



## Diane Lomatch

June 14, 1938 - December 12, 2022

BOCA RATON, FL - Diane Lenore (Vecellio) Lomatch aged 84, passed away peacefully on Monday December 12, 2022, in Boca Raton, FL. She had declined in health after a hip fracture from a fall, in March 2020.

She was born on June 14, 1938 in Iron Mountain, the daughter of the late Charles and Olga (Wollum) Vecellio, Diane, an only child, had a large extended family throughout the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. At an early age, the family moved to Detroit where her father started a freight company which later became known as Buck's Express.

During summer breaks, Diane would love returning to the Iron Mountain area to spend time with her grandparents. Always being the smart one in the room and a genius in math due to her love of numbers, she attended Cass Technological High School in Detroit where she met her husband Aaron LaRue (Rudy) Lomatch who predeceased her in 2010. Diane and Rudy had two daughters Lorraine and Beth and raised them in the Detroit area, including Livonia, and later in Ann Arbor.

Diane worked part-time for her parents' company, Buck's Express, handling paperwork for the business. Once her daughters were teenagers, Diane returned to college and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Math and a Master of Public Health in Biostatistics from the University of Michigan.

She worked at the University of Michigan compiling and organizing data for Diabetes and Endocrinology research. In 1982, she and Rudy relocated to Lighthouse Point, FL after he transferred with IBM. She began working at IBM in the Boca Raton facility as a Data Analyst in 1982 and retired in 1997.

Diane and Rudy loved to travel; cruising around the world and camping around the United States with their camping friends from the Florida Hi-Loafers camping club. Diane was an avid reader and enjoyed working jigsaw puzzles.

Diane is survived by her daughters, Lorraine (Jay) Johnson of Cary, NC, Beth (Randy) Loren of Boca Raton, FL; grandchildren Amanda Loren, Karoline (Zac) Barkjohn, Allison (Andy) Hackett and Lesley Johnson; great grandchildren, Nash, Breck and Georgia Hackett.

Diane will be buried next to her husband at the Norway Township Cemetery at a later date.

Family suggests in lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

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“ No one forgets their very first best friend. Diane was mine--we met in 1949 and somehow managed to keep in touch over many years and many moves. I have fond memories from the old Detroit neighborhood, the Swedish Lutheran Church nearby, being roommates at U of M, our weddings, our babies--all the events of life we shared. My children always called her Aunt Diane--she was like family. Dear Lorraine and Beth, I hope that your good memories bring smiles instead of tears. Sending my love to all of Diane's family.

Evelyn Nebel - December 22, 2022 at 11:21 PM



Evelyn, Thank you so much for sharing your memories of our Mom.  
Lorraine

Lorraine Johnson - December 23, 2022 at 07:17 AM

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Dear Lorraine and Beth,  
I just found out today about your Mom's passing. Instead of trying to find Joyce Hess again I should have Googled Diane. It's always a shock to find an obituary but we are the same age so I should not be surprised but I always am when this happens. I have fond memories of meeting Diane our first day of middle school and becoming fast friends right through Luther League at the "Swedish" church. We spent time together through our high school years though she went to Cass Tech and I was at East Commerce. After that we corresponded about our lives and colleges, married lives and children at Christmas time. Through all of those early years your mom was a loving, kind and supportive friend to me. I never forgot that. I'm sorry I haven't kept in touch these last few years. She was a fine and very intelligent woman.  
Love, Ellen Nelson

Ellen Nelson - April 10, 2023 at 10:15 PM

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“ Dear Beth and Lorraine sending my Deepest Sympathy and Love to you and your families. I have many fond memories being a friend of mom and dad. Met your mom as we were members of Ruth Circle at church. Through that we socialized as couples. We had many laughs with our husband's over dinners and being on the same cruise. After I left Florida we gradually lost contact- sorry to day! Again My Deepest Sympathy and Love! Rest in Heavenly Peace my friend. 🙏🙏

Donna Dantow - December 17, 2022 at 05:06 PM



Thank you, Donna, for your kind words. Lorraine Lomatch Johnson

Lorraine Johnson - December 23, 2022 at 07:19 AM

PS

“ Beth and Lorraine I'm so sorry for your loss! I always remember going to the cottage when we were little. And watching man landing on the moon.. and it Father's yelling at us to come watch... my condolences to your family. Love you guys  
Patty...

Patty (Lass) Simpson - December 17, 2022 at 01:06 PM



Patty, I have that same memory from the moon walk in 1969. We had some good times at my grandparents' cottage. Lorraine

Lorraine Johnson - December 23, 2022 at 07:20 AM