



Lorraine Beryl Forslin

May 23, 1936 - July 5, 2024

Lorraine Beryl Forslin: A Life Celebrated

Lorraine Beryl (Fremming) Forslin, daughter of Earl Oliver Fremming and Beryl May (McNeill) Fremming celebrated her 88th birthday this year, a woman whose vibrant spirit touched countless lives, embarked on her final journey to eternal peace on July 5th. Her legacy is one of joy, love, and unwavering faith.

From her earliest days, Lorraine believed that life should be filled with laughter and adventure. She reveled in exploring the world, creating beautiful ceramics, and sharing Manhattan Mondays with dear friends. Her piano melodies and soulful singing resonated with all who knew her.

Lorraine's love for shopping was legendary-her favorite stores may now mourn her absence! A Chico's coupon tucked into her Bible revealed her playful spirit and practicality.

Her partner, Bill Thomford, shared in her zest for life. Together, they split their time between homes in Florida and Minneapolis, savoring winery tours with son Kevin Diepholz and his wife, Deb. BBQs with son Mike Diepholz and his wife, Sue, were true delights-Mike's beef tenderloin and kabobs were unmatched. (plus- - his seafood omelets are second to none).

Before Florida, Lorraine and Bill lived in Arizona, where they cherished friendships with neighbors and spent time with stepson Chris Johnson and his wife, Amy. When in Minneapolis, Lorraine also enjoyed lunch and visits with stepdaughter Rondi Johnston-Willis, reminiscing in childhood memories.

While in Florida, Florida's ocean breezes and new friendships enriched Lorraine's days. Daughter Kim Newhouse and her husband, Steve, introduced her to delightful restaurants and drives down the legendary A1A. In Florida and throughout the United States, Lorraine's vast circle of friends spanned her lifetime—from grade school to Washington High School in Sioux Falls, SD and University of South Dakota Vermillion.... With stories of friends tossing rocks at her window calling her downstairs to go out!

Family held a special place in Lorraine's heart. She delighted in visits from her seven grandchildren, who helped with yard work, sent texts, pictures, and called often. Watching them grow into adults brought her immense joy. And she eagerly awaited the arrival of her sixth great-grandchild in October.

Music and faith intertwined in Lorraine's soul. Her brother Jim's singing resonated deeply, and she anticipated reuniting with her sister, Barb, in eternal harmony. A bucket-list dream came true when Kevin and Deb arranged for Lorraine to attend a David Phelps concert in Pella, IA. The journey was meticulously planned to ensure her comfort, and meeting David Phelps was a highlight. As she listened to his music on her last day, she whispered to her nurse, "This is the song for my funeral."

To all her friends, Lorraine considered you family. Farewell for now, dear Lorraine. We'll meet again, and eternity awaits your joyful spirit.

A memorial service to celebrate Lorraine's life will be held on Friday, July 12th at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, 5025 Knox Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55415. Visitation will be at 1:00 PM, with the service following at 2 PM.

To Live Stream the service go to: <https://mtolivet.org/livestream/>

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 12. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Visitation

JUL 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)
5025 Knox Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Memorial Service

JUL 12. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (So. Mpls)
5025 Knox Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Tribute Wall

LG

“ Kim and I were close friends in our teen years. Lorraine was like a second mother to me and I always felt welcome in their home. She had the grace of a gazelle and the strength to manage a house full of teen aged boys, Kim, me and others. And there was much fun had on the Lake Minnetonka boat outings. The memories are exciting and sweet. Thank you, deal Lorraine!!!

Laura Gillund - July 11, 2024 at 04:35 PM

KN

Thank you, Laura, for the very kind note of memories. Memories that will last a lifetime.

Kim Newhouse - July 15, 2024 at 10:30 PM

KB

we have known Lorraine since grade school. she has always been such a delightful person and we will miss her. we spent time with her for years in Sioux Falls and then we've been fortunate to spend time with her in Arizona. just hoping we'll meet again, Lorraine. love, karen and Brownie (Brown)

Karen and Warner Brown - September 21, 2024 at 11:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lorraine Beryl Forslin.



July 10, 2024 at 10:21 AM

TF

“ The Willis and Newhouse families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorraine Beryl Forslin.

The Willis and Newhouse families - July 10, 2024 at 10:01 AM

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“ The Willis and Newhouse families purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lorraine Beryl Forslin.



The Willis and Newhouse families - July 10, 2024 at 10:01 AM

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“ The Beard family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorraine Beryl Forslin.

The Beard family - July 10, 2024 at 08:27 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorraine Beryl Forslin.



July 10, 2024 at 08:27 AM

YC

“ Your JLL Family Carey + all colleagues planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorraine Beryl Forslin.

Your JLL Family Carey + all colleagues - July 08, 2024 at 08:51 AM

YC

“ Your JLL Family Carey + all colleagues purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Lorraine Beryl Forslin.



Your JLL Family Carey + all colleagues - July 08, 2024 at 08:51 AM

MC

“ We enjoyed visiting with Lorraine when she lived in Arizona. It was fun to be with her. I had always hoped she would be back here soon for a visit! Lorraine's mother was a first cousin of my father.

Margaret MacNeill Clemensen - July 06, 2024 at 05:34 PM

KN

Thank you so much for your thoughtful words. Mom always loved any family connection.

kim Newhouse - July 06, 2024 at 06:20 PM

DF

“ There are so many memories and she was there for me when I went through a hard time in my life. She shared her family with me and we watched our children grow into adults with children of their own. She hated the painted wooden snakes that are so popular in Arizona; so of course I bought her one for Christmas. I know Lorraine is singing in heaven with Barbara. Lorraine will always be with us because she will live in our hearts forever. May her family find peace knowing she is heaven.

Diane Fischer - July 06, 2024 at 10:58 AM

KN

Thank you, Diane, for your kind words. She enjoyed the many years of friendship with you- so did we.

kim Newhouse - July 06, 2024 at 06:18 PM

PD

Her time with us here in Ponte Vedra was so very special. We had so much fun and had so many wonderful get togethers. We will miss her smile, laughter and love.

Peggy and Don - July 09, 2024 at 07:00 PM

JC

We had never met anyone with so much joy. She was such an inspiration and we cherished all of our time together. We will miss you very much our dear friend.

Andy and Joann

JoAnn Clay - July 09, 2024 at 07:49 PM