



Lois Anne Caruso Berzman

July 19, 1946 - March 29, 2024

Lois Anne Caruso Berzman, 77, of Cameron, West Virginia, passed away on Friday, March 29, 2024. Born on July 19, 1946, in Portland, Oregon, she was raised in San Francisco by her parents, the late Anthony Salvatore Caruso of Caruso Produce Express, and Millicent Marie Matich.

A graduate of Star of the Sea Academy in San Francisco, Lois was a devout Catholic. She pursued a career as an administrative assistant, working for Bank of America, Equifax, and the State of California's Employment Department in San Francisco.

Lois leaves behind a legacy of unwavering devotion as a mother and grandmother. Survived by her daughter, Millicent "Millie" Caruso (Larry Joseph) Alvarez of Beaverton, Oregon, along with four grandchildren: Anthony, Vincent, Madison, and Anthony A., as well as one great-grandchild, Rylie. She is also survived by her sister, Frances McAuliffe. Lois was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Rose Marie Ewing.

In many ways, she embodied an old-school charm, yet she unintentionally imparted a powerful lesson—that as women, there is nothing we cannot do. She lived this truth, blazing her own trail and overcoming obstacles with resilience and grace. From her birthplace in Portland, Oregon, to her upbringing in San Francisco, she navigated life with grace and determination.

Her decision to purchase a house online in West Virginia after her mother passed away remains a testament to her fearless spirit and willingness to embrace new experiences. Lois and her daughter, Millie, had moved two households from the Bay Area to care for her mother during her last five years of life. That, in itself, was an adventure, adding onto the house and bringing their households together. Despite the challenges, she approached each day with unwavering strength and love.

Extremely generous with friends, family, and her broader community, she often put the needs of others before her own, embodying the true spirit of giving. Her open heart and willingness to help anyone in need left a lasting impact on all who knew her. Whether it was volunteering her time, offering a listening ear to those in distress, or nurturing lifelong connections, she touched countless lives with her kindness and compassion.

Private services will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery in San Francisco. The full obituary is available at grisellfuneralhomes.com.

Tribute Wall

JB

“Lois and I became fast friends when she came to Cameron. She was a very special and beautiful woman that I enjoyed many conversations on many subjects. She shared a Christmas tour of her absolutely gorgeous home, and her love of the symphony at the Capital Music Hall. I, and all that got to know her, will remember her fondly. My sincere condolences to her family that she loved so much.

JUDY L BERESFORD - April 02, 2024 at 05:17 PM

MA

Thank you for sharing your memories of my mom and for your heartfelt condolences. I'm looking forward to meeting you in person.

Millie Alvarez - April 16, 2024 at 08:42 PM

MG

“Lois was a great friend throughout the years. I talked to her recently and she was not feeling well but under the care of her doctor. She will always be remembered for her friendly and caring nature.

Mary Ann Grupe - April 02, 2024 at 01:32 PM

MA

I'm so glad to hear that you and she stayed in touch over the years. Your friendship meant a lot to her, and she always spoke highly of you. Your kind words bring comfort during this time.

Millie Alvarez - April 16, 2024 at 08:46 PM

LL

“ My dear mother in law Lois. You will be missed dearly but never forgotten in my heart and mind. I will always remember your love and generosity for your grand children, great grand daughter and myself. Mostly I will remember and never forget the unconditional love and care you had for your daughter, Millie. May God bless you and comfort you in heaven.

Larry Alvarez son in law - April 01, 2024 at 06:12 PM

ML

Lois,
You will be truly missed! I always appreciated your kindness and the conversation I had with you may you fly high with your angles in heaven and can ya say hi to my Dad & Mom

Mary Lowery - April 01, 2024 at 06:42 PM

VY

Lois and Family, Lois was the sweetest person in the whole world, and a great classmate at Star of the Sea Academy. We will miss your good jokes at our Zoom class reunions. God speed and pray for us all up there in heaven.

Virginia Greene Yanke
SSA '64

Virginia Greene Yanke - April 02, 2024 at 08:27 PM

KW

My condolences to all family and friends. Lois was such a bright presence in the world, warm and witty, smart and wise, and so very caring of others. I enjoyed our long phone calls and reminiscing about our school days at Star. It didn't matter how long ago it had been. She made it feel like no time had passed at all, and for awhile we were those girls again, having fun and a few laughs. I will miss her very much.

Kathy Dyer Wilkes - April 03, 2024 at 03:33 AM

MA

*Virginia and Kathy,
Thank you for your heartfelt messages. It's touching to hear how much my mom meant to you and her classmates at Star of the Sea Academy. She always cherished her time there and spoke fondly of her classmates. Your memories of her brighten our hearts during this difficult time. May her good jokes and warm spirit live on in our memories.*

Millie Alvarez - April 16, 2024 at 08:51 PM

MA

Mary and Larry, I'm sure she's smiling down from heaven, surrounded by angels, including your Dad and Mom.

Millie Alvarez - April 16, 2024 at 08:56 PM