



Loretta DeJulian Snider

December 13, 2016 - August 7, 2016

Loretta DeJulian Snider, or Rae Rae as she liked to be called, passed away Sunday, August 7th. She passed peacefully in the family home.

She was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in late December of 2015 and fought this horrible disease with strength, courage & dignity. She was born to the late Rocky and Ernestine DeJulian in Detroit, Michigan on Friday, December 13th. She graduated from Cass Tech High School where she was captain of the cheerleader squad and voted "Most Radiant" her senior year. During her high school years she was an accomplished singer and ballerina. She had her own radio program out of Windsor, Canada. She studied ballet with Maria Tallchief and was selected to perform in the Nutcracker Suite Ballet with the Philadelphia Ballet Company at the Masonic Temple in Detroit.

On September 24, 1955 she married John Mansfield Snider of Cadillac, Michigan, whom she met on the slopes of Caberfae Ski Area. She moved to the shores of Lake Cadillac where she would enjoy her lakefront views for the next 60 plus years. Being of Italian heritage, Loretta's mother, "Tillie", followed Loretta to Northern Michigan and started the family business, The Marina Ristorante. Loretta would carry on the family owned business, overseeing the management & preparation of the home made sauces, pastas & desserts long after her mother passed. The Marina was her home away from home and was a gathering place for many celebrations for family, friends,

and the community. Working in the restaurant was a rite of passage for Loretta's children and grandchildren as she taught them values like integrity, hard work, and fairness.

Loretta was quite proud of her Italian roots and traveled to Italy several times with different family members, visiting historical sites and family relatives. Loretta was the great-great granddaughter of the Countess Vago of Milano, allowing her the title of Contessa Loretta. On her father's side the lineage is tied to the House of Julius by ancestors serving as a senator on Julius Caesar's court during the Roman Empire. During her 1994 visit with her father, sister and daughter, she was granted a special tour with the pope's emissary to the necropolis underneath the Basilica where the tomb of Saint Peter is located. During that tour she was also granted visits to the Vatican Gardens, the Vatican Mosaic Studio and the Vatican Radio, the first transmitting station built by Marconi so Pope Pius XII could address the whole world on February 12, 1931. This tour was very special for Loretta. During this trip she also gave Pope John Paul II a pair of Nike sneakers for his birthday. This was very meaningful because of Loretta's deep devotion to the Catholic Church.

Loretta's greatest pleasure, next to her family, was her love of music, the opera, the arts, and sports. She had such an amazing voice and was asked to perform at many different venues. She also performed for the USO. She held season passes for the Metropolitan Opera and never missed a performance. She was always the first caller in line to purchase tickets for Michael Moore's Traverse City Film Festival. She enjoyed watching all kinds of sports but was particularly fond of seeing her favorite athletes in action including Tom Brady, Steph Curry, and Tiger Woods. This passion for sports is shared by her son-in-law who would call Loretta to let her know what sports were on television each night. They would text each other during the games and this was a source of joy for Rae Rae. Loretta also loved her dogs, and provided a home

to many stray dogs she would find in the area.

Loretta was very active in the local Cadillac Philharmonic Club (life member and former President), the Cadillac Woman's Club (since 1957 and former president), and the Amici Club in the Detroit area. She was a charter lifetime member of the Caberfae Ski Club, a lifetime member of the Wexford County Historical Society, and a lifetime member of the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

Rae Rae's greatest pleasure was time spent with her family and the many family vacations; in addition to the many trips to Italy, there was Disney World, skiing in Sun Valley or Steamboat Springs, traveling to the beaches of the Dominican Republic, Mexico, or Jamaica, and the many trips to Maine, Colorado, and Washington State.

Loretta had the ability to light up every room she entered. She was a woman with class, grace, dignity and sense of style. She was a natural beauty but loved her make up & her gold jewelry. She was original, creative, and unique. She is remembered for her kindness, generosity and her big warm heart. She was full of love and loved by all.

She is survived & deeply missed by her husband, John (Jack) Mansfield Snider Sr., her children, Roxane Anderson of Evergreen, CO, John Snider Jr. Of Cadillac, MI, Mark Snider of Cadillac, MI and Rock Snider; of Bellingham, WA, her grandchildren, Tanya Sanger, Travis Snider, Brock Anderson & Amy Moore; her great grandchildren, Colton and Brody Sanger; her sister, Joan Linden; her brother, Ernie DeJulian, her son-in-law Bruce Anderson, daughters-in-law, Julie and Sherri Snider; her dog Bella Bianco; and a multitude of loving friends.

The family extends their thanks to her team of physicians and are truly grateful to Dr. Martin Dubravec, a friend and internist, who oversaw her care these past four weeks and guided her two children and caregivers, Mark and Roxane.

Memorial contributions may be made in Loretta's name to either of these local organizations; the Wexford County Animal Shelter, Cadillac Philharmonic Club, or the Cadillac Woman's Club.

Anyone wanting to honor her in a mass please call the Pontifical North American College at their USA office at (202) 541-5411 to request a mass be said in Rome at the Vatican for Loretta DeJulian Snider.

The Mass of Christian burial will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 12, 2016 at St. Ann Catholic Church with Reverend Father Bryan Medlin as celebrant. Friends may meet the family from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac with the rosary being prayed at 7:30 p.m. Burial will take place at Maple Hill Cemetery in Cadillac.

An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ My loving thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time (and always). May God's blessings bring you peace.

Renee Egelski (Goodrich) - August 15, 2016 at 10:29 AM

DA

“ Sorry to read the news of your beautiful Loretta

Dick and Marion Arps - August 14, 2016 at 11:17 PM

MZ

“ I met Loretta many years ago at the Philharmonic Club, and even though I am no longer a member, she still greeted me by name every time I saw her - most recently at Horizon. She was warm and friendly to all. I live now at Kirtland Terrace and we appreciate the beautiful flowers left here in her memory - so kind of the family to share her beautiful arrangement with us.

Millie Zukauskay - August 14, 2016 at 07:24 PM

CP

“ Beautiful, unique, intelligent, compassionate; almost impossible to describe. She would draw you in and make a friend of everyone she met. Devoted to her family and her faith, she was an inspiration to many of us. Loretta will be greatly missed, not never, ever, forgotten. Peace and prayers for all of Loretta's family and friends.

Christine Potter - August 12, 2016 at 08:53 AM

KW

“ Sending our deepest and most sincere condolences.

Karen Webster - August 12, 2016 at 08:47 AM

PW

“ Loretta was a remarkable woman...very sharp and beautiful, I enjoyed talking with her many times.

Pamela Welliver - August 11, 2016 at 07:44 PM

DB

“ Gramma Dee and your family gave me a job when I was 17. I learned so much from Tillie and Loretta that have stayed with me 50 years now. Prayers for the family.RIP Loretta.

Deb Bowman - August 11, 2016 at 03:27 PM

DB

“ My sympathy to the wonderful Snider family whom I had the good fortune to reside 4 doors east of their busy home for many, many years. What a GEM of .
a lady who made everyone around her elated. RIP, Loretta

Daniel Brooks - August 11, 2016 at 11:18 AM

SK

“ Loretta was a bright light during her time in this world and now shines as a super nova in heaven! Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. Love, Steve & Lorri

Stephen & Lorri King - August 11, 2016 at 09:22 AM

LM

“ *She was intelligent , beautiful and compassionate. Loretta always made us smile and we will miss her insights and humor. Our love to her wonderful family who share those endearing qualities . We were all lucky to know her!*

Laurie and Dick Melstrom - August 11, 2016 at 07:22 AM

DG

“ *How very saddened we are to hear of Loretta's passing. She was an exceptional human being, this world will not be the same without her presence. Sincere condolences to her family. May the many beautiful memories of her help ease your sorrow.*

Denise and Joe Godfrey - August 10, 2016 at 06:53 PM

BK

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with the entire family! Loretta was such a kind soul and treated our family so well! She always had a smile for everyone! Sleep with the Angels!*

Blase Kearney - August 10, 2016 at 07:03 AM

DD

“ *Our deepest sympathy to each of you for your loss yet we celebrate the joy and example Loretta shared with so very many. May the Lord bless you and keep you in these difficult days.*

Dianne and Cris Dippel - August 09, 2016 at 10:22 PM

GK

“ *May Gods blessings and peace be with you!*

Gordie and Cheryl Kuehn - August 09, 2016 at 06:48 PM

CB

“ *Now Loretta you are with the angels we used to talk about. Thank you for your encouragement in the faith and your loving friendship.*

Christine Barton - August 09, 2016 at 04:44 PM

PI

“ *Loretta was an amazing, caring and loving woman. She will be deeply missed.*

Patricia Sanger & Pat Irely - August 09, 2016 at 02:02 PM

BV

“ *Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to each and every one of you in the loss of Loretta. God bless your family in this time of sorrow.*

Bruce and Debbie Vennema - August 09, 2016 at 08:05 AM

KC

“ *May God give you rest and perpetual light. Prayers for you and your family. <3*

Kerry Claytor - August 09, 2016 at 06:45 AM