



Crystal E. Lorgeree

April 19, 2023

Crystal E. Lorgeree, 72, of Middletown, RI, made her transition from this world at 3:20 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, 2023, after a valiant struggle against Covid. She was born in Philadelphia, the daughter of Nicholas J. and Mary A. (Anderson) Matuska of Philadelphia, both of whom predeceased her. She was also predeceased by a long-time companion, Carl “Buz” Weil of Allentown, as well as a baby sister who was firstborn of the family, Judith Matuska.

Crystal had been a Certified Nurse Assistant at Sacred Heart Hospital in Allentown, PA., and worked in the Critical Care department. She also studied at Northampton Area Community College, and at the New York Institute of Art and Design. She made jewelry and had her own retail business in Allentown, PA for a few years.

After becoming a member of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Lehigh Valley, PA, Crystal went on to become a mentor for the group, helping others with mental health difficulties for many years. She had a fierce devotion to animals of any kind, especially cats, and donated as much and as often as she could to various animal organizations.

She is survived by her older sister, Sandra Matuschka of Tiverton, RI, close cousins Ann Sutliff and her husband Larry; Kathy Cook and her husband Richard; Lisa Cragin and her husband Robert, and Larry Sutliff Jr., all of

Philadelphia, PA; Cousin Ruth Lowndes of Middletown, RI, close friends Mike and Ruth Layton of Winsted, Conn., as well as many cousins of the Martin and Anderson families of Newport, RI.

Services will be private. Donations in Crystal's memory can be made to the Potter League for Animals, 87 Oliphant Lane, Middletown, RI 02842, or any animal protection/sanctuary of your choice. Crystal had a fondness for the Potter League, as she was forced by circumstances of renting rules to surrender one of her two older Persian cats, Smokey, to the League when she moved here in 2015. Smokey was quickly adopted. Her other cat, Butters, predeceased her in 2017.

Tribute Wall



“ *I am so sad to have just learned of Crystal's passing. She was a sweet, caring, giving person and my friend. God bless her. I am so sorry. My condolences.* ”

Kathleen McGunnigle - July 08, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ *Sandra Matuschka lit a candle in memory of Crystal E. Lorgeree* ”



Sandra Matuschka - May 31, 2023 at 01:18 AM



“ *Royal Middletown lit a candle in memory of Crystal E. Lorgeree* ”



Royal Middletown - April 23, 2023 at 02:45 PM

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“ *During my younger years in Pennsylvania, I spent lots of time with Crystal and her sister, Sandra. I have many happy memories of those days.*

Crystal had more than her share of difficulties throughout her life, but she met all the challenges with courage and determination. Her quiet intelligence and her empathy always stood out.

The three of us had some wonderful adventures in New York City (including an accidental meetup with a Star Trek convention) and remembering those experiences still brings a smile to my face.

Beth Troy - April 22, 2023 at 01:48 AM