



## Lorraine M. Rickman

September 30, 1938 - October 27, 2021

Lorraine Hughes Rickman (Sept. 30, 1938 – Oct. 27, 2021) believer in Jesus Christ, was returned to her savior on Wednesday, October 27th in Lee County, Florida surrounded by her family. Until the very end of her life, Lorraine played golf with a passion, organized & attended social events, donated her time to local non-profits, and traveled the world as a self-proclaimed “Wander luster and Pioneer Woman”. Lorraine was born and raised in Patchogue, New York. (or as Lorraine would often say, “New Yawwk”) by parents R. Ford Hughes (former Suffolk County Republican Leader) & Katherine (Kate) Aviano Hughes.

“Rainy” as she was known by her close friends, grew up on the South Shore of a small Long Island town with her brother Robert L. Hughes who pre-deceased her. Summers were spent at her parent’s cottage on West Meadow Beach clamming and picking beach plums for preserving in jams to enjoy over the cold winter months. She attended Patchogue High School & graduated from Seton Hall High School with the Class of 1956, where she met and eventually married her high school sweetheart, the late Theodore (Ted) J. Rickman. The couple both attended Syracuse University where Lorraine studied at The School of Nursing and later completed her BSN & MSN at Stony Brook University as a Nurse Practitioner. The couple eventually returned to Long Island to raise the 3rd generation of Patchogue girls, Cheryl L. Rickman, Kathleen E. Rickman (1962-1969) and Stacey C. Rickman-King. While spending the formative years with her children as a stay-at-home mom,

Rainy volunteered as a Girl Scout Leader, was the PTA President at Barton Ave. Elementary School, and was the Girls' Softball Coach. She was also a Past-President of the Women's Club of Patchogue, Past-President of the Suffolk County Nurses Association, and ran for Suffolk County Legislator in 1985.

Rainy was a woman who lived with intent, was intelligent, had tireless energy and relentless compassion for those in need. As her partner, the late Robert Morton (aka "Bobarino") fondly referred to Rainy as, "the friend to the friendless." You never knew who she might invite to the beach house for the weekend, Christmas Dinner or perhaps even to a trip to Europe. If you ever ended up in jail and had only one phone call to make; she was your gal.

Lorraine would show-up and circle the wagons when the rest of the world didn't care. The busier Rainy was and the more projects she could take on, the happier she was. The momentum and zest with which she lived life was indescribable. If you could not keep up, it was best to get out of her way!

In addition to her daughters, Lorraine is survived by her grandsons Cole Alexander Tsakis and Jonathan Ford Tsakis and her nieces Bonnie Hughes-Sullivan, Wendy Hughes-Cris and nephew Peter R. Hughes.

A memorial service will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs, Florida on Thursday, November 4th at 11a.m. A link to live stream the service is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GzoFYIsVSlw> and can also be found on the Shikany Funeral home website <https://www.shikanyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/>

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her honor:

Stony Brook University School of Nursing Fund for Excellence <https://www.stonybrook.edu/alumni/chapters/school-of-nursing/>

or

Café of Life, Bonita Springs <https://www.cafeoflife.org/donation/>

To sign Lorraine's guest book or to leave on line condolences, please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com)

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home &  
Crematory Family Owned and Operated Since 1978

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs  
9751 Bonita Beach Rd.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lorraine M. Rickman*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *What I remember the most was Lorraine or as we called her "Mrs. Rickman" sitting at my dining rm table (where all my mom's friends sat) telling my mother what she needed to do for whatever issue my mom had. Or giving me hell for something I did that upset my mom. I remember going out on their yacht & asking if I could steer. Everyone looked at each other & I was reminded they carried my car insurance policy so even tho Teddy (Mr. Rickman) said fine everyone chimed in to remind him of my driving record at which time he grabbed the steering wheel & said he didn't think it was a good idea! I babysat for them when Kathleen was alive. Altho just a teen I saw the grief in their faces & the pain in their eyes of losing a child. It was a moment that I never wanted to experience again w/ these good ppl! I always saw Lorraine as a pillar of strength & knew when my mom was needing tough love Lorraine would be sitting at the dining rm table! She was like a 2nd mother who u could count on to drop everything if u needed her! I know my mom is once again in good hands & I no longer have to worry!*

**Mary Cohen** - March 19, 2022 at 09:47 PM

SH

“ We loved your mother always. I personally go back a long time, Seton Hall Days, walking door to door with her when she ran for Suffolk County Legislator, playing tennis and getting babysitters for all the kids. I could go on and on. We both married our high school (Seton Hall) sweethearts. My Jim and your father were from the same town. So many wonderful memories. Our hearts and prayers go out to Cheryl and Stacey and your families. With Love, Sandra & Jim Haverty

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**Sandra & Jim Haverty** - December 02, 2021 at 04:15 PM

LF

“ Cheryl,  
  
*I'm very sorry for the loss of your beautiful mom. My condolences to you and your family.*

*Lori Felice*



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**Lori Felice-Eden** - November 04, 2021 at 07:42 PM

CD

“ A beautiful service for a beautiful lady. So sorry for your loss.  
*Chris Demaras*

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**Chris Demaras** - November 04, 2021 at 01:24 PM

JD

“ Rainey will be in our hearts forever, what a beautiful service today befitting of a remarkable and loving person.

Stacey, I will always think of her now when I see the “big rock,” what a beautiful poem you shared.

Our deepest condolences and sympathy to the whole family, love Joyce and Tom.

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**Joyce Davis** - November 04, 2021 at 12:02 PM

SC

“ I watched the service online ....a Beautiful Tribute to your Mom ..What an Elegant Woman ....I have many found memories of Her and your Dad Growing up with Our Families we had many great times together .....May Perpetual Light Shine upon Her

*Susan Russo Chumas*

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**Susan Chumas** - November 04, 2021 at 11:58 AM

JD

“ Joyce Davis lit a candle in memory of Lorraine M. Rickman



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**Joyce Davis** - November 04, 2021 at 11:55 AM

CP

“ Sending my condolences to Stacey and Cheryl on the loss of their beautiful mother. I will always remember the fun I had as a child spending Christmas at Aunt Lorraine's with the family. She was so kind and generous to me during my childhood. Such a tremendous loss of a beautiful soul!

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**Cassie Perrino** - November 04, 2021 at 10:40 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lorraine M. Rickman.



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November 03, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lorraine M. Rickman.



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November 03, 2021 at 09:42 AM

SO

“ I have many wonderful memories of Lorraine, however the most memorable are very funny and maybe a little scary.

*Driving to our clinical site during bad weather - I had to drive her Jaguar*

*Driving to a clinical conference with our friends/colleagues to DC after work, I the DD and Lorraine my navigator, our friends in the back seat. They all fell asleep!*

*White-water rafting in Jamaica (Still looking for the white water)*

*We always ended these journeys shopping!*

*Love & miss you Rainy XXOO*

*Sunny*

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**Sunny O'Flynn** - November 02, 2021 at 01:15 PM

NH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Nadine Aviano Hazard

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**Nadine Aviano Hazard** - November 02, 2021 at 11:41 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lorraine M. Rickman.



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November 02, 2021 at 10:49 AM

MB

“ *My. Condolences to Lorraines family she was a great person to know and a ray of sunshine very true to her friends she will be missed 🙏❤️*

mary lou britton - November 02, 2021 at 06:03 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Lorraine M. Rickman.*



November 01, 2021 at 06:52 PM

BC

“ *A wonderful person, a go to friend, her door was always open for a chat and a glass of wine too. Lorraine will be sorely missed. With love, Betty Cushing*

Betty Cushing - November 01, 2021 at 04:32 PM



Claudine  
Sorenson  
Nydegger

“ *She was a great gift to me one Spring when she greeted me every morning with a smile to pass Lola's leash to me. Lola kept me company on a walk every morning for a few months before they returned to Florida. We were so blessed to have just spent time with Lorraine in Florida and we will miss her. We are so grateful to have known her.*

*Love, Claudine, Landon, Maggie and Reese*

Claudine Sorenson Nydegger - November 01, 2021 at 03:47 PM

JK

“ I am not in Bonita Springs as yet, so I won't be at Lorraine's Memorial Service.  
My condolences are with all of the family. Lorraine was a ray of sunshine. It was always fun to golf with her or run into her.  
She will be missed.  
Judie King

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**Judie King** - November 01, 2021 at 03:19 PM

DS

“ Rest in peace Lorraine. We will miss your sense of humor and your energy. We had a great summer watching you dance and mingling with friends at Meschut.  
We will miss condolences to your family.  
Dorothy and Bill Simonetti

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**Dorothy Simonetti** - November 01, 2021 at 02:27 PM

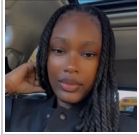


“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lorraine M. Rickman.



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November 01, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Lorraine. I have had the pleasure of meeting Lorraine and surrounded by her presence over the last few years and I couldn't be more grateful. I am thankful for the laughs, the check in's, the scolding (lol), the affirmations and the advice. Her strength and resilience is one that I commend and will never forget. I am also forever grateful for my Stacey for being my person, from being my principal to being a second mother. I am so sorry for your loss and I love you so so much.*

*-Petagaye*

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**Petagaye Bryan** - November 01, 2021 at 02:20 PM

BB

“ *My condolences to the family and friends of Aunt Lorraine Rickman. She has always been an inspiration to me from the time I met her more than 50 years ago. I admired her strength and courage through many things she had been going through at the time but never forgot to be kind to others and share her love and affection and overwhelming kindness to me. She inspired me to become a registered nurse and encouraged me through many hardships in my life. She Will be Loved and missed.*

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**Barbara Blom** - November 01, 2021 at 01:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lorraine M. Rickman.*



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November 01, 2021 at 01:37 PM