



# Mary Loraine Mortellaro

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**M**ary Loraine Mortellaro, 84 passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital with family by her side on March 5, 2025.

She had suffered with Lewy Body dementia and lung cancer. Loraine was born on April 30, 1940 in Tampa, FL (Ybor City) to Charles Otis Gonzales and Gladys Louise Thompson.

Loraine graduated from Plant High School. She married Salvatore "Sam" Giuseppe Mortellaro on July 28, 1956 and they were married 48 years when he passed away. Loraine had a realtor license and Insurance broker license. She ran her own insurance brokerage firm for many years prior to retirement. She was a very strong independent woman.

As children of an Airforce Sargent, Loraine and her sister Kerry Johnson traveled all over the world. Loraine considered herself an Airforce Brat. Loraine and her husband both attended St Joseph's Catholic School and encouraged her children to send their children to catholic school as well (and we did)

Loraine was a member of St. Josephs Catholic church where she was a member of the Ladies Guild as well as a lector and a Eucharistic Minister for many years. Loraine loved all animals, gardening, camping, going to the beach and walking in the park with her daughter-in-law, Jodie.

Loraine loved her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren with all of her heart. To them she was known as Grandma, Mema, and Grammy. She never missed an opportunity to support their interests and would often be found attending softball games in West Tampa and baseball games in Zephyrhills. As well as soccer and cheerleading at Tampa Catholic. And never missed a grand parent's day, school celebration or school play at Villa Madonna.

After retiring Loraine dedicated her time to taking care of her grandchildren watching them full time and enjoying the time spent watching them learn and grow. Loraine was survived by two of her children, Darlene Lesko, (Jim), Jason Mortellaro Sr., (Jodie) and daughter in law, Sandy. Her



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six grandchildren, Amy Schenker,(Brian),Stephanie Koons, (Greg), Ashley Franchino, (Jerry),Jason Mortellaro Jr., (Erika), Nicole Lesko, Joseph Mortellaro, (Jazmine).

Also survived by her ten great grandchildren, Jocelyn Frometa, Giovanni Frometa, Madison Schenker, Emelee Schenker, Lorelai Koons, Jesse Koons, Melina Mortellaro, Francisca “Cessa” Franchino, Selena Mortellaro, and Joseph Mortellaro Jr. Nephew Travis Johnson, (Victoria) and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Master Sargent Charles Otis and Gladys Gonzales, her husband of 48 years, Sam Mortellaro, her son Larry Charles “Chuck” Mortellaro, as well as her sister, Kerry Johnson.

On March 12, 2025 A visitation will be held at Boza & Roel Funeral home 4730 N. Armenia Ave. Tampa, FL 33603 from 11a.m.- 12p.m. Followed by a service from 12pm-1pm. Entombment at 1:30pm Centro Espanol Cemetery 4601 E. Lake Ave. Tampa, FL 33610.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Humane Society of Tampa Bay in Loraine’s honor. Donation link is below:

<https://hstb.givecloud.co/product/Donate/help-save-lives>



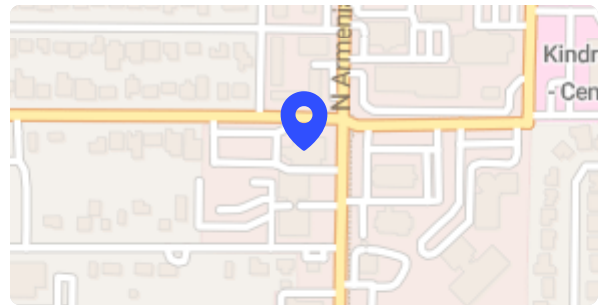
# Events

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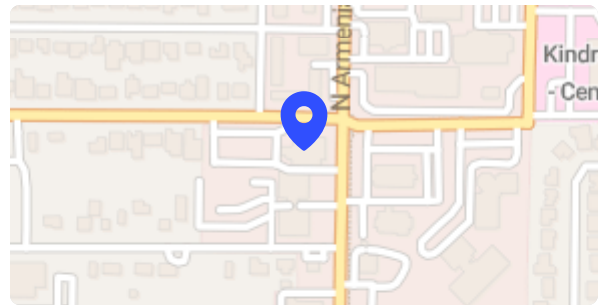
## Visitation

- Wednesday**, March 12, 2025
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- Boza & Roel Funeral Home**  
4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa FL 33603



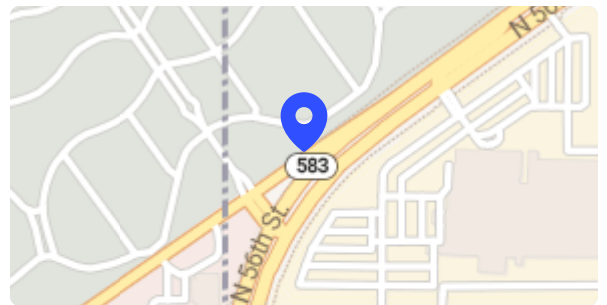
## Funeral Service

- Wednesday**, March 12, 2025
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET
- Boza & Roel Funeral Home**  
4730 North Armenia Avenue, Tampa FL 33603



## Graveside Service

- Wednesday**, March 12, 2025
- 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM ET
- Centro Espanol Memorial Park Cemetery**  
4601 E 32nd ave, Tampa FL 33605





# Tribute Wall

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**Bo Zonb** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Our prayers are with your family. With love your cousins Gail and Bobby Zambito

June 16 at 8:12 PM



**Bo Zonb** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Our prayers are with your family. Love your cousins Gail and Bobby Zambito

June 16 at 8:11 PM



**Toni Licata** lit a candle in honor of Mary.

Toni Licata lit a candle in memory of Mary Mortellaro

March 24 at 12:16 PM



**Toni Licata** posted:

My sincere condolences to Darlene, Jason and extended family. I grew up next door to Lorraine's mother in law (nana) and remember so many times with her children and her. I especially remember how I would see her drive up to pick them up and she was always so cheerful and always looked professional and pretty. I was always impressed with her way with the kids and how she was so easy to talk to and she always had time for us when now, I know she must have been tired working all day, but she never seemed too tired to listen to us and she was always so friendly. She was like another mom, a friend, and she was a great mom and wife. I know she will be missed greatly but I am so happy to have known her for the years we were close. She is part of my fondest childhood memories. Much love to the family.

March 24 at 9:10 AM



**Ashley Franchino** sent a virtual gift in honor of Mary.

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March 11 at 10:03 PM





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I LOVE YOU MEMA!

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Mary by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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