



# Lorraine L. Sams

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**L**orraine Lois Sams, 89, of Oshkosh, beloved Mother and Wife, passed away surrounded by family on Tuesday, December 4, 2019. She was born on July 17, 1930 in Oshkosh, a daughter of the late Harold and Dorothy (Sucher) Ruh. Lorraine and Jack Sams Sr. were happily married for 53 years. He preceded her in death along with their son Jack Sams Jr.

Lorraine is survived by her five children; Craig Sams of Boston, MA, Linda Sams of Kenosha, WI, Gail Riederer, of Fondulac, WI, Sharon (Chip) Heinemann, of McFarland, WI, Kelly (George) Kroeninger of Madison, WI. She is further survived by her thirteen grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren.

Lorraine was a teacher and educator in the Oshkosh School District for more than 35 years. She founded the after-school tutoring program, Students Advancing In Learning (SAIL) for which she received an honorary doctorate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She was a recipient of the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Award for Excellence In Education. Lorraine was Teacher of the Year in 1991-1992 and honored with the Lorraine Sams Day in Oshkosh. She dearly loved her children, including all of her students, and had a soft spot for babies and toddlers.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to the Oshkosh Public Schools After-School Tutoring Program. Please contact Cheryl Fowler, at the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation, (920) 426-3993 or email at [cheryl@oshkoshareacf.org](mailto:cheryl@oshkoshareacf.org).

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, December 9, 2019 at 4 p.m. in St. Jude the Apostle Parish (Sacred Heart Catholic Church) 519 Knapp Street Oshkosh, WI 54902 with Father Louis Golamari as celebrant. A time of visitation will be held at the church on Monday from 2:00 p.m. until the time of Mass. A private burial will take place in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

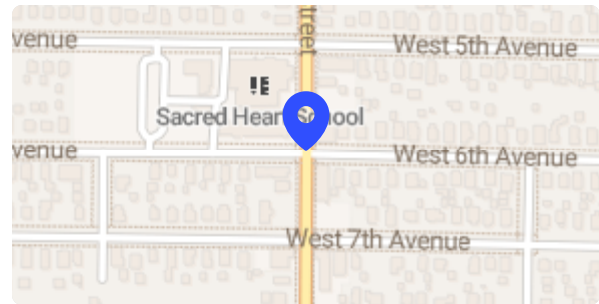


# Events

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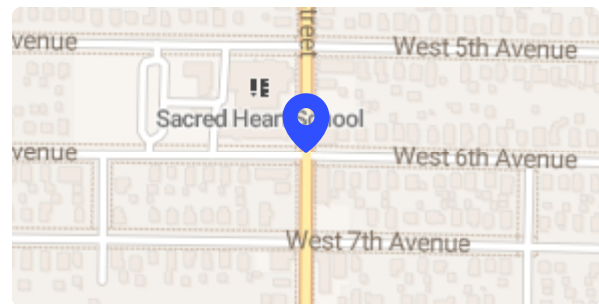
## Visitation

- Monday**, December 9, 2019
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM CT
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church**  
6th and Knapp St., Oshkosh WI 54902



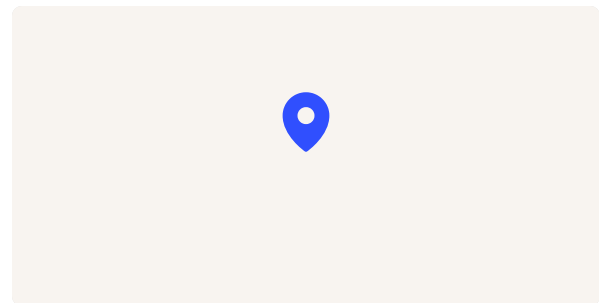
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## Cemetery Details

- Sacred Heart**  
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CZ

**Char Zimmerman** posted:

Miss you all. My heart go' out to you all. Love cousin Char

February 17 at 5:17 PM

RV

**Rosemary Veith** posted:

I was so sorry to learn of the passing of Lorraine. I was thinking of her last night and couldn't find her new address or phone so I googled her and her obit came up. I've known her my whole life through my sister Nancy Drexler. I certainly would have been at her funeral but I don't get the paper and didn't know until last night. If a family member should see this, please call me at 920-744-8502. Blessings to her family.

February 1 at 7:08 AM

SW

**Shirley Wilber** posted:

We have been friends with Lorraine and her family of origin, along with the family she and Jack raised together, for most of our lives. But, I waited to come on here to pay our respects to Lorraine and to express our sympathies to her family, as we did not know exactly what to write. As there were many many years of friendship. So many joyful times. So many songs to play and were sung. Along with that occasional look' from her or a knowing smile' when some one just may have hit the wrong chord in the middle of a song. We all got together in the early days, going to alternate homes, learning to play a new chord a family member had just learned or to sing along if we wished on a new "old" song and finally forming a family band. Lorraine was always about family. We all were not related by blood, but we were family. Her students were her family.. And Lorraine was a part of our family. She is with us still. She lived her Christian faith. That was apparent to all who knew her. "Well done, good and faithful servant." Lifelong friends: Ron (Chopper) Frank, and Shirley (Shirl) Wilber

December 14 at 9:13 AM

LS

**Linda Sams** January 6 at 11:20 PM

Dear Ron and Shirley....We did have many good times playing music and hanging out just having fun together. I grew up knowing you both and the kids. You were always ready to share a joke, a smile and our family's deep love of music. Right up until Mom joined the heavenly choir, she always loved to sing. Remember her 80th Birthday party? Everybody took turns singing and playing. What a good time that was! Like so many other times throughout the years. I'm so glad that we have these memories to keep in our hearts. You have always been a part of the best times life could bring. Thank you for sharing the warm and loving memories. Mom left her imprint on the world and we love her for all she gave to us. God Bless You. Love always, Linda. ❤️



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**Sarah (Ruh) Palmer** posted:

My name is Sarah (Ruh) Palmer. I am the daughter of Aunt Lorraine's younger brother Bernard. I always loved Aunt Lorraine and looked up to her even though I was taller than her by about age 12! I have been a first grade teacher for 30 years now. I also graduated with a Music minor. I play piano and sing with my kids (students) as often as I can. I know Aunt Lorraine had a part in all of this somehow! I fondly remember all the shindigs when the band (The In-Laws and Out-Laws as they jokingly called themselves a few times) would play at the Pickett Community Center. It was there that Aunt Lorraine taught me how to sing harmony. I also remember her calling my dad when the barn blew down in a big storm. Adam (my brother) and I went with him to check it out and we were very impressed!!! I also remember going to an award ceremony for Aunt Lorraine with my mother. Now Mom and I both work/ed in the Appleton district and the ceremony was, of course, in Oshkosh. While we were talking with Aunt Lorraine some other Appleton teachers came up to us and explanations were made as to how we all knew Lorraine. So here I am standing between my beautiful blue eyed, blonde haired mother and my beautiful "Ruh" Aunt and one of the teachers looks to the left of me then the right of me and says, "So that's how you fit in Sarah! I always kind of wondered!" Yes, I look like my dad and my beautiful Ruh aunts. I shall always remember, love and miss you Aunt Lorraine.

December 8 at 5:35 AM



**Mary Ann** shared an album called **Memories of Lorraine.**



December 7 at 8:13 AM



## Media

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Mary Ann shared 2 photos to the **Memories of Lorraine** album.

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At Chip and Sharon's Wedding



Lorraine was always fun and entertaining!



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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