



## Loretta "Lora" C. McComas

November 25, 1932 - December 22, 2020

McComas Loretta (Lora) C., December 22, age 88 of Westland. Dear mother of Claire Mueller and her husband, John; son, Andrew J. McComas, Jr. and his wife, Christine; son, Rev. Gregory C. McComas and his wife, Alice. Beloved grandmother of Joseph (Katy) Heeren-Mueller, Elisabeth (Brian) Reed, Margaret (Kevin) McKinney, Matthew (Virginia) Mueller, Peter Mueller, Andrew & Parker McComas, Eliana & Charisse McComas. Cherished great grandmother of Cylis, Micah, Anneliese & Elizabeth Sophie Heeren-Mueller, Elijah, Esther & Patrick Reed, Owen & Giorgia McKinney. Lora will be greatly missed by her sister, Arlene Bauer of La Quinta, California and her sister and brother-in-law, Mary & Jack Crilly of Davenport, Florida and many beloved nieces, nephews, grand-nieces & grand-nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles E. and Loretta F. (Maher) Bauer.

Lora graduated High School at Loretto Academy, Chicago, Illinois and was a life-long student. She attended Northwestern University and Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois and Madonna College and Oakland Community College in Michigan.

Lora was a dedicated Author/Storyteller; a lover of life who reveled in her experiences, and those of others, and sought to memorialize them in her countless short stories. A few of these stories were accumulated in her book she published in 2015, entitled All Things Grow with Love. She was a long-

time member of the Ridgewriters Group in Farmington Hills, MI and contributed stories and poetry to their publications.

She began her “true” vocation as a writer & author upon retirement. However, she began her professional working career as a secretary at Fifth Army Headquarters in Chicago, dedicated many years as a stay-at-home mom and after raising three children, Lora returned to work as a legal secretary, spent some time in real estate, sold her hand-sewn and crocheted scarves and jewelry, and concluded her working career at Sears Roebuck & Co. at the 12 Oaks Mall where she worked in the sporting goods department for 11 years.

Along the way, she held numerous volunteer positions, helping at hospitals in Tonawanda, NY & Novi, MI, serving as Vice President of the PTA in OH, coordinating transportation for public school children to CCD classes in Northville, MI, helping to assemble meals for the homeless & backpacks for children with St. James Catholic Church, and, as a supporter of veterans, she spoke to various local groups about World War II Heroes.

Lora was also a community activist, organizing citizens to prevent the building of a refuse transfer station in Novi. Today, in that spot, there is a beautiful lake surrounded by lovely homes and an active church community. She also successfully petitioned Meijer, Inc. to build a berm along Grand River Ave. across from the store for residents in her neighborhood. She loved being active and participated in many sports—tennis, bowling, badminton, golfing, and especially, race-walking, in which she competed and placed in a number of competitions.

Lora endeared herself to family and friends through her joy, love, acceptance and encouragement. She was great at writing letters, calling, and keeping in touch with gifts from the heart, continuing her crochet projects well into her last year of life and “offering a prayer with every stitch”. She will be sorely missed, but her constant and true faith will live on as an example and model to all who loved her.

Visitation, Thursday January 7, 10:00 AM until the 11:00 AM Funeral Mass at St. James Catholic Church. 46325 West 10 Mile Road, Novi. All are welcome, social distancing & masks requested.

The Funeral Mass will also be Facebook Live Streamed beginning at 10:45 AM at: [www.facebook.com/vermeulensajewskifuneralhome/live/.com](http://www.facebook.com/vermeulensajewskifuneralhome/live/.com)

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# Cemetery Details

## Knollwood Memorial Park

1299 North Ridge Road  
Canton, MI

# Previous Events

## In state

JAN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Catholic Church  
46325 W. 10 Mile Road  
Novi, MI 48374

## Funeral Mass

JAN 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. James Catholic Church  
46325 W. 10 Mile Road  
Novi, MI 48374

# Tribute Wall



“ *Loretta "Lora" C. McComas*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Beautiful lady. She will be missed. Heaven is lucky to have her.  
Love you Aunt Lora*

**Stephanie Jakl** - January 07, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ *She was a realtor as well at One Way Realty...Lora's way!!!  
Auntie was an independent, determined & powerful woman - a force  
to be reckoned with. A great example to her progeny.*



**John Crilly** - January 06, 2021 at 09:51 AM



*My dear sister, Lora, was a thoughtful, encouraging and creative  
woman - one of a kind. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and  
loved her.*

**Mary Crilly. -- Sister** - January 06, 2021 at 09:36 PM

JC

“ Well ahead of UBER & LYFT, Auntie should have sued for copyright infringement on her idea!



John Crilly - January 06, 2021 at 09:47 AM

JC

“ Auntie Lora was a serial business entrepreneur who launched a variety of ventures. But this business card tag line best captures her life’s motto: “Wear the world like a loose garment.”  
AND SHE DID!



John Crilly - January 06, 2021 at 09:44 AM

JC

“ Ever the patriot 🇺🇸



John Crilly - January 04, 2021 at 08:26 PM

JS

“ *Lora had a way with words that painted a picture and filled our imagination. I will miss reading just one more.  
Love to all she touched.*

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**JUDITH SUROWIEC** - January 04, 2021 at 02:24 PM

JS

“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



**JUDITH SUROWIEC** - January 04, 2021 at 02:15 PM

JC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**John Crilly** - January 03, 2021 at 01:09 PM

JC

*O how the world will be diminished without the joy & verve of my wonderful Auntie Lora - thank You God for the incredible blessing of having her as my Aunt, Godmother, cheerleader and encourager - what a gift she was - I will miss her*

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**John Crilly** - January 04, 2021 at 11:59 AM

DC

*Aunt Lora, what a remarkable lady! By the grace of God, she overcame, persevered, and always remained gracious and optimistic during difficult times. Always the encourager, a wonderful storyteller, and the most unique gift giver. She will be dearly missed...*

*Well done Aunt Lora, enjoy your eternity like a loose garment....*

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**Dan Crilly** - January 07, 2021 at 12:20 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Loretta "Lora" C. McComas.*



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December 31, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Loretta "Lora" C. McComas.*



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December 31, 2020 at 05:24 PM