



Lorraine Alice Schulze

December 21, 1930 - March 26, 2016

Lorraine Alice Schulze, 85, of Lenox, died peacefully Saturday afternoon in the company of her family in the home Fred built for her in 1957.

Born in Pittsfield December 21, 1930, the daughter of David Weston Northwood and Mildred Curry Northwood, she was a 1948 graduate of Pittsfield High School and later in her life attended Berkshire Community College.

Mrs. Schulze was the Office Manager at her family's business, C.T. Brigham Wholesale Paper Co. of Pittsfield and retired after 30 years of service.

A world class volunteer, while still working she was on the Berkshire Community College Advisory Board for 17 years and was instrumental in planting trees at the current campus shortly after it opened. She also discovered a calling as a tour guide and volunteered in that capacity at Tanglewood for 50 years, Naumkeag in Stockbridge for 14 years, Frelinghuysen Morris House Studio for 18 years, and was a Field Guide for grade school children at the Pleasant Valley Sanctuary. She enjoyed her work as an usher at the Mahaiwe Theater in Great Barrington from 2000 to 2014 and taught English as a Second Language at the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge for 14 years.

Mrs. Schulze and her husband Ferdinand F. Schulze, who died March 2, 2013, were married in 1950.

She is survived by her daughter Daryl L. Wardwell and her husband Bruce of Whethersfield, CT; one son, David F. Schulze of Pittsfield; grandchildren Jake, Kelsey, and Liza Wardwell; one brother, Lance A Northwood and his wife Elaine of Pittsfield; nieces Jessica Hudnall and husband John, and Jamie Northwood and her son Weston along with countless friends whom she adored.

The funeral of Lorraine A. Schulze of Lenox who died March 26, 2016 will be Friday, April 1 at 10 am St. Joseph's Church in Pittsfield. Burial will follow in Pittsfield Cemetery. Calling hours at the ROCHE FUNERAL HOME in Lenox will be Thursday, March 31st from 4-7 pm. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory may be made to Salvation Army or Soldier On, both in care of the funeral home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Cemetery Details

Pittsfield Cemetery

Wahconah Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Roche Funeral Home
120 Main Street
P.O. Box 152
Lenox, MA 01240
(413) 637-0699
eroche120fh@gmail.com

Service

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church
414 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall

DD

“ As a somewhat introverted 17 year old, Lorraine took me under her wing and not only taught me the ropes of the family business, but also encouraged and nurtured me in all areas of life. More of a second "mom" than my first "boss", Lorraine was also my mentor, my confidant, and my lifelong friend. She was truly an amazing woman; and I will cherish my memories of her and of our friendship forever.

Daryl, David, and Family ~ sincere and heartfelt condolences to you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you today as you celebrate Lorraine's life and lay her body to rest. May your own cherished memories sustain you through this difficult day, and through the weeks and months to come.

Diane Demary

Diane Farrugo Demary - April 01, 2016 at 12:10 PM

RL

“ Please accept my condolences on the passing of Lorraine.

I remember Lorraine very fondly was an extremely vivacious, energetic and caring woman who volunteered for Mass Audubon's Berkshire Wildlife Sanctuaries for many years. She joyously introduced school children to the wonders of nature and led family groups on evening "beaver walks" during her years of association with Mass Audubon and our local sanctuaries. She brought sunshine into the lives of many people.

I also recall her devotion to her husband Fred. Their relationship seemed to be one of great love and caring.

Lorraine will be greatly missed by many.

Rene Laubach

*former director of Mass Audubon's Berkshire Wildlife Sanctuaries,
Lenox*

Rene Laubach - April 01, 2016 at 11:00 AM

LI

“ Dear Dary, David and Family,
I am so very sorry to hear of my "Pretty Lady" passing. She was so much fun to be with. May your happy memories bring you comfort at this very sorrowful time.

Love,

Laurie Benson Irwin

Laurie Irwin - April 01, 2016 at 09:24 AM

KD

“ Our lives and this world are so much more beautiful because of the touch of Mimi. We are so honored and blessed she so graciously shared her Mimi-ness with us and our 4 kids, taking a genuine interest in each of them that made them feel special. Whether listening with true interest to their squeaky saxophone or violin as if she was at Tanglewood, or walking across the real Tanglewood grass greeting us with a glass of wine to make sure we'd found everything okay. Mimi shared herself with us generously, and modeled the ever-youthful spirit with which we hope to live our lives. We will remember her with great love, and tap into that spirit, every time we care for her Jade plant on our kitchen table as she cared for us. We are so sorry for the loss of the one and only Lorraine. We all miss her and Christmas morning won't be same here on Butternut Circle. With deepest sympathy, love, and thankfulness to be lucky enough to know her,

Kathleen, Mike, Fiona, Michael, Sean and Mary Dunn

Kathleen Dunn - March 30, 2016 at 08:24 PM

PP

“ Dearest Lorraine ... our elegant fashionista, lover of the magic red slippers. world traveller first with Freddy (everywhere on a dime) and then with your sweet friends. We first met in Yoga class 40+ years ago. Lorraine ~~ you light up a room, you have seen every movie there is to see, NYC opera, lived at Tanglewood in the summer, glued to tennis matches, are the first to help an injured friend, first to console, expert on nature, beavers, birds, flora and fauna.

A wonderful daughter ,wife, mother, grandmother and sister. You freely offer your sage advice and critique (solicited or not). Children saddle up to you and call you "LowRain". For space enough to accommodate ALLLLL your friends, admirers, confidants, we really should hold services at Tanglewood. You & Phred raised a beautiful family. You were/are so attentive to Moly and Dave, David, Daryl, Bruce, Liza, Kelsey, Jake, Lance, Elaine, their children, & Billie. I trust you know how delightful and loved you are. Berkshire County was enriched because of you.

Miss you my darling friend ~~~ love you to pieces, Pam

Pam Pelkey - March 30, 2016 at 07:43 PM

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Don Polly - March 30, 2016 at 01:26 PM

DP

“ Daryl, Lance and families, We extend our deepest sympathies. I will miss my cousin very much. I was born six years after she was. Growing up she was like a big sister to me. What a wonderful sense of humor she had. We have had many laughs together over the years, in person and through emails. I was always sending her bird pictures from here in Florida and she would unfailingly have a witty reply.
She will always be in my fond memories.

Love to you all,
Don & Cookie Polly
Tavares Florida
octmtn@aol.com

Don Polly - March 30, 2016 at 01:24 PM

LH

“ Will always remember Lorraine's wonderful smile and posits outlook. We were fortunate to have known her through our work with her at Tanglewood. Everyone loved Lorraine!

Lynne and Dave Harding - March 30, 2016 at 11:19 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lorraine Alice Schulze.



March 30, 2016 at 09:40 AM

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“ Our sympathies to Daryl, Bruce and the family. Mimi created quite a legacy! An impressive life from an impressive woman! You have an abundance of wonderful memories to cherish as you celebrate her life. Hugs to you all.

The Eck Family

Tracey Eck - March 29, 2016 at 07:08 PM

JK

“ Always a smile and a beautiful person, remember help building their house in Lenox as a young girl. Will miss her as many will Love and Caring to family Janice

Janice Gardner Kruck - March 29, 2016 at 04:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lorraine Alice Schulze.



March 29, 2016 at 03:44 PM

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Kathy Lee - March 29, 2016 at 10:40 AM

KL

We will all miss Lorraine, her bright smile and playful nature. I send my love to all family and friends who will continue to celebrate her life. In her last email to me she appreciated a picture I sent and said she will always be with me to share adventures, always in my pocket. "I will see the beauty that you see, I will smell flowers and deep rich earth. I will stand behind a water fall and emerge in a rainbow, I will hear every opera and concert that you hear. I will see the DANCE and museums and learn along with you. Never apart, in each others heart."

Kathy Lee - March 29, 2016 at 10:50 AM

GA

“ I was lucky enough to see Lorraine in January when we watched the Australian Open together. I tried to get together with her after that, but each time she already had something else planned. What a wonderful role model to live her life to the fullest!

Ginny Akabane

Ginny Akabane - March 29, 2016 at 09:05 AM