



Laura Dougherty Ragonesi

February 1, 1925 - January 13, 2016

Laura Ragonesi died on January 13, 2016.

Her courage and compassion continues through her husband of 63 years, Ray Ragonesi; their six children; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Laura was born in New York City, the second of six children, moving out to the 'Island' when she was 10. She excelled in school and graduated from Mephem High School in Bellmore, New York. From these quiet beginnings, she moved into the world bringing her humor, competence, and essential goodness to everyone she knew. She lived in New York, Texas, Florida, and finally in her "beautiful Chestertown."

Ahead of her time in many things, she taught her children that everyone deserves a chance, that a body needs wholesome food, that time spent playing is valuable, and that being happy is a gift you give yourself.

Laura was many things, a cook who made even the pedestrian wonderful; a serious and accomplished bridge player who always remembered it was called a game for a reason; a maker of quilts with a thousand stitches; a stained glass creator; a sower of plants; a reader; a child's ever-present support; and the best of all wives. For wife, mother and friend—"May the wind under your wings bear you where the sun sails and the moon walks."

The family hopes you will do an unexpected, unsolicited act of kindness to remember Laura. Friends may also consider a donation to the Salvation Army, which held a special place in her heart.

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 22, 2016, at Sacred Heart Church, 508 High Street, Chestertown, MD, with luncheon to follow. A brief viewing will be held from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Mass

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
508 High Street
Chestertown, MD

Visitation

JAN 22. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Chestertown Location
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
(410) 778-0055
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Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Dougherty Ragonesi*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Laura Dougherty Ragonesi*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Mr and Mrs Ragonesi and the whole Ragonesi family were a God-send to the Kennard family. I cherish the many memories of time spent together, playing ball on Quill place, Richard always helping me with my car and being the BESTEST friend ever, our Mom's playing bridge weekly with Mrs. Powers and Mrs. Flanagan and others.*

THANK YOU and may God bless you in your new home in heaven.



- Janet Kennard Keefe, Ithaca, NY

Janet Keefe - March 08, 2018 at 09:15 PM

AK

From the depths of my heart, I will always remember you Laura. Your kindness, gentle and compassionate spirit, your smile and sense of humor, and your exceptional maternal presence that touched my life, that provided love and friendship toward my mother, who always experienced you as her best friend... I am so very grateful that my mom had you in her life and that she loved you dearly.

It is with a very happy heart that I carry with me so many memories of you throughout my childhood in east north port, my visits with you and Ray in Florida every time I went down to see my mom, your presence at jonathan's Home for mom's incredible 80th birthday... it is today that I feel the sadness of a heavy heart upon just learning that you passed a little over two years ago, and of Ray's passing just two months ago... a very sad feeling deep inside.

I celebrate the lives of both you and Ray during my feelings of loss with the comfort of our faith, knowing that you both have achieved your life long journey into the safety and eternal peace of heaven, alongside your bridge partner, my mom. God Bless you both and thank you as you continue to pray for all of us. Respectfully, Chip Kennard

arthur kennard - March 09, 2018 at 10:59 AM

JS

“ I never met Laura, but David (her grandson) loved her so much and talked highly about her often. In lieu of sending flowers, I made a donation to the Salvation Army in her honor and memory. Sending prayers and love to her family and friends!

Jordan Shilling - January 22, 2016 at 02:29 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Laura Dougherty Ragonesi.



January 21, 2016 at 09:57 AM

LI

“ *Luisa's Cucina Italiana lit a candle in memory of Laura Dougherty Ragonesi*



Luisa's Cucina Italiana - January 21, 2016 at 08:58 AM

KT

“ *Kathy,Chris and April, Keren and Bill, Steph and Tony purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Laura Dougherty Ragonesi.*



Kathy,Chris and April, Keren and Bill, Steph and Tony -
January 20, 2016 at 12:52 PM

SA

“ *Susan, Jeff, and Alex purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Laura Dougherty Ragonesi.*



Susan, Jeff, and Alex - January 19, 2016 at 09:33 AM

PL

“ *Ms. Laura,*

*I'll always treasure our talks about family, cooking, and gardening.
You'll forever be in our hearts!
Peggy, Ashley, & David*

Peggy Landskroener - January 18, 2016 at 06:51 PM

BM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Brenda Dougherty Mason - January 18, 2016 at 09:33 AM

RB

“ Ms. Laura I didn't know long but I'm going to miss that smile of yours. Rudy



Rudolf Bitter - January 17, 2016 at 05:09 PM

SU

“ 1 file added to the album Laura Ragonesi



Susan - January 17, 2016 at 09:08 AM

TE

I can see both Sam and Liza in these beautiful faces. Terry K

Terry - January 19, 2016 at 09:51 AM