



## Lorraine Ann Fricka

May 5, 2012

Lorraine Ann Rich Fricka, formerly of Washington, DC, passed away peacefully at Taylor Melfa House, Denton, MD, where she resided for the past three years.

Born in Bath, Maine, she was the only child of the late Fred P. and Laura A. Dalton Rich, and step-daughter to the late Edward J. Bernier.

Much of Lorraine's early years were spent in Prince Edward Island, Canada, where she was raised by her maternal grandmother. She returned to the States to reside with her mother and step-father in Rockland, Maine, where she graduated from Rockland High School. Memories from high school, she always said, were her best and most favorite. The family moved to Brunswick, Maine, where Lorraine worked as a bookkeeper at Montgomery Ward's. She also worked at the Bath Iron Works and attended nursing school at Deering Nursing School in Farmington, Maine.

Lorraine proudly and honorably served her country in the United States Navy as a Pharmacist's Mate, Second Class, and was based in Bainbridge, MD and Camp Lejeune, NC.

Lorraine moved to Washington, DC in the late 40's and graduated from the Washington School for Secretaries. She also attended a modeling school.

Lorraine began her career at the Evening Star, later renamed the Washington Star, in the advertising department in the early 50's. She was part of the development and inception of the television magazine for the paper, and eventually worked her way up to assistant editor of the TV Magazine, working closely with the late Bernie Harrison. Her nearly 30 year career at the Washington Star was her love and her passion, and she greatly enjoyed being part of the Star family. It was a very sad and difficult time for Lorraine when the shining light of the Star was extinguished in 1981. Shortly after its demise, she went to work for the Washingtonian Magazine, where she was an editorial assistant for five years.

On February 20, 1954, Lorraine married Ronald J. Fricka, formerly of Cicero, IL, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Georgetown, Washington, DC, where they were parishioners for over twenty years. They were married for 51 years at the time of Ronald's death in June, 2005.

Lorraine enjoyed traveling and visited many wonderful places, including several trips to Ireland, Hawaii, France and various provinces in Canada. She loved Rehoboth Beach in Delaware and would spend several weeks there every summer.

She will be deeply missed by her daughter, Deborah Rementer and her husband, Bobby, of Harrington, DE, of whom she thought the world; her only grandson and shining light of her life, Keats, whom she adored; her brother in-law Joel Fricka and his wife, Doris, of Crest Hill, IL; her sister in-law, Marjorie Markowski of Urbana, IA; a special cousin, Lorraine Dunn of PEI, Canada, and her granddaughter, Robin.

The family wishes to express abundant thanks and appreciation for the very special care, patience and love given to Lorraine by the owners and staff of the Taylor Melfa House.

A funeral mass will take place at 10:00 am on Friday, May 11 at St. Christopher's Catholic Church, 1861 Harbor Drive, Chester, MD, where friends may call one hour prior to the service.

A private interment will take place at Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle, VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Lorraine's memory be made to St. Christopher's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 660, Chester, MD 21619-0660; or Safe Haven Animal Sanctuary of Sussex County, P.O. Box 430, Nassau, DE 19969.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Christopher's Catholic Church  
1861 Harbor Drive  
Chester, MD

## Service

MAY 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lorraine Ann Fricka*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Lorraine Ann Fricka*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Lorraine Ann Fricka*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *May the family of Lorraine Fricka find comfort in their loving memories, and in knowing that God is "near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." (Psalm 34;18) Our loving Creator has promised to soon "swallow up death forever...and wipe the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) With deepest sympathy.*

**Jonte** - May 16, 2012 at 02:32 PM



“ *My condolences to the family on the loss of your loved one. (Romans 15:4)*

**M. Johnson** - May 16, 2012 at 02:04 PM

PJ

“ To the family of Lorraine Ann Rich Fricka, I am truly sorry for the passing of your loved one, as you grieve may the God who gives comfort to all comfort you and your family in your time of need as spoken of at 2 Corinthians 1:3

PJG - May 11, 2012 at 07:56 PM

MD

“ Dear Debbie and family, I love this picture of your Mom! She looks so happy! I am going to miss seeing her but she is finally at peace. You and yours will remain in my thoughts and prayers. Maureen

Maureen Duggan - May 11, 2012 at 01:43 PM

MP

“ Dear Debbie, Bobby and Keats, You have my deepest sympathies. I have very fond memories of Aunt Lorraine and your summer visits to Maine when we were kids. I especially remember 1 Thanksgiving where we all met at my mom's & that year, & it decided to snow on Thanksgiving! Your mom is missed, but her memories will live in our hearts. You are in my thoughts & prayers, cuz! LOVE you, Maggie, Michael & girls

Maggie Patterson - May 08, 2012 at 03:24 AM

GP

“ Debbie and Bobby: Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you during your loss. We know you have many, many wonderful memories that will always remain in your hearts. God will surely give you the strength and love to get through this difficult period. Your mother is now resting with God and has been reunited with your father. God Bless your family at this time. Blessings to all, Gene and Lynda Palmatary



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 07, 2012 at 02:50 PM

AW

“ *Debbie, Bobby and Keats--Thinking of you and keeping you in my prayers. The angels are watching over you.*  
*Anne W.*

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**Anne K. Whaples** - May 07, 2012 at 01:02 PM

AC

“ *Dear Debbie, Bobby and Keats,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love, The Chouinard Family ~ Annemarie, Kenneth, Kristen, Katrina, Cassandra*

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**Annemarie Chouinard** - May 07, 2012 at 11:26 AM

WA

*Our deepest sympathy to your family. A colleague we all loved.*  
*~ Washington Star Alumni*

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**Washington Star Alumni** - May 08, 2012 at 07:48 AM