



Laretta Scherneck

August 22, 2025

Laretta Scherneck (nee Festa), affectionately known as “Laurette”, passed away peacefully on August 22, 2025 at the age of 82. She was the beloved wife of Edward Scherneck and devoted mother of Matthew (Lauren Parr) and Gregory (Lauren). She was the loving grandmom of Catherine, Reese, Caroline, Michael, and Archer. Laretta leaves behind her cherished brother, Frank Festa, Jr. (Rosemarie), as well as her dear nephews, Frank III and Michael Festa.

Relatives and friends are invited to her Viewing and Funeral, Thursday, August 28, 2025 after 9:30 AM at Old Saint Mary’s Church, 253 South 4th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106 followed by her Mass of Christian Burial at 11AM. Entombment will follow at Calvary Cemetery, Cherry Hill, NJ. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Laretta’s name to Old St. Mary’s Church Fund .

Share Online Condolences at www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com

Arrangements were entrusted to Rachubinski & Rogers Funeral Homes.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2398 Route 70 West
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 28. 9:30 AM - 10:40 AM (ET)

Old Saint Mary's Church
252 South 4th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Old Saint Mary's Church
252 South 4th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Tribute Wall

EB

“ One of the very best things that our mutual friend Lynne gave us was an introduction to Laurette & Ed. I recognized at once what fine people the Schernecke's are. Laurette was everything one could want in a friend, so thoughtful, caring and kind. Her creativity knew no bounds. We hadn't spent time together in years but each of us felt a close connection. Laurette will be sorely missed by us and all who were lucky enough to have known her.

Ellen & Milt Bornstein

Ellen Bornstein - September 06, 2025 at 12:50 PM

“ My Dearest Laretta,

For those that attend Mass regularly at Old St Mary's, you already know that Fr. Paul delivers his one-word themed homilies. I offer up that Laurette's could be expanded to 3 words: grace, humility and perfection.

Tributes to Laurette include terms such as humble, loving, caring, honor, thoughtful, consoling and more. She was the creative side of our long-lasting relationship. Born and raised in South Philadelphia, she was proud of her Italian heritage. Laurette enjoyed cooking and her braciola were paper thin and delicious. Her cheesecake rivaled my brother Al's and that was definitely a very high bar.

Laurette always sought out the appropriate birthday, Christmas, or special occasion card. Followed by her easily developing the accompanying handwritten personal note.

Everything had to be just so at home: the perfect Christmas tree at the right position (see Greg for more details), the right color flowers, the annuals in the garden, the wreaths on the front door.

She nurtured our 2 boys, Matt & Greg, while I spent what seemed to her endless hours at the office. She was so proud to see them develop into the fine young men that they are.

She took her oil painting back up after the boys left to start their own careers. I don't think she ever completely finished a painting even ones that she exhibited in student shows. There were always adjustments for light, texture and color – trying to get the perfect composition and end result.

She adored her 5 grandchildren – Catherine, Reese, Caroline, Michael & Archer. It was always a treat for her to have them visit or stay over. That way she could spoil them a little and make Michael's favorite scrambled eggs or Archer & Reese's pancakes or waffles.

And then they would work on developing her hilarious "Preposterous Rhinoceros" storybook.

Laurette had a terrific memory (while I can't remember hardly anything) and she would regale the grandkids with long ago stories of her own childhood and fun times with all of her cousins.

Thank you for being such a loving wife, mother, mother-in-law, sister and more. Laurette, you enriched our lives in countless ways.

The last 4 weeks were a difficult time for the family. God saw you were getting tired, so he put His arms around you and whispered, "Come to Me".

Now we pray that you have attained the ultimate perfection with the Father in heaven.

Ed - September 03, 2025 at 09:00 PM

DB

“ My beautiful cousin Laurette growing up I always admired how pretty she was and her fashion sense as a younger cousin. I used to sit there watch her put make up on and be amazed at the beautiful clothes and shoes and everything she bought she made such a beautiful bride

For all their passion for fashion, what will be remembered most was their compassion. They had a knack for making people feel seen and beautiful, both inside and out

even at the age of 82 she was still a fashionista and a girly girl we used to spend a lot of time talking and texting about make up skin care and haircuts every time I got my haircut, I sent her a picture. She used to say mine look like a haystack and I was always like you have to come to my hairdresser Even if she's busy there other really good ones there and they'll do your hair we would share the new make up we bought, although I was more into it probably than her and about clothes, shoes, boots, and send pictures. I don't know. It's so uplifting for me to think of the happy memories

Diane Badolato McNeil

diane badolato - August 27, 2025 at 02:04 PM

JD

“ So sorry for the death of Laretta. I remember when I was younger and living in Clayton, New Jersey, Laretta, Arlene, Lucille and Diane, would be one group that were always together at my home during the summers in Clayton. Those three were always getting in trouble with their antics. There never was a dull moment when the four got together. Laretta was one of my favorite cousins and she will always be in my memory as a sweet, beautiful person who always looked so innocent but was actually a spitfire. though in my adult years, I didn't get to spend too much time with her, I will always remember her as a loving, kind and thoughtful person. She was a gentle person who always showed so much respect to everyone she came in contact with. When Yahweh created her, he sat back and said very well done and through her mold away. I hope she finds true happiness being with Yahweh as one of his special creations and may she always be watching over us and help to guides us through all the days of our lives. Love Joseph and Olga D'Alessandro

Joseph D'Alessandro - August 25, 2025 at 04:00 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Laretta Scherneckke.

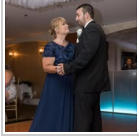


August 24, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Laretta Scherneckke.

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“ I have wonderful memories of going to my godmother’s house when I was a teenager for 2 weeks every summer and she would spoil me and take me shopping and out to lunch. I remember her sons when they were babies. We used to take them out for walks. She also always remembered my children on all of their special occasions growing up. She was a wonderful giving person. She will be greatly missed. She is now with all the angels that went before her and watching over us all. ☐❤️🙏
Love Donna Marie and Giuseppe Cavallaro



Donna Cavallaro - August 24, 2025 at 05:15 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Laretta Scherneck.



August 24, 2025 at 04:10 PM



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“ James and Karen D'Alessandro purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Laretta Scherneck.



James and Karen D'Alessandro - August 24, 2025 at 12:43 PM

JD

“ James and Karen D'Alessandro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laretta Scherneck.

James and Karen D'Alessandro - August 24, 2025 at 12:43 PM

DI

“ Gratitude is felt for the years with our beloved cousin, Laurette . The kind heart, generous spirit, and joy brought to every family member will be missed. You will be forever in our hearts. Love, Diane and Calvin

Diane - August 24, 2025 at 12:38 PM

DI

“ To my dear cousin Laurette
I am deeply saddened by your sudden
departure. The news of your passing has left
a hole in my heart and the thought of you no
longer being with us is difficult to accept.



I will always remember the way you could light up a room with your
presence. You had a special gift for making everyone feel included
and loved, a quality that truly connected our family together.

Thank you for the moments we shared, for the advice you gave, and
for the unconditional support you always provided. To me from a
younger cousin through my adulthood
Your kindness and generosity touched so many lives, and you will
be dearly missed by all who knew you.

Though I am heartbroken, I find comfort in the beautiful memories I
have of you. I am so grateful to have had you in my life and your
spirit will forever be a part of me
She loved art and painting and their enthusiasm was contagious.
They were always eager to share their knowledge and passion with
others.

She was devoted to her family her husband
And so proud of her sons and grandchildren and their many
accomplishments

You weren't just my cousin — you were like a sister to me
Love you cousin Diane

Diane - August 24, 2025 at 12:35 PM