



Lorraine A. Bédy, Ph.D.

August 24, 1948 - December 26, 2017

Lorraine Bédy, 69, of Syracuse, died at home, in the company of her immediate family, on December 26, 2017, after losing her battle with hepatobiliary cholangiocarcinoma.

Lorraine was born in Yonkers, NY, and moved with her family to Edison, NJ, when she was 13. She graduated from Fordham University School of Education at Lincoln Center in 1970 and married Zoltan Bédy later that summer. They moved to Syracuse, NY, shortly thereafter. The two met during their sophomore year in college and have been together since.

Lorraine was a secondary English teacher in the West Genesee district for 37 years. During that time she also attended the Syracuse University School of Education, where she earned a master's degree in English education and a doctorate in the cultural foundations of education. Her focus in the latter degree was on mentoring across professions.

After retiring from West Genesee, she taught teachers in the district and became an adjunct professor at the College of Health Professions at SUNY Upstate Medical University. There she taught writing and teaching methods and mentored new faculty. She retired from Upstate at the end of November 2017.

Lorraine is survived by her spouse, Zoltan; her daughter, Julia (Robert Gardner) and grandson, Myles Gardner, of Syracuse; son Dylan, of Charlotte, NC; brother Lawrence Butynski (Patricia), and nephews Jesse and Jake, of Red Bank, NJ; mother, Casimira Butynski, of Syracuse; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends across the country.

As per Lorraine's request, there will be no calling hours or services. Her useable organs will be donated, her remains cremated, and her ashes surreptitiously distributed at an undisclosed location.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Lorraine's name to the Hospice Foundation of Central New York, 990 Seventh North St., Liverpool, NY, 13088, or at www.hospicecny.org.

Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus.

Please sign the guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Comments



“ Zoltan, Julia, Dylan and family,

I was privileged to work with Lorraine at WG High School and I took several of her mentoring courses. She was not only an outstanding educator, but a true friend to those who knew and loved her. What I will remember most about Lorraine was how well she listened. She made me feel like I was the only person in the room - what a true gift that is in our busy and hurried society. I will miss her warmth, her smile and her words of wisdom. I am a better person for having known her.

In Sympathy,
Sharon L. Bush

Sharon Bush - January 13, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ Mrs Bedy made a difference in my life and countless others. Her love of learning was contagious and her passion for teaching had a profound impact. Einstein said, "It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge." Lorraine embodied that philosophy and had a deep understanding that the basis of education was nurturing relationships. In the immortal words of another infallible teacher Rita Pierson, "Every child deserves a Champion: an adult who never gives up on them, who understands the power of connections and insists that they become the best they can possibly be." Mrs. Bedy was my Champion.

I'm so sorry for your loss and hope her legacy will bring comfort during this difficult time.

Beth Madigan Savage

Beth Savage - January 04, 2018 at 09:47 AM



“ Dear Zoltan, Julia, Dylan and Family,

Mrs. Bedy was my teacher in 1993/1994 at WG. I took the Syracuse University English classes with her and she has remained in my memory as one of my most favorite teachers. I was deeply engaged in her class and I vividly remember many of our class discussions. I went on to major in English Education and I have worked as an educator for the past 19 years. I was so sorry to hear of her passing. My deepest condolences to you all. She was a gifted educator and I feel lucky to have been in her class. Amy Terpening Abdo (MPH School)

Amy Terpening Abdo - January 03, 2018 at 10:06 PM



“ Dear Zoltan, Julia, Dylan and Family,

I am so sorry to hear of Lorraine's passing. We have wonderful memories of her at various Geiss gatherings. And Lorraine was particularly supportive of us when Tom was so ill. I will never forget her warmth, caring, intelligence and humor. God bless you all in the days ahead.

With Love,
Debbie Geiss

Deb Geiss - January 03, 2018 at 12:59 PM



“ Dear Zoltan, Julia and Dylan, first Jerry and now Lorraine. So much loss in one year. Lorraine was a valued colleague especially in our CFE days and beyond. As you know she was one of my diss. subjects and we spent many hours talking about teaching. Treasured hours for me. Julia, Cady's friend, I will always remember what a special person your mom was and how much she loved you and your brother.

Lorraine was a dedicated teacher, scholar and friend. I am so very sorry.

Karen Stearns

Karen Stearns - December 31, 2017 at 11:26 PM



“ Zoltan and Family,

I am so sorry to read of Lorraine's passing. She was one beautiful lady and I enjoyed the years I worked with her during her mentoring career with the West Genesee/S. U. Teaching Center. She was always so upbeat and positive. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this very difficult time.

Ginny Ezzo

Ginny Ezzo - December 31, 2017 at 06:07 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear the news , Zoltan. I have such fond memories of you and Lorraine at St Andrews and in our home as we lead the jubilee small discussion groups. Her insights were inspirational. I will miss her.

With love
Eileen and Jim Clinton



“ Zolton,Julia,Dylan & Cazimira~ I am so very sorry for your loss. I will never forget Lorraine....she has always been a standout to me. I can only imagine your grief at this time....but knowing you as a family....your memories will be golden and bring tears of joy one day by simply remembering her love for each of you. You were blessed to have her.
My prayers are with each of you. ~ Kristy Muraca (nurse with Dr.Tales)

Kristy Muraca - December 31, 2017 at 01:43 PM



“ I was one of Ms. Bedy's students early in her career at Camillus Junior High 1977-78. She was a dynamic, thought-provoking, engaging and demanding educator while truly caring about her students. My sympathies to your family.
Susan Petrocci Stukus

Susan Stukus - December 31, 2017 at 11:52 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Lorraine was a colleague at West Genny and she helped my transition from a new school. She was an amazing woman. Her passion for education and life was contagious. I will miss our conversations about school and our kids.
Brian Duerheimer

brian duerheimer - December 30, 2017 at 09:18 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Dr. Bedy's passing... she was my all time favorite teacher and someone I always looked up to and will remember fondly. I work with teenagers now and strive to be an example to the kids I work with the way Dr. Bedy was an example to me.

Julia- I am thinking of you and your family during this time. xo '

Rachel Michaels (Mercado)

Rachel Michaels - December 29, 2017 at 09:56 PM



“ Dear Zoltan, Julia and Dylan,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Dan and Elaine Bassano [former St. Andrew's parishioners]

Dan Bassano - December 29, 2017 at 09:53 AM



“ Lorraine was my professor in a course through West Genesee. She was a role-model of acceptance toward her students. She was never judgmental. She was the epitome of a caring educator. My life is better for having known Lorraine. My thoughts are with you, her family.
Pat Marzola

Pat Marzola - December 28, 2017 at 06:40 PM



“ Zoltan, much love to you, your kids and lorraine's mother and brother.

Barbara Aureli - December 28, 2017 at 02:07 PM



“ Barbara Aureli lit a candle in memory of Lorraine A. Bédy, Ph.D.



Barbara Aureli - December 28, 2017 at 02:04 PM



“ I am deeply saddened to know of Lorraine's passing. I've known her for over 25 years, as a colleague, a lover of good books and stories; she taught my sons at the high school, and taught several university classes which I took as a professional...she was such a caring person, a bright light with such great insight about teaching and how people learn. I am blessed to have known her. My heartfelt condolences to your family.

Janet Chemotti - December 28, 2017 at 08:04 AM