



Lorraine Louise Abela

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Lorraine (Lorrie) Louise Abela passed away on Sunday, December 11, 2022. She was born in New Orleans, LA on April 28, 1951.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Anne Gallagher and her brother-in-law, Kevin Gallagher. She is also survived by her cousins, and wonderful lifelong friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret Eleanor Mayne Abela and Andrew William Abela.

Lorrie was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Covington, LA since 1957. She graduated high school from St. Scholastica Academy and later earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southeastern University.

Lorrie was a Title Abstractor for St. Tammany Parish for many years and found great joy in being an adult literacy instructor in St. Tammany Parish. She helped many to improve their literacy skills over the years and taught others to become literacy instructors.

Lorrie was loving, compassionate, and a very caring person to all. Her true passions included reading, history, and spending time with her loving family and friends. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

In lieu of flowers, kindly consider memorial contributions in memory of Lorrie to the American Diabetes Association, PO Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023, 1-800-342-2383;
<https://www.diabetes.org/?form=Donate>.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the memorial service at St. Peter Catholic Church, 125 E. 19th Avenue, Covington Louisiana on Saturday, January 7, 2023, at 10:30 AM with a gathering at church beginning at 10:00 AM.



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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home has been entrusted with funeral arrangements. The family kindly invites you to share thoughts, fondest memories, and condolences on E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book; online at www.ejfieldingfh.com.




Events

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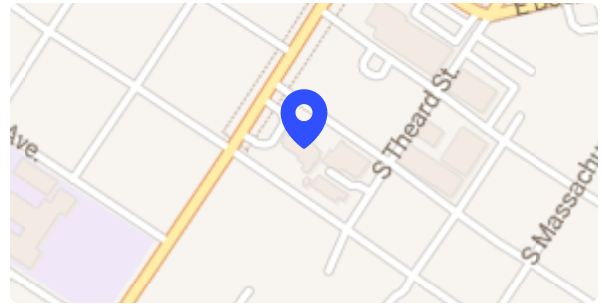
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, January 7, 2023

 10:30 AM CT

 **St. Peter Catholic Church**
125 E. 19th Street, Covington LA 70433





Tribute Wall

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Karen Bernard-Cole sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Abela family.



January 6 at 5:12 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Abela family.



January 6 at 3:11 AM



Mary Anne Gallagher posted:

Dear family, thank you for the lovely flowers. Lorrie loved flowers and she would appreciate you thinking of her. I also appreciate your thoughtfulness. Take care.

January 5 at 7:46 AM



Shannon Garrison posted:

I will remember my cousin Lorrie the most for her wonderful imagination. She would bring me Babar, King of the Elephants books and memorabilia. We would spend hours dressing Babar and Celeste up and having tea parties with them. She loved bringing us to museums, and say, "Let's go be bad today". We were always off having an adventure with her, my siblings and I. I had trouble with reading and she would work with me and give me assignments for the next time I saw her. Of course, Babar books were a fun reading assignment. She dedicated much of her time teaching adult literacy classes and I always admired her. She will be missed. I am so sorry Mary Anne and Kevin.

January 4 at 5:26 PM



Mary Anne Gallagher January 5 at 7:51 AM

Thank you so much, Shannon. Lorrie would be delighted to hear these memories. She love you and your sibs very much!



Greg, Shannon, Elise, Julia sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Abela family.



January 4 at 5:02 PM



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MG

Mary Anne Gallagher posted:

Thank you all so much for your loving comments about my sister, Lorrie. It's so wonderful to read your memories of her and I will treasure them. Thank you, Thomas, for your lovely letter. I will give you a call next week to reconnect. Patti, you can reach me at 225-938-1306 or my email at gallagher01@cox.net. I'd love to hear from you. Thank you for the lovely Peace Lily, Kay and Caitlin. But most of all, thank you, Kelly and Glenn. You have always been there for Lorrie and me. Kevin and I will never forget how you stood by us, during this difficult time. Much love to you all. MAG.

January 3 at 6:30 AM

TH

Thomas Hofer February 3 at 3:10 PM

Hi Mary Anne, we have talked since. Did you get m E-mails? I hope to talk to you again soon. I especially look forward to your comments about my book.

TH

Thomas Hofer January 24 at 3:59 PM

Hi Mary Anne, how are you doing? In advance of your call, I am letting you know that I have memories of you all, including your graduation picture from Mandeville High School in 1974. On two occasions, you met me as I was taking your mom's place. At first you asked, astonished, "Thomas, are you taking my mother's place?", the second time, you remarked, "Thanks for taking my mother's place." When you call, there will be more pleasant memories.

TH

Thomas Hofer January 17 at 11:25 AM

Hi Mary Anne, how are you doing? Fine I hope. When do you plan to call me? Please let me know. Thanks. I look forward to your contacts.

TH

Thomas Hofer January 7 at 6:49 AM

Hi Mary Anne, I had hoped to follow the Mass for Lorrie on live stream, but am not able to do so. Please feel free to call me any afternoon at either number or E-mail me at thofer47@att.net. Thank you.

TH

Thomas Hofer` January 3 at 1:36 PM

Mary Anne, I just read your general notice and look forward to our contacts. As I already stated, I have pleasant memories of your mom, Lorrie, and you.



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PC

Paulette M Cordes posted:

So very sorry to see this notice. Lorrie was a very special person!!! Mary Anne, know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

December 21 at 8:04 AM

MG

Mary. Anne Gallagher January 3 at 12:44 PM

Thank you, Paulette. The prayers are greatly appreciated!

AJ

Annette Jimenez posted:

Deepest condolences to the family. I met Ms. Lorraine while picking her up from work to take her home. She was a wealth of information, and we had many good conversations while on the bus. Ms. Lorraine taught me a lot about flowers and I take all of the knowledge she has given me in my daily life. She will be greatly missed.

December 20 at 6:03 AM

MG

Mary. Anne Gallagher January 3 at 12:45 PM

Lorrie spoke fondly of you, Annette. She really enjoyed talking with you. Thanks for your kind thoughts.



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PI

Patti Daigle-Brown Educational Insights posted:

I went to grade school with Mary Anne Abela. I wonder if she is Lorraine's sister? I would love to be in touch.

December 16 at 6:22 AM

PI

Patti Daigle-Brown Educational Insights January 8 at 3:19 AM

buckie74@30x90.net

TH

Thomas Hofer December 26 at 3:36 PM

So am I.

PB

Patti Daigle-Brown December 26 at 2:35 AM

Mary Anne, I am on Facebook.

TH

Thomas Hofer December 17 at 3:23 PM

And I do not wish to omit that I knew their mom as well. I have pleasant memories of all three Abelas.

TH

Thomas Hofer December 16 at 10:31 AM

Yes, she is. I knew her along with Lorraine. Thomas Hofer

KA

Kelly Abry posted:

My heart is broken. Lorrie was a loving light in my life. She and I used to go to the best toy store when I was a child called Animal Crackers. It was there that she and Tia bought me my Tigger that is still hidden in my closet. "In a world full of Eyoers, you're a Tigger, Kelly," she used to say to me. Their house always seemed magical. She would bake while Mary Anne, Tia and me would be hooting and acting silly during cutthroat games of Rummy 500. To this day, I can still close my eyes and smell her cream cheese brownies baking. We shared a love of books and new recipes. I will miss her greatly.

December 14 at 5:12 AM

CF

Caitlin Cooper And Kay Fallon sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Abela family.

December 14 at 4:54 AM





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Caitlin Cooper lit a candle in honor of Lorraine.

I am so sorry to hear about my dear cousin. I will always remember our trips to the English Tea Room and road trips to Bellingrath. She was so sweet and witty and she helped teach me how to dress like an adult, as well as sharing my love of books and cats.



December 14 at 4:42 AM



Eugenie Martin posted:

I'm sorry to hear that Lorrie, our former classmate, has passed from this life. She was so smart in school and accomplished so much in her career. My hope and prayer is that she is in heaven with our good and faithful Father God. May the Lord comfort her family and keep his hand of lovingkindness upon them all.

December 13 at 4:55 PM



Mary. Anne Gallagher January 3 at 12:49 PM

Thank you, Eugenie. Your comments were lovely and appreciated.



Darlene Creel posted:

It was my pleasure to work for Laurie over the last nine years. Running errands, shopping, etc. she was a true friend and I will miss her very much. Fly high my friend.

December 13 at 1:23 PM



Mary. Anne Gallagher January 3 at 12:51 PM

Dear Darlene, you were so much more than Lorrie's Aid, you were a true friend. Thank you for everything!



Thomas Hofer shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Lorraine Abela was one of my earliest dates in 1966 after I came to the United States a year earlier. She was very pleasant to get along with, and I also remember her as well educated. We also were neighbors from time to time while I was living in Covington with my parents. Of course I also remember her mother and her sister with whom she was living during that time. May she now rest in peace and rise in glory.



December 12 at 1:06 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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