



## Joyce G. Lorenzo

March 16, 1934 - March 14, 2011

Pittsford: Joyce died peacefully at home with her loving husband at her side on March 14, 2011 at the age of 76 from complications of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Joyce was born on March 16, 1934 in Bassano, Alberta. She grew up in a remote area of Alberta on First Nations land. While attending the University of Alberta, she met and married Alfred Lorenzo, with whom she would spend 53 happy years. Their marriage was an inspiring example of harmony and love to all who knew them. After working as a dietitian at Buffalo Children's Hospital, Joyce took time off from her career to raise her two daughters, Vivian and Susan. Joyce was an extraordinary mother and was renowned for her culinary skills. After her children were grown, she established a successful career as a food stylist. She also was a volunteer for Literacy Volunteers and enjoyed meeting and helping people from other nations. She had a warm and kind personality, always thoughtful and gracious to others, and had many, many friends who will miss her dearly. Joyce was the beloved grandmother of five grandchildren and spent many happy hours visiting and traveling with them. During her final year of life, Joyce faced her illness with resilience and grace – true to her amazing spirit and an inspiration to all who knew her.

Predeceased by her parents, Bert and Meta Schon, her sister Molly and brother Hugh, she is survived by her husband Alfred, her daughters Susan Smith of Atlanta, GA and Christine Vivian Lorenzo of Ithaca, NY, sons-in-law Michael Smith and Marek Przewdziecki, and her grandchildren Kendall, Julia, Rex, Sam and Ned.

Calling hours will be on Saturday, March 19, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m., at Anthony Funeral Chapel, 2305 Monroe Avenue. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association/ALS Division, 1425 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14623 or to Literacy Volunteers of Rochester, 249 Highland Avenue, Rochester, New York 14620. To leave an online condolence or share a memory, please visit [www.anthonychapels.com](http://www.anthonychapels.com).

# Events

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Anthony Funeral Chapels, Brighton

2305 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY, US, 14618

# Comments

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Susan Arrison - March 29, 2011 at 12:14 AM

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Susan Arrison - March 29, 2011 at 12:12 AM

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“ Dear Viv, Susan, Al and Families,

I met Joyce a couple of times through my friendship with Viv, first at Viv's wedding, and then when Viv was expecting Sam I enjoyed a lovely dinner at Joyce and Al's new home in Rochester. Joyce and Al were such kind and gracious hosts on both occasions. But I knew Joyce and Al mainly through Viv's stories of Lorenzo family life, which were always a pleasure and inspiration to hear, and vividly illustrated the love that Joyce and Al had for each other and for their daughters, and their grace and wisdom as parents. That my friend Viv is such a wonderful person is a testament to both Joyce and Al. The love, grace and wisdom that formed the Lorenzo family lives on in Al and their beautiful and accomplished daughters and grandchildren.

I send you my love on your great loss with Joyce's passing. Wishing you all peace and more peace, a thousand times over.

Lynn Maggie Pierce, West Vancouver, BC Canada



“ Dear "Mr. Lorenzo," Sue and Vivian,

So sorry to hear of your mother (or wife's) passing. Also, sorry to hear she suffered with ALS in the last year. We have experience with that terrible illness in our family (my grandmother died from it). I will always remember Joyce's smile, the sparkle in her eyes, and her voice. Of course, as a good friend of Sue's in junior high and high school, there were moments of sternness in her voice as well! I remember her love of cooking (we would try to be there on Gourmet Group nights to sample) and I do know that Sue has the ability to carry on that legacy if and when she has the time. I also remember Joyce's love of decorating. She seemed to derive great satisfaction from providing a wonderful home for her family. I wish I could be with your family as you mourn her passing and remember her life.

Love and peace to you, Patty (Stiles) Camplair

Patty Stiles Camplair - March 19, 2011 at 02:02 PM

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“ Dear Al, Vivian and Susan,

We are deeply sorry for your loss of lovely wife and mother. We are very sad for our loss of Xiaomei's English mentor and our family friend.

Joyce started teaching Xiaomei English in 1992, a few months after we came to Rochester from China when Xiaomei knew zero about the language. Joyce was a great teacher. She came to our apartment every week with prepared materials. She tried to use drawings, gestures, images, tapes and all kinds of methods to start communication. With encouragements from Joyce, word by word, sentence by sentence, Xiaomei made progress every week. In addition to teaching English, she brought Xiaomei and some times our family to malls, parks, restaurants, libraries, festivals and other places to introduce daily life environment. On holidays, Joyce invited us to your home to have joy with your family. Li always got gifts from Joyce and Al on Christmas and birthdays when he was young and that was his unforgettable happy times. In 1999, Joyce and Al went to China and visited Xiaomei's family. Since then, it was amazing Joyce could remember every family member's name and she always paid consideration to their life there. When some of them came to Rochester visiting us, they were all invited to have a visit to your home. Over past years, every time our family had things like graduation, job hunting etc., Joyce and Al were always willing to give advisories.

There are so many good memories of Joyce. Her help, her smile and her warm and kindness will be in our minds forever.

Xiaomei, Zheng and Li



“ Dear Al, Vivian, Susan and Families,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Joyce will surely be missed; not only by us, but by everyone who has ever been lucky enough to know her. She was beautiful inside and out; a real lady.  
We met about 10 years ago when I married into the Arrison clan and I have loved her ever since. She was such an upbeat, happy, and generous soul.  
She had a genuine interest in the lives of people in her life. Joyce and Al would somehow make time to visit the Canadian contingency in Toronto for special occasions; or meet up somewhere between here and Pittsford just to have a quick visit and catch up.  
I will always admire how she knew her way around that kitchen too. With her Sous Chef Monsieur Al in tow, they worked together like two peas in a pod. There was always a synergy between them. We could feel it. What gracious hosts!  
Her humor, spirit, grace and peace live on in her beautiful daughters and exceptional grand children. She will never be far away.  
Wishing you all much Love and Light  
Darlene and Hugh Arrison

Darlene Hannan Arrison - March 19, 2011 at 12:19 AM

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Alf Cryderman (Joyce's nephew) - March 18, 2011 at 08:17 PM

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“ Dear Al, Vivian and Susan and families  
Thinking of all of you with love! Joyce was a wonderful person a wonderful Aunt and I know she was a wonderful mother and wife. She always was interested in things and people and had a great sense of humour. She was kind, respectful ,generous of heart and a role model for all of us coming after her. Family was always important to her, even her extended family . She and Al made many trips back to share in important family events with their Canadian relatives. We will always be grateful to her and Al for this! I am so glad I had one last quality time with her before she died. A lovely person who will be terribly missed. Love and warm thoughts from your Canadian side.

Joyce`s niece and nephew -in -law. Sue and Alf

Susan Arrison - March 18, 2011 at 05:16 PM

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“ Dear Al, I was very sad to read of Joyce's passing. I always looked forward to seeing her smiling face in the classes at Osher. I'm so very sorry for your loss and hope that you're doing as well as can be expected under these difficult circumstances. Thom Smith

Thom Smith - March 18, 2011 at 10:21 AM

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“ Dear Al, I am so sorry to hear of Joyce' s passing. She was such a lovely lady. At one time we shared an office while working at French's in the Test Kitchen. She was always so kind...never a harsh word. She was so proud of her daughters who were attending college at the time.

A few years ago, we I bumped into each other at the Eastman House. She was as gracious as ever.

Please enjoy your wonderful memories at this difficult time.

Irene DiNolfo

Irene M. DiNolfo - March 18, 2011 at 08:26 AM

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“ Dear Lorenzo Family,

I am so sorry for the loss of Mrs. Lorenzo. What a remarkable person she was. Truly a person that so naturally radiated love, warmth, acceptance and peace. It was always a treat to spend time in her presence. She had such sweet, tender manner, making any engagement positive and life giving. In high school, I remember how attentive and interested she always was, never seeming invasive, rather caring and encouraging. Mr. Lorenzo, even as a young person, the love you two shared was stunning. I used to watch you do the tasks at hand, always together, side by side, noting how exceptional your relationship was.

It was fun to talk recipes with Mrs. Lorenzo. She introduced me to those mini Pillsbury cookbooks as a teenager. My current collection includes the originals, that I purchased after viewing them at your home. Unfortunatly, my collection is not as meticulously maintained as hers! I think she could recall every recipe from every book! I still prepare some "Mrs. Lorenzo" recipes, like Nanimos bars, Dad's cookies and even my basic bread recipe is hers! Always reminded of her great enthusiasm and joy in preparing food for others and making guests feel welcomed and

celebrated!

One exceptionally fun memory I have is when a group of us slept over your house one Saturday night. In the morning, Mrs. Lorenzo made a beautiful brunch, served in the dining room! Very spontaneously she began bringing out items one at a time from the kitchen and asking us to guess what it was used for. We were painfully inept at her game, and all enjoyed loads of laughs.

I wish for you all great comfort and peace as you gather together this week end.

With Much Love,

Jan de Ubl

Jan de Ubl - March 17, 2011 at 06:29 PM

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“ Dear Uncle Al, Susan, and Vivienne, I was so sorry to hear of Aunt Joyce's passing. Some of my fondest childhood memories were of my family's trips from Buffalo to Rochester in the 60's. Aside from serving the best dinners and desserts (!), Aunt Joyce always had such an endearing way about her. She had the most engaging laugh where her whole face would light-up and sparkle, and her shoulders would shake as the merriment ran through her. I remember alot of chuckles and giggles, and they continued through the years and were evident still when she and Uncle Al congregated in Vero Beach, and wherever the old group were meeting at . My parents always loved seeing them and spending time with them. She packed alot into her life, making every moment count. I consider myself blessed to have known such a precious lady. You are all in my thoughts and prayers, Debra Putman Carzoli

Debra Putman Carzoli - March 16, 2011 at 09:57 PM

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“ Joyce was a wonderful and kind friend. I always enjoyed seeing her even though it was not often enough. My thoughts are with all of her family. I am so saddened.

Sherry McLaughlin-Klumpp

sherry McLaughlin-Klumpp - March 16, 2011 at 07:43 PM

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“ Dear Al, We have only known you and Joyce for a few months since you arrived here at the Highlands. It was a shock to learn that Joyce had passed away and have been very saddened by that news. Please pass on to all her family our condolences and know, yourself, that we feel deeply your sorrow. If you plan to continue on here we both hope you will feel free to continue to be our friends and to get together often. Most sincerely, Chris and Pat Braunschweiger, Apt. #118



“ I was so sorry to read about Joyce's death in the paper this morning. She was such a nice person! I miss seeing her and Al walking around our neighborhood. I always liked hearing stories about their travels too. Joyce did a great job taking care of our neighborhood as the Association treasurer for years.

My mom died of ALS back in 1988. I was hoping there would be some advances in the treatment of the disease by now. I was saddened when I learned that Joyce had been diagnosed with it.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Lany Ianni (12 Chatham Woods)



Lany Ianni, neighbor - March 16, 2011 at 03:53 PM

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“ Dear Viv & family--  
At times like this, it becomes so obvious that no time on earth is long enough to share with those we love, or to prepare our hearts for a last goodbye.

Your Mom was obviously an extraordinary person, Viv, who raised extraordinary daughters. Love and memories of her will live forever.... may they bring you peace.

You are in my thoughts and prayers. I am so very sorry.

Love,  
Mary K.

Mary Kranz - March 16, 2011 at 12:16 PM