



Lorraine E Bartolf

April 8, 1935 - January 12, 2024

Lorraine Bartolf was born Jane Lorraine Naffziger outside of Dixon Illinois on April 8th, 1935 and passed away peacefully on January 12th, 2024. She lived a life overflowing with family, friends, and love. Born on a depression era Illinois farm with five brothers and a sister, Lorrie lost her mother very early in life, and her father lost the farm soon after. Because of this, she spent her entire childhood in a Lutheran orphanage, luckily with her younger siblings, leaving only to attend high school while living with a foster family.

She and her sister formed a bond along with her brothers, and became a close-knit band, relying on each other through tough times. Afterward, she would constantly speak of those days not through the lens of struggle, but of the joys that her family members brought her, and the kindness of others.

After graduating high school, she moved to New York, where she joined the Naval Wave Corps, working in intelligence and playing on the women's basketball team, making many life-long friends along the way. Lorrie was deeply proud of her work, the military, and her fellow service members. There in New York, she met her beloved husband Joseph and set out to create the family home she never got to experience. She dedicated her life to raising two boys, Douglas and Bruce, and created a home filled with love and joy. In Garden City, she volunteered her time, helping out at her boys' school, with Doug's sports, Bruce's music and their many other activities. She loved

attending and being involved in church, which was fueled by strong faith and belief.

She corralled the family through multi-week vacations spanning the US, Europe and Canada, instilling a passion for travel and demonstrating her resiliency and good humor through it all – always pulling a surprise toy or book from her gigantic purse. Her family could always count on handwritten cards for all occasions filled with heartfelt thoughts, encouragement, and affection. Her house was truly a home, filled with family, friends, food, and love.

Constantly sending care packages to her boys' college as they studied, she celebrated their graduation and their weddings with great enthusiasm and, especially, enjoyed her new daughters-in-law Diana and Maya. But Lorrie's work was not done and she took on the job of grandmother with the same dedication and joy as her grandchildren were born and grew up to be young men.

Retiring to Florida and Castle Rock Colorado, Lorrie and Joe moved closer to family with their son Doug, sister-in-law Diana, and grandson Luke; but, they still managed to travel the world, winter in Phoenix, and regularly visit their son Bruce, daughter-in-law Maya, and grandsons Owen and Tim, in California.

In 2021, Lorrie returned to Jupiter and made many friends with the staff and residents of Luxe senior living.

Always proud of her boys and grandchildren, Lorrie leaves a lasting legacy of love. Lorrie was preceded in death by her siblings and husband, Joseph. Lorrie is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Douglas and Diana Bartolf; son and daughter-in-law Bruce and Maya Bartolf; and, grandchildren Timothy Bartolf; Luke Bartolf and Owen Bartolf.

Cemetery Details

South Florida National Cemetery

6501 South State Road 7
Lake Worth, FL 33449

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Memorial Service

FEB 2. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I am so thankful I was able to spend some time with Lorrie. A woman whose childhood journey began during the challenging days of the Great Depression. She carried the resilience learned in those times throughout her entire life.

Lorrie always told me she was a tomboy who loved to follow the boys around and that she would rather play ball than play with dolls. Having spent a few times in children's homes, she emerged with an unbroken spirit, a testament to her strength and endurance. Her early years shaped her, fostering a tenacity that defined her.

When I asked her why she joined the military, she said, “Why not. It sounded fun.” I loved that.

She would talk about how proud she was of Doug and Bruce and adored their wives and her grandchildren.

A constant theme in her conversations was that she was blessed. She was grateful and always felt fortunate.

Piper and I were honored to know Lorrie and spend time with her. Her stories made history come alive. Her life could have been a movie. She always made us feel right at home and welcomed us into her house.

She will be missed. You all did a wonderful job of loving, caring, and honoring her. How special that she was able to be a part of your daily lives in Florida and that she was so well cared for.

Thinking of you all as you get ready to celebrate her life.
It is a life worth celebrating...

Cameron Crawford - January 30, 2024 at 01:01 AM

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“ Miss Lorrie was such a light in my life. Although I only had the chance of knowing her for a few months, she impacted my life tremendously. She always would tell me stories about how much she loved her family and Jesus. Through it all, Miss Lorrie was a strong believer. She always knew how to make me laugh. My favorite memory with her was when we went shopping together and she put on a mini fashion show. It was like she was a teenage girl again and it was such a great time together. I will forever remember Miss Lorrie “The Queen”, as I used to call her, and keep her close to my heart! 💕

Brittni Rocanello - January 15, 2024 at 06:54 PM