



Lorraine "Lori" Dickenson (nee Smaczniak)

October 30, 1937 - July 17, 2025

July 17, 2025 of Lackawanna, NY.

Beloved wife of the late Bruce E. Dickenson; loving mother of Amy (Adam Nowak) Dickenson and Brian Nelson Dickenson; cherished grandmother of Ruby; devoted sister of Felicia (late Stanley) Bosinski and Stanley Smaczniak; dear aunt of Christine (James) Evers, Karen (Eugene) Maziarski, Bridget (Jon) Dines, Christopher (Lana) Smaczniak, and Katy (Jerry) Smaczniak; also survived by other nieces and nephews. A member of Our Lady of Victory Basilica's choir, a devoted parishioner and Eucharistic minister, Lori dedicated her retirement to acts of service — delivering communion to the sick and caring for the elderly. She was thrilled to bring soup and one of her famous hugs to any of her friends when they were under the weather. She truly loved reading and sharing stories with her book club buddies. Born the day before Halloween, she always said, "I was a trick instead of a treat." But we all know, she was an absolute joy to have as a friend, sister, mom and grandma. She will be deeply missed. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Monday July 28th from 3-7PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday July 29th at 10:30AM in Our Lady of Victory National Shrine & Basilica, 767 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, NY 14218. Please assemble at Church. Inurnment in Holy Cross Cemetery. Donations may be made in Lori's name to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation. <https://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org>. Please leave

condolences online at www.SmolarækCares.com

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

2900 S. Park Ave
Lackawanna, NY 14218

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 28. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 29. 10:30 AM (est)

Our Lady of Victory Basilica
767 Ridge Rd
Lackawanna, NY 14218
<http://www.ourladyofvictory.org>

please assemble at church

Tribute Wall



“ Cousins: Anita, Ilona, Dan & Cynthia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lorraine "Lori" Dickenson (nee Smaczniak).

Cousins: Anita, Ilona, Dan & Cynthia - July 27, 2025 at 08:25 PM



“ Cousins: Anita, Ilona, Dan & Cynthia purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Lorraine "Lori" Dickenson (nee Smaczniak).



Cousins: Anita, Ilona, Dan & Cynthia - July 27, 2025 at 08:25 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorraine "Lori" Dickenson (nee Smaczniak).



July 25, 2025 at 04:40 PM



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“ We will miss our strong, intelligent and witty resident of Solstice as she enters heaven. She never gave up, loved dressing in fun costumes for Halloween and sent countless greeting cards to many appreciating her caring & supportive ways. Rest in peace Lori , your friends at Solstice Senior Living loved you, Margaret



Margaret Kleinmann - July 21, 2025 at 01:55 PM