



Loretta Casale

May 10, 1936 - September 23, 2024

EXETER - Loretta Casale, 88, passed away Monday, September 23, 2024, at Exeter Hospital following a decline in her health.

Born in Boston, MA on May 10, 1936 to parents Margaret and Dominic Thomas and sibling to elder brother Peter Thomas and sisters Delores Melegnano and Constance Flores, Loretta was a proud Italian woman with a fierce passion for life. She lived in a way that few are capable of doing. Her devotion to family and friends was unmatched, and she cared deeply for those close to her. An incredibly friendly and open-minded woman, she would frequently be caught chatting with strangers and would take any opportunity to make a new friend. Her positive energy and attitude were infectious; she was the life of the party and the queen of the card table.

In addition to her lively demeanor and enthusiastic attitude, Loretta was also known for her hard work and dedication. While raising three young children in her mid-30's, she started a job at Bell Telephone in Haverhill, MA to ensure her family would be able to enjoy the fruits of life. Over the course of her career at Bell Telephone, Loretta ascended from a telephone operator to a clerk in the engineering department, and she took great pride in her work. She retired in the early 2000's to spend more time with her family. Through her hard work, she was able to afford to teach her children how to swim, ski, and golf, which were passions of her own.

Loretta was renowned for her incredible cooking, never showing up empty-handed to a single family gathering. Her Italian cuisine was revered among family and peers alike – she could out-cook any chef using the same recipe. Nobody left her house with an empty stomach, or without leftovers to be enjoyed over the coming days.

Loretta's spunky and larger-than-life personality, positive "go-getter" attitude, and fervent love for her family and friends will be sorely missed. She is survived by her son, Michael Casale and his wife Cathy of Peterborough; her daughter, Lisa Lortie and her husband Brian of Exeter; and various grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. She was predeceased by her son, Paul Casale, her husband, George Casale, and her brother, Peter Thomas.

Family and friends will gather to honor and remember Loretta for her funeral Mass on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at St Michael Parish, 9 Lincoln Street, Exeter, NH 03833. Burial will be private and Loretta will be laid to rest beside her husband at the New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Loretta's memory to St Jude Children's Research Hospital by clicking here. (<https://www.stjude.org/>)

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Michael Church
9 Lincoln Street
Exeter, NH 03833

Tribute Wall

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Lisa - October 09, 2024 at 10:24 AM

LT

“ My deepest condolences on your loss of your beautiful mother (Aunty Loretta) my loving Godmother ❤️🙏❤️ may she now be with the 😊 angels as she was 1 as her self, she will be sadly missed 💕. much appreciated Love cousin Loretta 💕

Loretta Thomas - October 08, 2024 at 06:43 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Loretta Casale.



October 01, 2024 at 02:37 PM

DA

“ Debra A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Loretta Casale.

Debra A. - September 30, 2024 at 09:01 PM



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Michael Casale - September 30, 2024 at 08:15 AM

LT

You have my deepest condolences for your loss of mom, may she be with uncle George & the angels 😊 always ❤️🙏❤️ she will be sadly missed & b forever in my 🙏 prayers always, Thank you for sharing these wonderful memories 💖 much appreciated Love your cousin Loretta ❤️

Loretta Thomas - October 03, 2024 at 12:29 PM

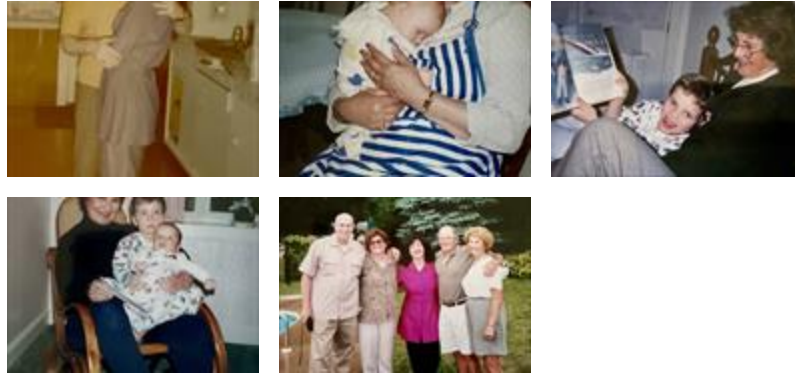
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“ Lisa and Michael, there are no words to ease the pain. I loved 'Retta with all my heart. She had such beauty inside and out . I treasure our visits, especially the one a few weeks ago. Auntie 'Retta, I loved your laugh and how much you loved your family. I will miss you. Love, always, Barbara ❤️

Barbara N Dahlke - September 29, 2024 at 09:46 AM

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Lisa - September 28, 2024 at 11:57 AM

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Lisa - September 28, 2024 at 11:41 AM

LT

You have my deepest condolences my dear Lisa & family, she's was so beautiful & open-hearted, gifted, intelligent and always the queen and the life of the party 💖 I will always cherish the times we were together, may she be with the angels 😊 she will be sadly missed... I also have a beautiful picture of her ,my dad had given me, with her contagious beautiful smile & I'll never forget my wonderful aunty Loretta ❤️🙏❤️ Love your cousin Loretta 🌹👉

Loretta Thomas - October 03, 2024 at 12:42 PM