



Eleanor Mary Loretan

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Eleanor Mary Loretan, born October 14, 1930 to Henry and Eleanor Menzer in New York City, passed to her reward with a bang on July 4, 2022. Married to John Thomas Loretan on June 26, 1954 and celebrated their 68th Anniversary just last week.

Mother to four children - Christine Joan (Leentjes), Suzanne Marie, Mark Michael and John Ronald who predeceased her.

She was a homemaker in several locations during the 60's and early 70's, when she began her paid work life with the Birmingham, Michigan Community House. After a move to Ridgewood, New Jersey, she joined the Medical Records department at Valley Hospital. Her retirement cards were filled with comments such as "You were a stickler, but you taught me so much."

In retirement in Florida, Eleanor enjoyed golf with her girlfriends (The Half Rounders) and volunteered for many years at her local community food bank, Loaves and Fishes in Apopka. She loved throwing dinner and cocktail parties with music, laughter and singing. If a microphone came within 5 feet of her, we would be treated to a rendition of any number of her favorite songs. She was a devout parishioner at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Mount Dora, where she was a lay reader, part of the Prayer Shawl knitting circle and an officer of the Alliance of Women. As an avid New York Yankees fan, this current season was a joy for her.

Eleanor is survived by her husband John, brother and sister, Charles Menzer and Judith Raab, three of her children, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. With her July 4 passing, we will forever remember her when we see fireworks.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to Loaves and Fishes (<https://loavesandfishesapopka.com/financial-giving/>)



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A Memorial Mass will be held at 9 AM on Friday, July 22, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 6803 Old Hwy 441, Mount Dora, Florida, 32757.




Events


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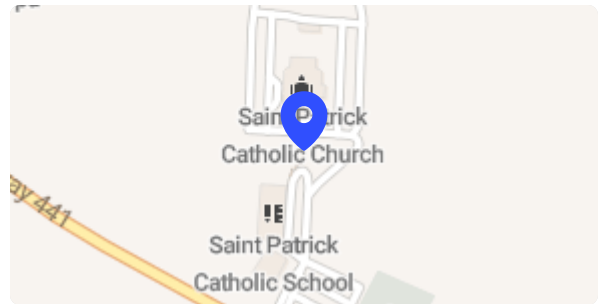
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Mass

 **Friday**, July 22, 2022


 9:00 AM ET

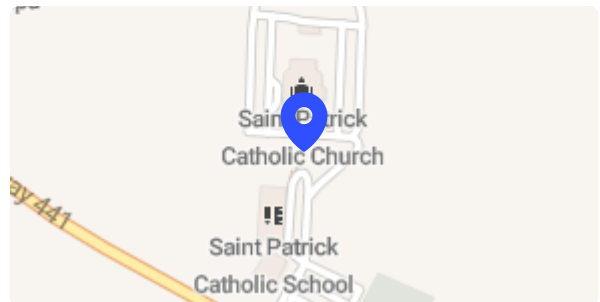
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MC

Maggie Courtney posted:

Dear Jack and family; while I was privileged to meet your dear wife and mother only a couple times, I recall her as a lovely and warm person. My late husband, Wade, who coincidentally passed away 12 years ago on July 4th, had many warm and oft told memories of Travelers ☂️. Thank you for finding my address and I will keep you all in my prayers. God's peace and blessings. Maggie Courtney

July 16 at 2:13 PM

DE

Debbie posted:

May her memory be a blessing to your family, Suzanne. Steve and Debbie

July 12 at 6:52 AM

LF

Loaves & Fishes posted:

There isn't a single memory of Eleanor that doesn't begin without a smile or her infectious laugh. Apart from her quick wit, and amazing sense of humor, she emanated a joy that could be felt by everyone around her. It is said that the greatest legacy we can leave behind is not money, material things, or successes accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith. We are so very thankful and completely blessed to have witnessed her love and dedication serving others at Loaves & Fishes. Her absence will always be felt, but we rejoice in knowing that in Christ there are no good-bye's.

July 12 at 5:36 AM

KF

Kathleen Forgione lit a candle in honor of Eleanor.

Find comfort that your mother is in our Lords loving arms, at peace and out of pain. I remember staying with you all in Virginia one summer and mom was strict but fair. I always got special attention while there. She lived a wonderful active life. She will be missed. Love ya, Kathy

July 8 at 12:08 PM



WM

William Menzer July 9 at 5:56 AM

I remember when Aunt Eleanor and family used to come visiting when we lived in Elmhurst. Special memories when you opened your home in Florida for wife and I and so glad you met my daughter and husband.



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Barbara Phillips posted:

I remember Eleanor well, sitting out in her son's backyard in California, chatting, as mothers do, about our families. It was a regular rhythm, visiting son Marc's for several weeks each year. Seeing her nephew Eric who also lives here in the west. All the neighbors came, Marc cooked lavish meals, we were a west coast group for his parents. Jack and Eleanor wanted contact with him, to work on his house, see the sites, check in to make sure all was well. Marc called his parents every Sunday, just to keep the connection going. That connection has now changed. She will be missed. Barbara Phillips Marc Loretan's neighbor.

July 8 at 7:29 AM



Judy, Charlie, Kristine And Family sent a Peace, Prayers, & Blessings-Lavender and White to the Loretan family.



July 8 at 6:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Loretan family.



July 7 at 5:33 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eleanor by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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