



Lori Anne Ratzburg

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It is with great sadness that the family of Lori Anne Ratzburg, 57, announces her passing just under a year after being diagnosed with cancer. Lori passed away peacefully on July 10th, 2024 surrounded by family and friends at her home in Glen Burnie.

Lori is survived by her husband of 32 years, Dave Ratzburg; her son, Brian Ratzburg; her daughter, Amy Fanning and husband John-Michael; her granddaughter Olivia, and her second granddaughter to be born at the end of the month; her brother, Rob Budny; and sister, Trish Speake.

Lori was born in California, and spent her early childhood living in various countries (Turkey, Germany, the Philippines) as her father was in the United States Air Force. His final duty station was at Ft. Meade, where her family ended up settling. She remained a resident of Maryland, where she met her beloved husband Dave, after watching him play a softball game with their mutual friends. After the game, she told her friends that he was the man she was going to marry, and 32 years later, she was quite right. They loved each other deeply and their partnership over the years was beautiful to see.

A few years after getting married, Brian was born (followed by Amy a year later) and she became a mom. Anyone who has had the pleasure of knowing her would describe her as an incredibly selfless, supportive, kind, and beautiful person. These qualities (among the many others) made her the best mom, and her kids are eternally grateful for the love, support, and strength she's given them. She became a grandma (known as Gaga). She loved Olivia with all of her heart and would often jokingly remind her family that she was #1 on her favorite list. She would always say she was the happiest when just spending time with her family.

She loved to travel, whether it was camping at the beach or trips to tropical destinations, and she was always planning the next adventure. She spent her down time crocheting, making things for the people she loved (especially when new babies were born). She was often buying new crochet



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patterns and trying out different projects to give to others. She was also an avid yard saler and would take pride in the deals and treasures she would find.

For her professional life, she started her career in banking as the youngest teller on the floor and was quickly promoted through the ranks of the private banking industry where she worked for 24 years.

In 2008 she began working at the Maryland Department of Commerce, as a Business Development Representative for Anne Arundel County. In 2022, Lori was promoted to Senior Director, Regional Growth and Retention, the career accomplishment she was most proud of. The joy she had when working with and supporting Maryland companies was infectious. She loved her job and the people she worked with. She was a mentor to so many, and cared deeply about supporting others careers and professional development.

There are so many things to say about the wonderful life Lori led, but ultimately, the stories shared by family and friends all have a common theme, she was a phenomenal person. Those who knew her and felt her impact will carry it with them for the rest of their lives, and she will be forever loved and honored. She will be deeply missed by us all.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Lori can be made to her favorite rescue, the Senior Dog Sanctuary in Severn, MD by going to <https://sdsanctuary.charityproud.org/Donate/?cid=18643>.



Events

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Celebration of Life

Thursday, July 18, 2024

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401

A ceremony.



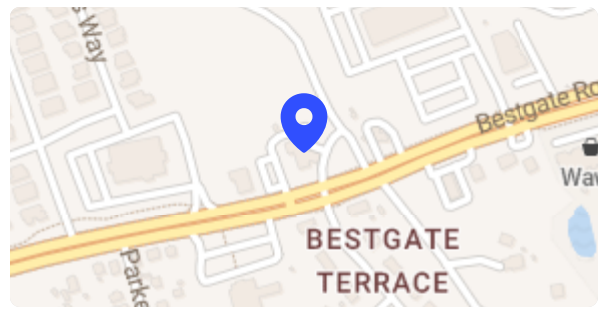
Visitation

Thursday, July 18, 2024

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET

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A time to gather and share memories.





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CM

Carrie Mckenzie posted:

Our family was so sorry to hear about Lori. She was such a wonderful person. We always enjoyed seeing Lori and your family during our GGB Terp basketball years. Thinking of all of you and sending prayers and love.The McKenzie Family

July 21 at 4:23 PM

ME

Martha Ellison posted:

My prayers are with you, Dave, and your entire family. I met Lori when she came to DBED, and we worked together for years. I have wonderful memories of her while all of us worked together on the Charity Campaign annually. Martha Ellison

July 20 at 7:48 AM



Sam Foley posted:

I only knew Lori for a brief period of time as colleagues at Department of Commerce. In that short time, she made quite the impression on me. I not only admired her as a professional, but as a friend and support. After suddenly losing my own parents, Lori was one of the first to reach out, offering kindness at a low point in my life. I can only hope to return that favor of kindness to her family.

July 18 at 5:58 PM

CA

Christine Aquino posted:

There are no words to adequately express the profound sadness at news of Lori's death. She and sister, Trish, were childhood friends to my sister and I. When we bumped into each other years ago in line at a store, it was like we were transported to our youth. She was as warm and kind as I'd always remembered her. A couple years ago we spent an evening together making meal bags for a homeless outreach. It was so fun to catch up on all the happenings of decades past. She talked of her loving family with so much joy and happiness. Olivia brought a special sparkle to her life, and I loved hearing about her camping and crocheting adventures. Lori showed up for people - physically, emotionally, professionally. The world is a little dimmer with her passing. Much love to her husband, family, and closest friends and colleagues. Christine Aquino

July 18 at 7:05 AM



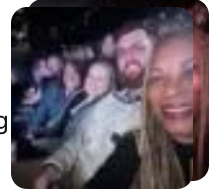
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Tammi Thomas shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." — Maya Angelou
Lori Ratzburg embodied an incredibly positive spirit. Lori's smile was contagious. Lori's commitment to mentoring others was inspirational. Lori's love for her family was heartwarming and special. I've known Lori for many years and was privileged to recently work closer with her through the MEDA (Maryland Economic Development Association) where she served on the Board of Directors. Her legacy of caring and agape love lives on in the people she touched. My prayer is that everyone has a Lori Ratzburg in their life. ❤️



July 12 at 10:53 AM



Linda Spence posted:

With heavy hearts, we bid farewell to our colleague, friend, and cherished family member, Lori Ratzburg. While our daily interactions were limited, Lori always extended a supportive hand and offered kind words. May you rest in eternal peace, Lori. ~ Linda Spence, Washington County, MD

July 18 at 1:56 AM



Alice And Mark Feffer sent a Lavender Reflections Spray to the Ratzburg family.

July 17 at 10:02 AM



Alice And Mark Feffer planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lori.

July 17 at 10:02 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Ratzburg family.

July 17 at 9:00 AM





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SM

Sean And Melissa sent a Sweet Tenderness to the Ratzburg family.

July 17 at 8:04 AM



SF

Schram And Mailander Families sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Ratzburg family.

July 16 at 4:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Ratzburg family.

July 15 at 3:41 PM



LC

Love, Tony,Dawn And Colin planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lori.

July 15 at 3:41 PM



KR

Kyran Ross lit a candle in honor of Lori.

July 15 at 12:53 PM



DA

Diane Whittles Servpro Of Annapolis sent a Your Light Shines to the Ratzburg family.

July 15 at 6:54 AM





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DA

Diane Whittles Servpro Of Annapolis planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lori.

July 15 at 6:54 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Ratzburg family.

July 15 at 6:08 AM



GS

Gloria Shryock posted:

I worked with Lori in her early days at Commerce; She was not only a wonderful coworker but a good friend; never hesitated to do anything for anyone; I will always be grateful for her help in my time of need. She will be dearly missed. My heart, thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. Lori, may your soul rest in peace.

July 15 at 5:49 AM

DA

Denita A. sent a Sweet Sincerity to the Ratzburg family.

July 14 at 3:05 PM



DA

Denita A. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lori.

July 14 at 3:05 PM



WF

With Love From Her Commerce Family sent a Pink Tribute Spray to the Ratzburg family.

July 14 at 2:05 PM





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WF

With Love From Her Commerce Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lori.

July 14 at 2:05 PM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Ratzburg family.

July 14 at 6:48 AM



LH

Love, Deb Hopkins planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lori.

July 14 at 6:48 AM



LB

Love, The Wiedermanns & Browns sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Ratzburg family.

July 13 at 7:13 AM



KA

Kavita posted:

Lori was pure sunshine. She radiated kindness, warmth, professionalism and gratitude in all that she did. She taught me so much professionally and also great support as a friend. Sending love to her family.

July 13 at 7:12 AM

ES

Erica Dobbs (Dobbs Defense Solutions) sent a Sweet Solace Spray to the Ratzburg family.

July 13 at 5:09 AM





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ES

Erica Dobbs (Dobbs Defense Solutions) planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lori.



July 13 at 5:09 AM

ED

Erica Dobbs posted:

In Loving Memory of LoriLori was more than an advisor; she was a vital connector and one of my champions, playing an instrumental role in my journey as a new entrepreneur. Her guidance and the connections she facilitated were crucial in building the foundations of my business. My heart is deeply saddened by the news of her passing. Lori's unwavering support and belief in my potential empowered me to pursue my dreams with confidence. Her legacy lives on through the network she helped me build and the invaluable advice she provided. I will always remember Lori for her kindness, generosity, and the profound impact she had on my life and career. She will be deeply missed but never forgotten.Erica DobbsCEO, Dobbs Defense Solutions

July 13 at 5:04 AM

AC

Alice Cook posted:

Sending my deepest sympathies to Lori's family. This is such shocking news. I worked with Lori at DBED. Lori was such a beautiful, generous person. When my daughter was young, Lori always gave us Olivia's clothes after she outgrew them. I had clothes forever and it was such a help. I pray for the family that their precious memories of her gets them through this very difficult time.

July 12 at 5:22 PM

FI

Fidelia posted:

Such a tragedy...I am a coworker, who interacted with Lori several times, especially during the Maryland Charity Campaign. She was always compassionate towards the less fortunate and wanted to help in every way possible. I remember when she learned I was taking stuff for the poor to India, she was the first one to bring things even earrings :-)) such was her giving heart. Her smile is what I will always remember. May God comfort the family at this time of unbearable grief. Fidelia

July 12 at 1:23 PM



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LR

Lisa Rogers posted:

My condolences to family i rember when Lori lived on rt1 in Jessup we were in my car and it broke down in the middle of the road we got out and ran and laugh . Lisa Rogers

July 12 at 12:29 PM

BS

Bonnie Strain posted:

I fondly remember Lori back in the Office Max functions. I'm deeply sorry for Dave, Brian, Amy and Olivia's loss. Prayers for comfort and peace as you cope with her loss.

July 12 at 12:08 PM

DP

Dylan Powell posted:

I will always remember Mrs. Ratzburg as a tremendously kind person from my earliest days. A testament to her, as I was in kindergarten when we first met, yet can still remember the gentleness in her words and voice. She will be missed.

July 12 at 11:45 AM

CB

Cheryll Barrett posted:

I met Lori at Carrollton Bank earlier in my banking career, we immediately connected, and she became my mentor. This is such a profound loss to her family, sending Dave and her family my heartfelt condolences.

July 12 at 10:53 AM

GS

Gail Sanders July 21 at 3:58 PM

I enjoyed Lori's cheerful personality whenever I would see her at business development events. I was shocked and saddened to hear the news. My condolences to Lori's family. Gail Sanders



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July 18 at 6:59 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lori by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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