



Catherine A. Lorenzo

August 7, 1963 - January 27, 2019

Catherine A. Lorenzo, 55, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 27, 2019, at Overlook Medical Center in Summit, New Jersey after a courageous battle with cancer with her beloved husband, Joseph, by her side.

Born Wednesday, August 7, 1963 in Staten Island, she was the daughter of the late Walter and Dorothea McKinley.

Catherine was a Registered Nurse having achieved her Master's Degree in Nursing from Wagner College in May 2006. She was proud of the fact that she maintained a 4.0 average and graduated with the highest academic honors and had been granted the Senator Patricia McGel Nursing Scholarship. At the time of her death, she was working on her Doctorate Degree at the Graduate Center at CUNY.

Catherine was a professor at Touro College and also taught at St. Paul's School of Nursing and St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center. She was also an adjunct clinical instructor at the College of Staten Island and was certified in critical care nursing and advanced life support.

She was the beloved wife of 29 years to Joseph. Loving mother of Jessica. Dear sister of Carolyn Stevens, Karen Donnelly and the late Charles McKinley. Fond sister-in-law to Christopher Stevens and Brenda Lorenzo.

Catherine is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, family members and friends.

The family will receive friends from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 and Thursday, January 31, 2019, at the John Vincent Scalia Home For Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd. (at Eltingville Station), Staten Island, New York.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 1, 2019 at Holy Child Church located at 4747 Amboy Rd Staten Island, New York 10312. A private cremation will follow.

A scholarship has been set up in Catherine's name and will be awarded to a doctoral of nursing student yearly. The donations may be mailed to: Graduate Center @ CUNY, Nursing Phd. Program, 365 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10016, Attention: Dr. Martha Whetsell.

A scholarship has also been set up through Touro College in Catherine's name. The donations may be mailed to Touro College, Catherine Lorenzo Memorial Scholarship Fund, 500 7th Avenue, New York, NY 10019. Attn: Gissal Dobles-Harnett/Institutional Advancement Office
<http://shs.touro.edu/giving/lorenzo-scholarship/>

Or, if so desired, contributions in Catherine's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital would be greatly appreciated.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Child Church
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Tribute Wall



“ *John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Catherine A. Lorenzo* ”



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - January 29, 2019 at 03:16 PM

JL

To my dearest friend Cathy ,

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May God grant you always .A sunbeam to warm you . A moon beam to charm you. A sheltering angel so nothing can harm you.

Cathy was given her wings and now is our angel. May she always be in our hearts.

With all my love Jeannie **XOXO**

Jeannie Lamberti - January 31, 2019 at 10:52 AM

CS

Thank you, Jeannie. Beautiful words about a beautiful person.

Carolyn Stevens - February 03, 2019 at 07:07 AM



“ Catherine A. Lorenzo

October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM

SJ

“ My name is Stephen James. I was at the wake on 1/31. My apologies for not speaking to anyone in Mrs. Lorenzo family. I was sadden when I heard of her passing. Mrs. Lorenzo was my instructor at St Vincent in 2010. I was in her very last class at that school. In fact Mrs Lorenzo was leaving St Vincent and stayed just to finish with my class. I work in the medical field since 1996. I was a FMS Corpman with 3rd Mar Div. When I was discharged I continued working in the medical field. Out of all the people I have every work with or seen Mrs Lorenzo medical skills and talent was the best I ever encountered. I have always envy her nursing skills and admire her compassion for her patience and students. I would have never gotten threw nursing school without her. She made me feel confident and worthy to be a nurse. That coming from her meet so much to me. She will be missed but I will never forget her. My deepest condolences.

Stephen James - February 01, 2019 at 10:41 AM

SR

“ I will always remember Cathy as a beautiful person inside and out, always happy, smiling and willing to help others in their time of need. May we all remember the vitality that she brought to our nursing program at Touro College and the knowledge and passion she gave to her students.
Professor Lorenzo also championed education, encouraging each of her students to do their best; and they have lived up to her expectations.
I will miss her laughter and her friendship.

Sandy Russo - January 31, 2019 at 04:53 PM

JF

“ *Johnstone Family lit a candle in memory of Catherine A. Lorenzo*



Johnstone Family - January 31, 2019 at 01:42 PM

CF

“ *What can I say about my dear friend Cathy, our friendship started out when she was my professor at St. Vincents School of Nursing 17 yrs ago. I was the 2nd oldest student (48) in the class, and this was to be my second career. Cathy was an amazing teacher, friend and mentor, always there for everyone. I remember one time during one of her exams, I was reading into the question, raised my hand, she came over and said "Cheryl just take the question at face value" (I used to do that all the time, but eventually stop because it was driving me crazy, LOL) I used to tell her students "If you can pass her final, you can pass the Boards" Once I had graduated, my eldest son developed Stage 4 Hodgkins Lymphoma, and Cathy helped us through this difficult time, she was always there for advice. I must say God works in strange ways, I was out of work from Sept to Dec of this year and was able to spend time with Cathy, we did lunch, took her food shopping and laughed a lot. I watched her struggle, her mind not as fast as she was used to, frustrating her, and I would say "It's OK" Cathy fought this evil disease called "Cancer" to the very last minute on earth. In a coherent visit at the hospital, she said to me " I am not afraid to die" I just worry about the people I leave behind" and that was Cathy worrying about everyone, except herself. I will miss my friend Cathy terribly, but I know I will see her again, and it will be a glorious reunion. I have another Angel now. Love you Cathy*

Cheryl Farrell - January 31, 2019 at 01:32 PM

JL

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Jeannie Lamberti

32 minutes ago

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With all my love Jeannie XOXO

Jeannie Lamberti - January 31, 2019 at 11:25 AM

ML

“ 5 files added to the album Friendship



marie langelotti - January 31, 2019 at 09:45 AM

MR

“ *Your beautiful and welcoming smile will be what I remember most about you... how you welcomed me as new faculty at St. Vincent's School of Nursing, that's something a person never forgets... May you Rest In Peace.*

Michelle Romano - January 30, 2019 at 08:39 PM

LO

“ Mrs. Lorenzo was my nursing instructor at St. Vincent’s Nursing School. One of the toughest instructors I faced during my rotation in Med/surg II. She was intelligent , caring and most of all devoted to helping her students . She taught class with love and passion. I enjoyed having her not only as my instructor but she was a lovely person . Prepared me beyond belief in the nursing field. You will be missed by many-

Lisa Orlando - January 30, 2019 at 09:59 AM

MA

“ I am so sorry. You are all in my prayers. I saw Cathy a while back, at church...she was up and spunky how she's been all the years I've know her. God bless you with love peace and strength

marie - January 30, 2019 at 09:29 AM

LD

“ Catherine was one of my nursing instructors at St.Vincents Catholic Medical Center School of Nursing. She was a wonderful instructor, always smiling, patient with the students, warm and friendly. She taught me a great deal and really showed us what nursing was about. I’m saddened by this news. She is so young and beautiful. My condolences to her family, as this must be a very difficult loss. May God hold you in his arms Mrs.Lorenzo. You will be truly missed. We were blessed to have known you.

Lorelei DeLaCruz - January 30, 2019 at 06:04 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Catherine A. Lorenzo.*



January 29, 2019 at 06:19 PM



“ *I am so deeply saddened to hear of your passing. You were my preceptor in the MICU at St. Vincent's a lifetime ago but I can still see that beautiful smile & hear your soft voice. Your compassion & love for others was palpable. Your dedication to nursing impacted countless lives; from patients & families, to coworkers & students. You not only personified what a true nurse is but also what a lady is. You were an amazing teacher & a wonderful friend. Know that your gifts touched so many & that your spirit & legacy will live on for generations to come. All the nurses who had the honor of learning from you will go on to assist countless lives & all those lives will have been saved because of you. Heaven has truly gained an angel. Rest in heavenly peace my friend.*

With love,

Anne Fisco

anne fisco - January 29, 2019 at 05:55 PM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Catherine A. Lorenzo.



January 29, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ I had the privilege of meeting Cathy as a brand new nursing instructor when I joined St. Vincent's back in 2008. She was a joy to work with, and taught me much more than how to present a lesson; she shared her experience of how to listen to students and how to make meetings with students "teachable moments". We used to sit together and review exams, because we came from the same background; both critical care warhorses. I was so sorry to see her leave us, but she did go on to bigger and better things. She was most assuredly missed. After I heard the news, I thought back of our conversations about working in critical care; we shared many laughs over that. I guess Heaven needed a critical care nurse and teacher to put things in order up there.

Valerie Donnelly

Valerie Donnelly - January 29, 2019 at 02:05 PM

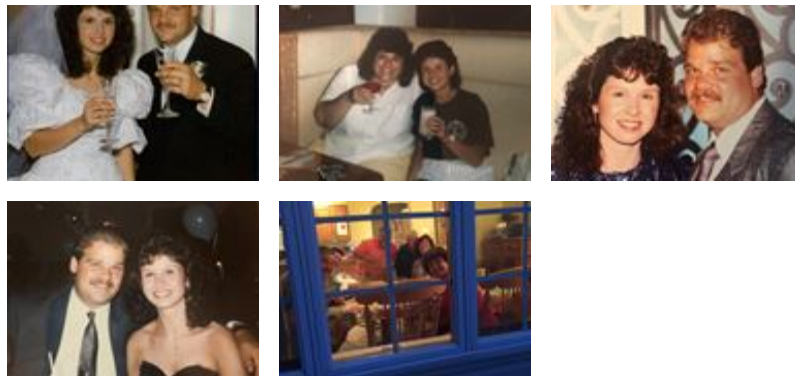
MO

“ It's hard to believe you're gone. You were my preceptor so many years ago in St. Vincent's MICU, yet it seems like yesterday. We worked like dogs, and like most nurses, many times without breaks. Cathy, you were the example of why nursing is one of the most challenging and rewarding professions on earth. Your dedication, professionalism, compassion, and unwavering devotion have impacted countless lives in the most meaningful way. I hope that the nurses and physicians that cared for you in your last hours had some idea of the 'Wonder Woman' who was entrusted to their care. When spirits like you leave, it reminds us all of the fragility of life...how nothing is forever on this earth. You are with the angels and your creator who is saying "Well done, good and faithful servant!" You can rest now and take that long-awaited break.
Love,
You friend and fellow nurse
Maureen O'Neill

Maureen O'Neill - January 29, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ 85 files added to the album Life Tributes



John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals Inc. - January 29, 2019 at 01:09 PM

SC

“ *Light a candle in honor of a great woman who taught me everything I know in the nursing field you were such an inspiration to everyone around you. I hope you knew just how many lives you touched and how Grateful we all were for it.*
Stephanie Caruso

Stephanie Caruso - January 29, 2019 at 12:54 PM

FB

“ *From Cephias Best. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Catherine A. Lorenzo.*



From Cephias Best. - January 29, 2019 at 11:07 AM

SB

“ *Stacey Boyle lit a candle in memory of Catherine A. Lorenzo*



Stacey Boyle - January 29, 2019 at 10:06 AM

SR

“ Catherine Lorenzo was my Nursing Professor at Touro College. She was also a friend, a mentor, and an advisor.

She taught me how to be kind and how to see the upside of things - even when there seems to be no hope.

I will cherish my time spent with her.

Tank you, Catherine, for everything you have taught me.

shlomo Raymon - January 29, 2019 at 10:05 AM

CC

“ Professor Lorenzo was a force to be reckoned with. She was knowledgeable, intelligent, sharp, and strong. On the flip side, she was compassionate, empathetic, and caring. My fondest memories of her is when I used to seek advice from her and she always brought positivity on board. You have impacted and touched many others as well. You will be missed.



Cathy Cheng - January 29, 2019 at 09:51 AM

LB

“ We love you Aunt Cathy 🤍🤍🤍💖
Nicholas and Rachel



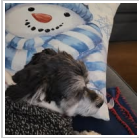
Lisa Bourekas - January 28, 2019 at 09:19 PM

KR

“ *Kathy Robles lit a candle in memory of Catherine A. Lorenzo*



kathy robles - January 28, 2019 at 08:41 PM



“ *Valerie Lanza-dolan lit a candle in memory of Catherine A. Lorenzo*



Valerie Lanza-dolan - January 28, 2019 at 08:34 PM

CF

“ *Cheryl Farrell lit a candle in memory of Catherine A. Lorenzo*



Cheryl Farrell - January 28, 2019 at 08:24 PM

CF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Cheryl Farrell - January 28, 2019 at 08:23 PM

LO

“ *Lori lit a candle in memory of Catherine A. Lorenzo*



Lori - January 28, 2019 at 07:47 PM

SO

“ *Sonia lit a candle in memory of Catherine A. Lorenzo*



sonia - January 28, 2019 at 07:39 PM

SO

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



sonia - January 28, 2019 at 07:39 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Catherine A. Lorenzo.*



January 28, 2019 at 07:08 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Catherine A. Lorenzo.* ”



January 28, 2019 at 05:47 PM