



## Lorraine M. Orton

November 27, 2012

Lorraine M. (Roth) Orton, 65, of Fairmount, passed away at home following her battle with ALS. Born in Syracuse, she graduated from Henninger High School and retired from Auburn prison after a total of 34 years for NYS. Lorraine was national historian for the Women's Relief Corps, the Auxiliary to the Army of the Republic, and a member of Ladies of GAR, Daughters of Union Veterans, Daughters of '98, Marcellus Grange, Fellowship of Knights of King Arthur, Camillus First United Methodist Church, the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, Tipperary Hill American Legion, Freedom Foundation and 148 NYS Volunteer group. Her joy of history was known to many. Lorraine is survived by her husband of 24 years, Jerome "Jerry" Orton; a son, Greg Sterio; two brothers: her twin, Larry, and Jack Roth; two sisters, Jeanette McGuire and Shirley Tucker; and numerous nieces and nephews. A special thanks to Joy and Mike Miller, Gary and Marge Tyler, and to all her caregivers for their assistance. Calling hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee (Main) St., village of Camillus. Services are 11 a.m. Saturday at the Camillus First United Methodist Church. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to ALS- Upstate NY Chapter, 890 Seventh North St., Ste. 108, Liverpool, NY 13088 or Camillus First United Methodist Church, 12 Genesee Street, Camillus, NY 13031. Please sign the guest book at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Comments

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“ Jerry I was saddened to hear of Lorraine's passing. I know that you both valued the time you spent in Tintagel at the birthplace of Arthur and that Lorraine was a proud member of our Fellowship. Our thoughts are with you at this time. Nyns yw marow maghtern Arthur David Overend Knight Bursar The Fellowship of the Knights of the Round Table of King Arthur

**David Overend** - February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jerry, We remember so clearly when you told us about Lorraine, and that the two of you were going to be married. And the wedding where you almost passed out during the ceremony. The many trips you made "home" from Syracuse to visit your dear old Wilton. Yall always stopped in to visit when you were here. It was clear always that the two of you were meant for each other. I am glad that we had the chance to be part of your circle of friends. As you grieve the loss of her, your wife & friend, may the wonderful memories of the life you shared together bring you comfort and joy.

**Jim & Becky Mosher** - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Shirley and Moe and Orton family, I am so sorry to hear that Lorraine lived with ALS and of her death. I remember many conversations about her when we were working at Crouse Hinds. She certainly lived a full, stimulating life as long as she was able. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

**Helen Houghtaling** - December 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry for your loss, Jerry. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Chris and Susan Sheldon

**Chris and Susan Sheldon** - December 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Today we have to say good bye to the strongest woman I know. My aunt Lorraine. After her courageous battle with ALS her fight has come to an end. I will miss her so much. She was my best friend and I am so thankful I was able to help with her care in these past 11 months and I greatly miss her. Rest in peace Lorraine there is no more pain. I love you

**Diane McGuire** - December 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hi Jerry, I was very sorry to hear of your loss. Take care Kathy

**Kathy Metrick** - December 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ jerry...sorry to hear about your wife

**joan cofrancesco** - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Shirley and Moe, so very sorry on your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

**Debbi and Mick Rieth** - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jerry- I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Lisa Sacco

**Lisa Sacco** - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lorraine was ever our Goodwill Ambassador. She always had a kind word, a ready smile and willing heart to help wherever she could. We should all be inspired by Lorraine's example of the true meaning of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty. She gave tirelessly of herself and generously of her resources. We will truly miss her kind and caring presence among us. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Lorraine's husband Jerry and her Family.

**National President Shirley Grant / Members National Woman's Relief Corps, Aux. GAR, Inc.** - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Hi Jerry, So sorry to hear of the loss of Lorraine. Blessings to you. Sally (Rhoades) Benigni 178 Arbor Lane Tavernier FL 33070

**Sally (Rhoades) Benigni** - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Truly sorry for your loss Jerry.

**Chuck Freeman** - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I didn't know Lorraine that well, but I knew Jerry, and I can only imagine she was greatest by the way he talked about her and loved her. Go with god Lorraine. And Jerry, stay strong my friend, the soul lasts forever. Jerry, if i can help, if its within my power, let me know.

**Joe Matuszak** - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our sympathies go out to you and we pray for you. Take care of yourself. Joe & Elaine

**Joe Woutersz** - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jerry It is with deepest sympathy that my wife and I mourn the loss of Lorraine. She was a shining star and she will be sorely missed. Her contributions along with yours to preserving a part of our history and the dedication to the Allied Orders is legendary. On behalf of the Department of New York, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War please accept our condolences and in the spirit of fraternity, charity & loyalty our offer of assistance in anything you may need.

**Jeffrey Albanese** - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jerry, We were so sorry to read of Lorraine's passing. We enjoyed visiting with both of you at Civil War events at Grant Cottage. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

**Pat & Joe Peck** - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ We were so shocked to hear that Lorriane was ill with this awful disease. Lorriane loved you with her heart and you took such wonderful care of her. Lorriane will be so missed by the family and we were kept up on her family findings. Jerry if you need anything please don't hesitate to call us 484-1046. We'll keep in touch and have you down for dinner. We all love you so please eat and take care of your health. Love Jack and Sharon

**Sharon and John Roth** - November 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us every day, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear. My heart aches for you Jerry and Greg. Our family has lost an amazing women.

**Rosemarie Menga (Roth)** - November 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ The Historical community of Central New York has lost an amazing resource. Lorraine will be greatly missed by all of us who had the pleasure of knowing her. I especially enjoyed the times spent with Lorraine and Jerry at the Oswego County Fair and as my guests as they spent countless hours re-enacting history and displaying items from their collections. Rest in Peace good friend!

Shawn Doyle - November 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Please See Me Through My Tears You asked, "How are you doing?" As I told you, tears came to my eyes...and you looked away and quickly began to talk again. All the attention you had given me had drained away. "How am I doing?" I do better when people listen, though I may shed a tear or two. This pain is indescribable. If you've never known it, you cannot fully understand. Yet I need you. When you look away, I am again alone with it. Your attention means more than you can ever know. Really, tears are not a bad sign, you know! They're nature's way of helping me to heal. They relieve some of the stress of sadness ....but you are wrong. The memory of my loved one's death will always be with me, Only a thought away. My tears make my pain more visible to you, but you did not give me the pain...it was already there. When I cry, could it be that you feel helpless, Not knowing what to do? You are not helpless, And you don't need to do a thing but be there. When I feel your permission to allow my tears to flow, you've helped me You need not speak. Your silence as I cry is all I need. Be patient...do not fear. Listening with your heart to "how I am doing" relieves the pain for when the tears can freely come and go, I feel lighter. Talking to you releases what I've wanted to say aloud, clearing space for a touch of joy in my life. I'll cry for a minute or two... and then I'll wipe my eyes and sometimes you'll even find I'm laughing later. When I hold back the tears, my throat grows tight, my chest aches, my stomach knots... because I'm trying to protect YOU from my tears. Then we both hurt ME, because my pain is held inside, a shield against our closeness and YOU, because suddenly we are distant. So please, take my hand and see me through my tears... then we can be close again.

Elizabeth Cerchia (Roth) - November 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Jerry, I was so sorry to read in the paper that Lorraine had passed away. I've known her since our high school days at Henninger High School. I've always enjoyed her knowledge of all things historical, what a brilliant mind she had. So glad we were able to see each other again after high school at the many Legion and Freedom Foundation functions. She will certainly be missed. So sorry Jerry. Sincerely, Pat and Jesse Harrington Telephone # 471-9772

Pat Harrington - November 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jerry ,Greg and the Roth families A beautiful life that came to an end,she died as she lived,everyone's friend. In our hearts a memory will always be kept,of one we loved and will never forget.

**Dorothy Ambriati** - November 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Larry and family, I am so sorry to hear of Lorraine's passing. I had just received a card from her the other day. Sister Lorraine was a wonderful member of the LGAR and I am sure all the organizations she served will feel the loss of a wonderful and dedicated member. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Barb Knopke, PNP, LGAR

**Barbara Knopke** - November 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lorraine, we talked alot but some times things we said were short and sweet. I am going to miss you!

**Lynne Gallaudet Dolan** - November 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Jerry, Please accept my sincere sympathy. You and Lorraine have always been kind and helpful to me in all Allied Orders matters, and extended friendship far beyond that. You have always been "Jerry and Lorraine" to me, a couple, inseparable on earth. May your heavenly reunion be joyous. In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, Todd Shillington

**Todd Shillington** - November 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sydney Camp #41, of the Sons of Union Veterans, offer our deepest sympathy to husband Jerome ( Jerry) Orton and family. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalms 44.1)

**Lyman Baker - PCC** - November 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jerry, Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

**Ann Gardner** - November 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lorraine and I had many conversations and laughs about the "Orton boys" comparing notes on their similarities. She was a gentle, kind and very giving person and we will truly miss her at our family gatherings. I admired her strength and steady spirit during the months of her illness. Never a word of complaint, always giving us ideas of what to do around Syracuse when we visited. At her birthday party, I remember how her eyes were speaking for her. They reflected the love and care she had for all of us and I hope she felt the love we all had for her. God speed, Lorraine. I hope you find the welcome relief and happiness you deserve in Heaven.

**Janet Orton** - November 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ I cannot name another person in my life that I respected more than Lorraine ..... lucky that Jerry found such a wonderful person to share his life. She treated me like a "King" and I so very much loved chatting with her. Our trip to Mt. Rushmore in 2010 was so much fun and our evening at the Crazy House monument was a event that made us even closer. ( I hope Jerry recalls ) When she first was ill she called me and told me to not tell anyone that she was sick and did not want to be a burden to Jerry and Greg. She had not idea of the out pouring of love that would follow her in her final year. In my three trips to visit her from Colorado that past year, she would instruct ( boss around) Jerry on where to take us and what we could do. Even though she was very sick she could still be the "Boss" of the house . On one trip she give us her quilt that was made for her by her friends. She wanted me to look around the house and find something I could take for my wife Janet. She was such a giving person. I would often cry at her side and turn away to hide my emotions. I could tell from her eyes that she understood my sadness. I am hoping tonight that she and Hannibal (old dog) are sitting next to the Rainbow Bridge looking at the stars wishing all of us well.....

**Malcolm Orton** - November 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Greg & Jerry, I am so sorry for the loss of your Mom & Wife. May she rest in peace. I am glad Lorraine found a loving husband. May you both be comforted with loving memories. Take care, Jennifer

**Jennifer Wagner** - November 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ When Lorraine came to our town in Wilton for the first time, I was wondering who the person was that captured my dear Uncle's heart. But it didn't take long to see . . . Lorraine and Jerry shared a deep passion for history, Civil War Re-enactments, President Grant, travel, long car rides and a complete contentment with each other. They were two "peas in a pod" and a match like no other. When they both retired, Lorraine gave up her car and I couldn't understand why and she explained to me that only one car is needed now as we do everything together. How true that was! They fought this Lou Gehrig's disease to the end and Jerry rarely left her side. A true love . . . We will miss her so much. God has a remarkable lady in Heaven! All My love,  
Alison and Craig

**Alison Schoonover** - November 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM