



Lois B. Bautista

January 5, 1932 - December 3, 2025

Lois (Rheinheimer) Bautista, 93, passed away on December 3, 2025. Born to parents. Frederick Rheinheimer and Dorothy (Perine) (Rheinheimer) Boesch on January 5, 1932. Lois' family lineage is of the historic Staten Island Perine family. She made sure to keep alive within her family the history of the landmark Billiou-Stillwell-Perine House in Dongan Hills.

After growing up in Great Kills and then settling in New Dorp, Lois attended New Dorp High school and was a graduate of the class of 1950. She shared many stories of her years with "the crowd" at New Dorp HS and especially stories and updates about her classmate and life time friend, the actor Robert Loggia.

After High School, Lois married Frank DiStacio. Unfortunately he passed within a short time. She often spoke on how she had to become strong at such a young age to continue on with her life . After some time, at a local Staten Island skating rink a young man convinced her to take a spin around the rink with him. The young man was her future husband Raymond Bautista, a veteran who was a medic and prisoner of war survivor in WW2. Raymond had grown up at Mount Loretto. Mount Loretto was another part of Staten Island history Lois loved to talk about. Raymond and Lois married in 1952 and settled in Huguenot and started their family.

Lois' first job was at the SS White Dental Factory in Prince's Bay. After the factory had closed, she started working with long-time Staten Island Dentist Dr. William Golterman in Great Kills. Eventually Lois made a career path change and became a health aide. As a Health Aide she found her true calling and joy working with the elderly.

After almost 35 years of marriage, her husband Raymond sadly passed away in 1986. Lois then made the decision to move to Milford PA. Milford was a long-time vacation spot for her family and then she continued on with her own children, a place where many fun memories of summer vacations were made. She continued her career as a Health Aide in Milford PA, working at Milford Healthcare and Rehab Facility, where again she pursued her love of helping the elderly.

After failing health, Lois returned to Staten Island and became a resident of Seaview Home and Hospital. Another Staten Island Landmark site that she loved sharing her knowledge and experience with the history of the site. She enjoyed making many friends there among other residents and staff and spoke of them endearingly.

Lois' favorite time of the year was the Christmas Season. The day after Thanksgiving Christmas albums were put on the stereo and decorating and baking started. She especially loved baking many different styles of cookies. Her love of baking continued throughout the year as she always had something ready to snack on for family and friends. An avid reader, Lois also had a massive book collection and would average reading a large novel within a week. She also very much enjoyed putting together puzzles. Lois loved her pets and all of nature and animals as she contributed heavily to animal rescues. She also contributed to Native American causes in remembrance of her grandfather who was of Cherokee decent and was adopted into the family. She retold the story of how he lovingly called her a little "snowball" when she was an infant.

Lois was predeceased by two of her children Justin and Mary, her husband Raymond John Bautista and younger brother Frederick Rheinheimer. She is survived by her sister Sheryl (Boesch) Hicks. children Ronelle Burke (Bautista), Aurora Bergmann (Bautista), Darlis Tenaglia-Bautista, grandchildren, Anthony (TJ) Bergmann and wife Jessica (Polanis) Bergmann, Michael Burke, Eric Tenaglia, Craig Tenaglia and wife Taylor (Amato)Tenaglia, Jayden Bergmann and wife Ciara (Mauger) Bergmann. She is also survived by a great grandchild Anthony (TJ) and Jessica Bergman's son Rhett Bergmann.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 14, 2025, at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

A Funeral Service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 15, 2025 at John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc. located at 28 Eltingville Blvd Staten Island, New York 10312. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

361 Sharrott Ave
Staten Island, NY 10309

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 14. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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28 Eltingville Blvd
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Service

DEC 15. 10:30 AM (ET)

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