



## Lana L. Strauss

April 20, 1942 - September 8, 2018

Lana L. Strauss, died September 8, 2018 at 76 years of age.

She was a beloved wife, mom, grandmother and friend who was alternately known as MiMi to her grandchildren and Miss Lana to all of the children she shaped through her life's work of educating children. She lived bravely, freely and fiercely. She cherished every breath and every moment of her beautiful life, being fully present for so many and loving and guiding all of us with intention

She is survived by her husband of 53 years, George Strauss; her son and daughter-in-law, George "Moose" and Hollie Strauss and her daughter and son-in-law, Shawn and Tammi Leonard.

Her life revolved around her three adoring grandchildren, Charce Cyrus, Collin Leonard and Cameron Leonard. She was loved and respected by many life-long, dear friends and relatives.

The pain we feel is the price of a love that transcends all time. But we have faith that the next time we see her, we will never have to say goodbye again and, until that day, we will work to honor her name and love each other, as she loved each of us.

Lana knew that the meaning of life is to find your gift; the purpose of life is to give it away. Lana Strauss gave all of us a love we will treasure until our own last breaths.

Family will receive friends Wednesday from 1-3 and 5-7 pm. at Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling. Funeral Liturgy

with Mass will be celebrated Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 10 am at St. Michael Catholic Church, Wheeling.

In lieu of flowers, Lana requested that donations be made, in her memory, to St. Michael's Parish School.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **12.** 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory- Wheeling/Bethlehem  
1 Ridgecrest Road  
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003  
(304) 232-0400  
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

SEP **12.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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1 Ridgecrest Road  
Bethlehem/Wheeling, WV 26003  
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## Funeral Liturgy with Mass

SEP **13.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Michaels Catholic Church  
1225 National Road  
Wheeling, WV 26003

# Tribute Wall

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**Sue Mascarenas** - September 14, 2018 at 05:14 PM

TL

*This is beautiful SueAnn.....we can't thank you enough! Momma would've loved this, and the beautiful song!!*

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**Tammi Leonard** - September 14, 2018 at 07:19 PM

LP

“ *Today we will have a mass at St Michaels for my dear friend Lana. I know the Lord will welcome her just as she always welcomed me into her home. We shared so many special times from the time our children were young until now - the golden years. She suffered from cancer, but faced it & fought it because of her love for her family. George & her family stood by her every step of the way & I know she'll watch over THEM now. May she rest in peace - my forever friend Love ya Lil*

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**Lillian Payne** - September 13, 2018 at 06:34 AM

KR

“ *My mom lost a dear friend this week but she—and all of us—are happy to have known her.*

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**Kris (Gribben) Roberts** - September 11, 2018 at 11:03 PM

TL

*Your parents have been wonderful friends to both mom and dad for a very long time. Mom was blessed to have Joan in her corner!!!*

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**Tammi Leonard** - September 11, 2018 at 11:25 PM

CB

“ *I'm sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. Lana was a wonderful person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Carla Bell** - September 11, 2018 at 10:06 PM

TL

*We really appreciate that Carla.....hoping you all are doing well!!*

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**Tammi Leonard** - September 11, 2018 at 11:29 PM

JP

“ *Lana was a wonderful lady that always greeted me with a hug and a smile. She was a great influence on me as a young man. The entire Strauss family are class acts and she will definitely be missed. We love you guys and hopefully she is up in Heaven with my Dad eating a delicious CC cookie. Some of my most vivid memories are with the Strauss clan, always cheering for the Pike Cubs or rooting for the Maroon Knights. Keep smiling guys Mom would want it that way.*

*Much Love*

*Jimmy and Effie and the boys*

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**Jim Payne** - September 11, 2018 at 03:42 PM

TL

*You guys have always been in our lives and Lil was momma's "bestie" she would tell me. She gave mom a safe place to lean in and be 100% herself. For this and so many other reasons, we are eternally grateful to the Payne clan AND I know momma and Mr. P are looking down on us all :)*

Tammi Leonard - September 11, 2018 at 05:43 PM

ED

“ Tammi, George and All Your Family:

*So very sorry for the loss of your Mom. She was such a loving Mom and adored you both. I am so grateful for the times we shared in her kitchen during our teen years. Even when we grew and all went our separate ways attending to our own families, I would see you Mom from time to time and she always remembered me and greeted me with a smile and those loving eyes. God Bless.*

*--Erin Campbell Dodd*

Erin Dodd - September 11, 2018 at 08:16 AM

TL

*Thank you Erin for sharing this with us!!! God Bless you and yours also!*

Tammi Leonard - September 11, 2018 at 01:04 PM

LC

*Our hearts are breaking for all of you. Though I didn't know your mom I knew she was an lovely caring woman because I know her daughter and she has blessed my life immensely since we met!! Our prayers continue as you travel this heartbreaking road💕💕  
Ron and Linda Carpenter*

Linda Carpenter - September 11, 2018 at 03:33 PM

TL

*Love you Linda and Ron!! God knew we'd need each other and what a blessing you have been!!!*

Tammi Leonard - September 11, 2018 at 11:20 PM

RA

“ Tammi- I have so many fond memories of cooking out in the back yard with you all when we lived in Wheeling! Our deepest sympathies! Prayers for peace and comfort!  
Robin and Albert Adler

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**Robin Adler** - September 10, 2018 at 08:01 PM

TL

Thank you Robin! She loved your family and was so happy that we had each other during those years of raising our girls!

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**Tammi Leonard** - September 11, 2018 at 01:06 PM

KM

“ How do you capture my sister Lana in a few words?  
You don't, and I can't. It's a bit like trying to capture a moonbeam in a jar. She cast so much light in so many ways, in so many lives. Her light on this earth finally went out, but she has left sparks of light in all of us.  
Isn't it strange that we don't truly realize just how much we love someone until they're no longer with us. We have all this time on earth to show them that we love them while they're here.  
Then, in a moment, a blink, a breath, they're gone. And we're left wondering, did she know. Did she really know how much I loved her and admired her. Nothing frightens me more than this unsettling thought.  
Our family will never be the same without her.  
She will be deeply missed.  
Karen Muse

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**Karen Muse** - September 10, 2018 at 06:22 PM

TL

This is beautiful Aunt Karen and I believe she knew! She would say, "no looking back, only forward" and would want nothing more than to give us comfort and peace for the days ahead!

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**Tammi Leonard** - September 11, 2018 at 01:10 PM

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**Karen Muse** - September 10, 2018 at 06:20 PM

TL

*My momma is so beautiful. Thank you for sharing this pic that encompasses her younger beauty....and that smile :)*

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**Tammi Leonard** - September 11, 2018 at 01:12 PM

LS

*Sending our deepest sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Denny and Lin Snyder*

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**Lin Snyder** - September 12, 2018 at 04:00 PM