



Alva Lorraine Borowsky Rath

April 12, 1929 - February 14, 2023

We announce the death of Alva Lorraine Rath, 93, who passed peacefully into the arms of her Savior on February 14, 2023 at Meadow Lake Skilled Care Facility in Tyler, TX.

Born April 12, 1929 in Conneaut, Ohio to Alfred and Blanche (Mansfield) Borowsky, Lorraine married Charles V. Rath, who predeceased her March 1, 2011.

Besides managing the home and raising her children to love God, Lorraine served in many capacities: a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), a volunteer Girl Scout leader, a school bus driver, and school cafeteria manager. For many years, she volunteered as a dispatcher and EMT for the Concord Rescue Squad, attended First Assembly of God in Lynchburg, VA. and later was a founding member of Thomas Terrace Baptist Church in Lynchburg.

Lorraine and Charles retired to Florida in 1994 and later moved to Texas to live with their daughter, Linda. After Charles died in 2011, Lorraine moved to Tyler, TX with her daughter and attended Redeeming Grace Fellowship Assembly of God.

She is survived by her children: Dr. Linda L. Rath, Lt. Col. Charles V. Rath, Jr. (retired), and Dr. G. David Rath, and by three grandchildren: Shawn, Aaron,

and Josiah.

A Celebration of Life will be held on March 23 at 2 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home officiated by Pastor Michael Davis. To share a memory of Lorraine, please visit the Tribute Wall at the Stewart Family Funeral Home website (<https://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com/obituaries/Alva-Rath/>).

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution to the Hospice of East Texas (www.hospiceofeasttexas.com), or Redeeming Grace Fellowship, Tyler, TX (www.rgftyler.com).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **23**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Tribute Wall



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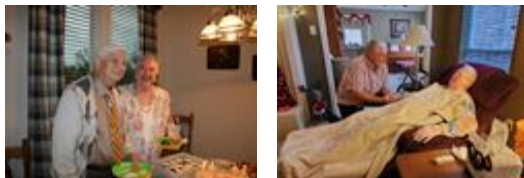
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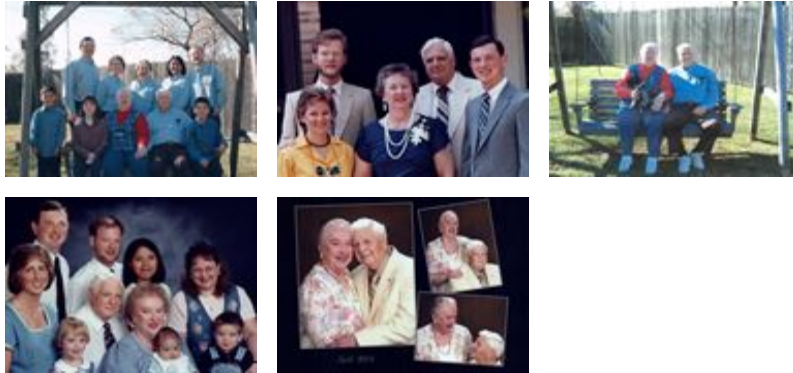
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“ What to say about a wonderful woman.....

I am married to her eldest son and I thank her for the wonderful way that she "raised up a child in the way he should go". She was always very honest and welcoming to me from the very 1st time I met her. Through the years of visiting with her, I learned about some of her childhood, family, hardships and joyful memories. She was always helpful and willing to share her knowledge when one asked for it. It is an honor to have known her and to know that one day we will all be together again as we worship at the feet of our Lord Jesus!

Natalie Shawn Rath - March 19, 2023 at 05:08 PM

LR

“ I’ve known Lorraine for decades. She was a woman who loved Jesus, her Savior , and knew her Bible, the Word of God. On occasion when I called Lorraine answered the phone because Linda was out running errands. She would always say “Joanie I would love talk with you but I don’t know much.” After our conversations I was caught up on her family news, Fritz’s antics, and had received gems of Godly wisdom.

Lorraine was a woman who loved Jesus her Savior and knew her Bible, God’s Word. Joan Geigel, Houston, TX.

Linda Lorraine Rath - March 18, 2023 at 08:56 PM

LR

*Thank you, Joan. She always loved talking with you, and visiting with you, and K & R!
linda*

Linda Lorraine Rath - March 18, 2023 at 09:02 PM

ST

“ So sad to hear of Lorraine passing I thought of as my friend and neighbor here in Thomas Terrace her service to many activities as I to was in she was such a Godly lady may you rest assured she’s in the hands of her Heavenly Father and prayers for you all at this sad passing as the days ahead Sandra Tate

Sandra Tate - March 18, 2023 at 07:36 PM

JB

“ Our hearts were broken to learn of Lorraine's passing although she will always share a place in our hearts. We have so many precious memories of her and her family. Some of our first were of the deep friendship between the Rath, Thomas and Baker families when they moved to Thomas Terrace. Right away our spirits bonded and we spent many hours sharing our Christian faith and working on projects together.

I, Sam Baker had the privilege of serving with Lorraine on the Concord Rescue Squad for several years.

Chuck & Lorraine were instrumental in founding Thomas Terrace Baptist Church, and we shall all remember Lorraine's words of wisdom and love as she said in our first founding meeting with 37 present, "We don't want just any church - we want a church reaching out in love." That's what the new church was established upon and still is exemplifying today in the community.

To the Rath family, we offer our sympathy and love and at the same time, we celebrate a life well lived and her glorious life now with her loved ones and her Lord and Savior whom she served so faithfully. With kind remembrances, Sam & Judy Baker, Lynchburg, Va.

Judy & Sam Baker - March 15, 2023 at 04:20 PM

“ Hello Aunt Rainey.

I think of you so many times and some of the awesome but few times we shared.

I loved your stories of times you and Uncle Chuck were EMTs together and always hurried to give care to those you never knew. Perhaps that's the reason for that season in all of your children's life choices.

I especially remember times that meant so much to me like the late afternoon/ evening at Conneaut Beach when we swam together, played in the sand, found two dead mud dogs on the beach and sat and spoke of that Inland Sea, dangers of shallow bodies of water, shipping on the Great Lakes and tidal waves, etc. What a marvelous teacher you were. How fascinating your stories were.

I wonder if you ever knew you were the first person that introduced me to pizza. You had come from work with a large pizza to share with your visiting

families. It was huge, to a little girl, with all the vegetables I never would have eaten but they were so good with the meat and cheese. And you thought it was ok for your little nieces and nephews to play outside in the yard in the dark. You always seemed more a kid friendly relative/aunt than the others, perhaps you were just little older than us rather than old.

I thank you for all your honesty and love and joy of teaching that I previously took for granted. I thank you for your love of others which you so freely gave to those who never knew you. I thank you for Uncle Chuck and his loving ways.

How blessed we were to have you both.

So as this simple little share seems to be turning into a novel ill wind down by saying thank you for your children, my precious cousins.

Thank you for all you did to "fill in the gaps" and thank you for teaching me the love of the Lord as you knew Him.

Some may read this and wonder why I wrote this to you instead of just about you...my answer is, in life and death you're still alive to me and distance kept me from being with you more often. So perhaps death is just a state of being where your energy is still present as it was in life, not destroyed just transformed and you are

still with us as you were in life. You're just diverse enough to be with God and those that love you here on earth.

Vaya con Dios dearest aunt and may you always walk in sunshine and wildflower covered fields with those you love so much.

And to your children....love ya Cuz. Watch for little hints that she has visited.

Sandra Eaton - March 12, 2023 at 06:57 PM

BR

“ *Aunt Lorraine was always so wonderful to me. I have great memories of our family going to visit her, Uncle Charles, Chuck, David and Linda in Virginia when I was a kid. Our families also go together for fun times in Pennsylvania when they visited us. I recall one visit (during my college years) when several of us went to visit Grandpa Rath in his nursing home in Ashtabula, Ohio. We had a period of time waiting to see him, and Aunt Lorrain and I went to the common room and shot a round of pool together to pass the time. Later in life our two children got to meet her and Uncle Chuck when they lived on the west coast of Florida. Many great moments together, and Aunt Lorraine will be missed.*

Love,

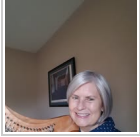
Brian, Kellyann, Nolan and Collin Rohr

Brian Rohr - March 12, 2023 at 08:51 AM

NM

“ *Lorraine was a beautiful lady inside & out. I had so much fun with her & husband Charles went with me & my husband at the time to decorate their son Charles' & my daughter Natalie's house while they were in Hawaii on their honeymoon. We laughed & joked about what all we should do to their house. We have lost a wonderful lady, but God has gained a beautiful child!*

Naomi Moore - March 10, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ I remember her 90th birthday party. She looked great. There were photos of her at different stages of her life and photos of her family. I learned a lot about her that day. She was such a sweet and gentle person. I feel privileged to have known her.

Carol Kilmon - February 27, 2023 at 05:50 PM

JT

“ Miss Lorraine was our neighbor, and we shared times together with her and her children. She was a very cordial and pleasant being, and it was always a pleasure to speak with her. She was always up beat, and never showed that she was out dated. I would like to send our heart felt blessings to Linda, Charles, and David and their respective families, and let them know our hearts are with them at this time of loss. God Bless you all.

Jerry & Reann

J. Tatum - February 16, 2023 at 06:08 PM