



## Mrs. Lorraine B. Kilmer

July 14, 1930 - August 26, 2022

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Lorraine Antoinette (Battista) Kilmer, born July 14, 1930 in Philadelphia, PA to Joseph Battista and Grace

Pantalena Battista, died Friday, August 26, 2022 at her home holding the hand of her beloved niece

Cindy.

Lorraine grew up in Philadelphia with her two older sisters Evelyn and Gloria. The three Battista girls

were the pride and joy of their parents, and Lorraine was devoted to both of her sisters.

Lorraine

graduated from West Catholic High School attended Chestnut Hill College.

Lorraine began her passion for fine art at the age of 12 when she began art lessons at Fleishman Art

Gallery. Throughout her life she perfected her talent with classes at the Philadelphia Academy of Fine

Arts. She was a long-time member of the Philadelphia Sketch Club up until her death..

Most of Lorraine's career was as a book designer for WB Saunders Company, a medical book publisher

in Philadelphia. It was there she met her husband, David H. Kilmer, and they wed in October 1981.

Lorraine and David shared a passion for opera, and they were a frequent presence at both Opera

Philadelphia and the Metropolitan Opera in New York. They also traveled many times to the

Tanglewood Music Festival in the Berkshires and also enjoyed trips to Italy, Boston and Cape May.

Lorraine was a patron of the entire Philadelphia art scene and often attended orchestral concerts, the

ballet, and theater productions. She was an avid reader, and her apartment was lined with shelves

containing biographies as well as art, history, and fiction books.

Lorraine was an artist in her own right, and her paintings graced her home and those of her family and friends. She helped curate and lead the biannual art show at The Philadelphian, where she resided.

After her retirement, Lorraine volunteered her time at several organizations, most especially the Library for the Blind, Manna, and Concerned Citizens of Center City. She was a member of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and Metropolitan Opera Guild.

Lorraine's father was a tailor, and her mother was a seamstress, so she was always aware of fashion and began creating her collection of couturier fashion. She sewed her own clothing, including suits, dresses and overcoats, and she was always "stylishly turned out" according to her friends. She was also an accomplished gourmet cook and graciously entertained her family, friends, and neighbors over the years.

Lorraine is survived by her niece Cindy Vetter and nephew Norman Vetter (who they referred to

Lorraine as Aunt Lamb) and her adopted nephew Keith Glass, the son of her dear departed friend Marty.

She is predeceased by her husband David and her two sisters.

Lorraine was known for her love of friend and family, her love of animals, especially cats, her kindness, and compassion for others, her nonjudgmental manner, and her steadfast presence in the lives of her

friends. A funeral mass for Lorraine will be held at St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church, 2319 Green

Street in Philadelphia, on September 7 at 10:30. The mass will be preceded by a viewing at 9:30. Burial

will be at St. Denis Cemetery in Havertown on September 8 at 11:00. In lieu of flowers, contributions in

Lorraine's memory can be made to the American Cancer Society, the SPCA or to a charity of your choice.

Arr. Dinan Funeral Home, Phila., PA Condolences may also be sent to [www.dinanfuneralhome.com](http://www.dinanfuneralhome.com)



# Cemetery Details

## St. Denis Cemetery

2401 St. Denis Lane  
Havertown, PA 19083

# Previous Events

## Visitation and Mass in Church

SEP 7 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

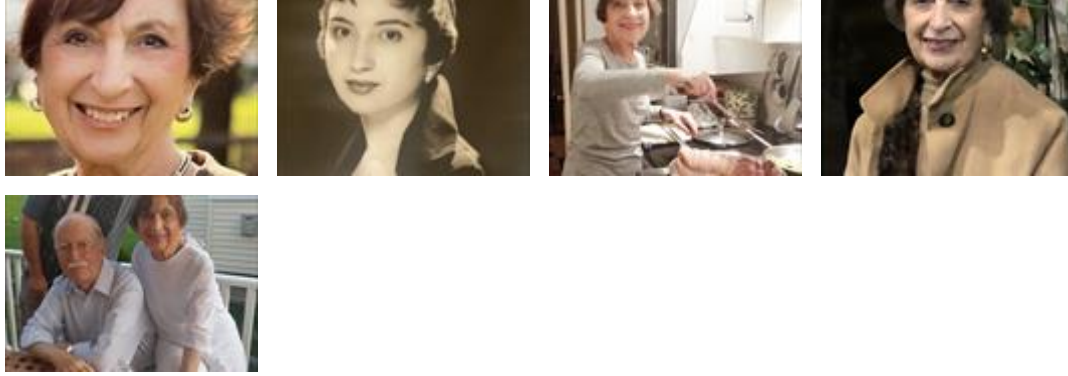


“ *Mrs. Lorraine B. Kilmer*

February 03, 2023 at 04:11 AM

DC

“ *5 files added to the album Lorraine Through the Years*



**Dorinne Calhoun** - September 01, 2022 at 12:08 PM

PH

*RIP, Lorraine. You were very special, in so many ways, and will be missed by so many people. RIP 🙏*

**Phyllis Halpern** - September 01, 2022 at 12:16 PM

LI

*What an amazing lady!*

**Lori Irvine** - September 01, 2022 at 07:42 PM

RP

*She was a dear friend who was always there to help others.*

**Rosalie Poiesz** - September 02, 2022 at 10:49 AM

DC

*What an amazing friend and neighbor! I've had the unmitigated pleasure of knowing Lorraine since '85. She enriched my life tremendously, as she has done for so many others. The world is now a poorer place....but how lucky we were to have her in our midst for 92+ amazing years.*

**Dorinne Calhoun** - September 04, 2022 at 09:57 AM

CV

*I will miss you every day for the rest of my life.*

**CYNTHIA Vetter** - September 09, 2022 at 08:12 AM