



Dorilee Byrnes

August 16, 2025

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Saturday, August 16, 2025 at the age of 81, Dorilee Therese Byrnes (Fox, Bryan) died surrounded by her family. She is survived by her husband of 22 years, John Byrnes; Children, Bill Bryan, Tim Bryan, Diane (Charlie) Feeman, Jackie (Terry) Robbins and Karen (Ted) Neary; Six Grandchildren, Charlie, Andy and Allie Freeman; Bryan & Molly Morano; and Jack Bryan; Sister, Kitty (Gordie) Franza; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Dorilee grew up in the 10th Ward neighborhood of Rochester, attending Sacred Heart and Nazareth High School before marrying her first husband, Bill Bryan, and moving to Penfield. There she raised five children and was an active parent: leading scout troops and coaching softball teams. She also spent time at the bowling alley where she maintained a top average for her team.

As the children grew, Dorilee started working for an oral surgeon in the area, moving from part-time to full-time and enjoying a 25+ year career. She was always eager to learn more about the medical field and building her job responsibilities until a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis forced retirement in 2003.

Dorilee was widowed in 1983 and years later met John Byrnes through her cousin. Dorilee and John spent 36 happy years together, enjoying travel, music and sports – especially attending the sporting events of their six grandkids. She was a keen fan of Syracuse basketball, Bills football, Red

Wings and Mets baseball.

Some of Dorilee's favorite family times were spent at Daniel's Resort in the Poconos where, for many years, a summer week was spent playing shuffleboard, bocce, bingo, horseshoes and softball. She was even able to enjoy experiencing this same summer vacation with her grandchildren for several years.

Reading and bridge were passions of Dorilee's. She played in numerous bridge leagues over the years making life-long friends. She was happily able to continue to play until the end of her life.

Those who knew Dorilee quickly loved her smile, wit, candor, intelligence, strength and perseverance in the face of the challenges she encountered in her life. She will be greatly missed.

Friends and family are invited to call Wednesday, August 20th from 3:00pm – 6:00pm at Leo M. Bean and Son's Funeral home with memorial service at 6:00pm at the funeral home. Immediately following, all are invited to join the family at MacGregor's Grill & Tap Room (2205 Buffalo Rd) for some snacks and stories about this amazing woman's life. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial gift to The School of the Holy Childhood, 100 Groton Parkway Rochester, NY 14623 or on their website here: <https://support.holychildhood.org/give/86137/#!/donation/checkout>

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG **20**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

DY

“ *John and Family, I'm so sorry to hear this! I just found out today! So many memories, good times, many laughs! Love, Debbie*

Debbie Yendzieski - August 28, 2025 at 04:08 PM

MD

“ *We will always remember Mrs. B's kind heart, smile and the great neighbor that she was on Timber Brook Lane. Always asking us to go for a swim at her Mom's (Mrs. Fox) pool , watching softball game or just playing in the neighborhood with the gang. So many things to mention. Such a special lady!!!*

We feel so lucky to have had her in our lives , so so many years ago! Sending our condolences to all. Love The Kost Girls

Marjorie, Maureen, Jean and Diane - August 20, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home - August 19, 2025 at 01:30 PM

MC

Dorilee is a present we give to ourselves -- Mike Connelly 10th Ward | Petersburg, FLA

Michael Connelly - August 20, 2025 at 07:17 PM

PF

“ I was lucky to have you as an aunt but also extra lucky to have you as my God mother. I'll miss you! Love Patrick

Patrick Franza - August 17, 2025 at 11:00 PM

DT

“ On behalf of the Duplicate Bridge Group at the Monday game at The Center in Greece, I extend our sincere sympathies to Dorilee's family and friends. Dorilee was a regular player at the game for many years, and in fact had to leave the game in mid-July when she wasn't feeling well. We will certainly miss her.
Dave Tomer

Dave Tomer - August 17, 2025 at 05:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dorilee Byrnes.



August 17, 2025 at 04:51 PM

PI

“ Use your head. Wear your seatbelt.”

Pippi - August 17, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorilee Byrnes.*



August 17, 2025 at 03:47 PM



“ *There is not enough room here for me to explain the many ways Dor impacted my life. She was my only sister and I will miss her terribly. I am blessed to have been with her, John and kids this past week. We shared some smiles and I feel she knew I was there. Love you always Dor! 💔💔*

Kitty Franza - August 17, 2025 at 03:11 PM