



Lorraine Stiefvater Millan

August 16, 1947 - June 9, 2022

Lorraine Stiefvater Millan, age 74, a resident of Ocala, Florida, died on June 9, 2022, following a short battle with lung cancer. She was born on August 16, 1947, in New York City, New York, to the late John Stiefvater, Jr. and the late Billie (Hawley) Stiefvater. Lorraine lived where life took her whether that was in Long Island, NY; Nuremberg, Germany; Fairfax, Virginia; or her final destination in Ocala, Florida, where Lorraine and the love of her life and best friend, the late David Millan called home. From the moment they met until David's death in 2003, they spent time boating (Catchin 'L' or Catching 'L' Again), eating blue crabs, or celebrating milestones between their blended families.

Born into a family where serving one's community or country was the highest calling, Lorraine found purpose as an emergency medical technician, rising to the rank of EMS Lieutenant with the Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department in Virginia for 11 years. She also worked as an orthodontic technician as a means to raise her only son, whom she nicknamed 'B.' The love for her only son was undeniable and unmeasurable. One of their fondest memories together was during B's younger years. At the end of Lorraine's work shift, on Christmas Eve, she would rush home to pick him up and head to a nearby tree lot to bring home their Charlie Brown-ish looking Christmas tree.

Lorraine is survived by her only son, Bill (April) Hershman; grandkids Nate Thompson-Hershman, Mackenzie Kropidlowski and Eric Kropidlowski; sister Barbara Stermer; extended family members, several close friends, including furry ones. She was preceded in death by her husband David Millan; father John Stiefvater; mother Billie (Hawley) Stiefvater; step-mother Eunice Stiefvater; step-sister Jeanne McAdams; and step-brother Robert Eluszkiewicz.

The family wishes to extend their sincerest thanks to the staff of E.W. & Lucille Cates House-Hospice of Marion County, Florida, and to her local friends for always having her back. According to Lorraine's wishes, please remember her based on memories made not her final days. There will be no funeral but rather a private celebration of her life and service. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her name via check made

payable to Burke Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, 9501 Old Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA, 22015 or online at the following URL: <https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/171106>.

Lorraine's character was bold and mighty, never mincing words but rather giving it to you straight. This quote by Gina Carey sums up her spirit, "A strong woman looks a challenge dead in the eye and gives it a wink."

So long, Mom. We will take it from here.

Tribute Wall

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“ Lorraine knocked on my door when she heard about my husband's death. She had experienced the death of her husband shortly before me. We were instantly bonded after that. After a few months, we started to have happy hour together as she just lived across the street. We could talk about everything as she knew what I was going through. Happy hour, going out to eat, and just talking was something we both enjoyed. I will miss you Lorraine.

Marilyn Hagen - June 11 at 09:57 AM

JH

I met Lorraine when I listed her beautiful home in Ocala Fl. I then sold her a home in OTOW where she spent her last 12+ years. We became very close, we called her grandma. She made us buy a Maltese puppy and she loved that baby girl like nothing else she also named her We had Lorraine over for all the Holidays, she truly loved coming to the lake Everyone here knew grandma. Rest In Peace grandma. We will miss you always.

John and Brenda Haynes - June 12 at 11:22 AM

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Robin and I live near Clearwater and never seemed to get to Ocala. However Jeanne and Steve kept us informed with each other's comings and goings. They were faithful in visiting both of us. Lorraine and I became Facebook buddies, always acknowledging each other's post...a way so many people keep up today, Lorraine was a good person and was a wonderful wife to David. They shared a great love and a wonderful life.

Ann Millan - June 12 at 11:11 PM