 at 05:21 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lorenza Caradonna.*



November 16, 2024 at 12:03 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Lorenza Caradonna.*



November 16, 2024 at 09:10 AM

BZ

“ Meeting Lorenza on trip to Greece in 2006 put an angel in my life. She was always happy and concerned about others. She always had a smile and made me so thankful for her and her husband's friendship.



Barbara Zolnierczak - November 15, 2024 at 01:25 PM

VM

Mrs. Caradonna was a kind, ever gracious and giving person. A hard worker and the mother or the loving spouse, all her life she made sure her children and the family received the best of that was possible, be it at school or workplace. Each time, I had the honor of meeting her, she was full of energy and inspiring, and with a smile she would ask about my family and how I was doing at work. The great family she raised is itself a huge tribute to her love and passion for her family and friends. We at Oakland University owe her gratitude for sharing her daughter who returned the kindness by becoming a physician. Her life is a success story, and Mrs. Caradonna owns it for all she did for others and impacted their lives positively.

Virinder Moudgil

Virinder Moudgil - November 17, 2024 at 05:35 PM