



Loretta Ann Klem

October 8, 1949 - January 19, 2025

Loretta Klem (1949-2025)

Loretta Klem (Mayberry) passed away on January 19, 2025, at the age of 75, following a brief illness. She is survived by her two daughters, Anna Klem of Las Vegas, NV, and Rachel Klem of Union City, NJ. She was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, Thomas J. Klem; her mother, Amelia Mayberry (Venti); and her father, Robert Mayberry.

Born in 1949 in Philadelphia, PA, to Amelia and Robert Mayberry, Loretta attended Temple University as a Sociology major. After meeting and marrying Thomas, she moved out of Pennsylvania, initially settling in Illinois, where their daughters, Anna and Rachel, were born. In December 1976, the family relocated to Las Vegas, NV, where Thomas worked as a musician on the Strip, and Loretta dealt blackjack at the Golden Nugget.

Though she began as a blackjack dealer in Las Vegas, she continued pursuing her education while raising her children and working full-time, eventually earning two bachelor's degrees and two master's degrees, both in Sociology and Social Work. In 2009, Loretta became a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She had worked for Safe Nest for many years as a domestic crisis counselor, for United Health Care in Behavioral Health, and as a social worker for home health. In her later years, she went on to build a successful

clinical practice and worked as a therapist up until her death.

Loretta was a humanitarian and a caregiver to many and deeply loved her daughters, Anna and Rachel, and her dog, Theresa. She was caring and kind, a friend to all, and constantly pursued knowledge and education in her many passions. She will be remembered for her sharp sense of humor, love, and care for her family, and the immense impact that she had on the community across many decades as a social worker and therapist.

Services will be scheduled for a later date. Donations can be made in honor of Loretta's legacy to SafeNest, a center for domestic abuse treatment in Clark County, NV.

Previous Events

Funeral

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

St. Viator Roman Catholic Church
2461 E. Flamingo Rd
Las Vegas, NV 89121

Tribute Wall

KC

“ It has been difficult for me to post a memory here of Loretta, as it happened so quickly and unexpectedly I didn't really have adequate time to process what occurred. I've spent the last few months reaching for my notebook at times to write down something I wanted to discuss with her when we met forgetting completely she wasn't any longer available.

I met with her almost weekly for over 4 years — starting out with a critical situation that I needed addressed quickly, and her help was absolutely invaluable to me. As she learned more about me, she pushed regarding issues others hadn't even seen or asked about. As a result, I made far more progress than I had expected to. I just wish I could know what she would say now about some things happening around us. Since she always has an unsuspected gem of a story that fit the situation. Sometimes, I think I might be able to guess. But other times, I really need her to slap me upside the head to snap me out of things.

I really came to love her and felt that we had become real friends, we had so much in common. And not in common, too. And that just kept things more interesting. I have missed her every day, and think often about her daughters' loss of such an incredible mother.

Kelly Currier - November 12, 2025 at 03:20 AM

DM

“ Loretta was a wonderful person whom I was able to share my heart and soul with her unconditional support and sage advice. She fondly recalled memories of her family and cheered on the struggling man or woman. I am grateful to have been a recipient of her loving soul. May she rest in glorious peace. Deborah M

Deborah Mackey - March 25, 2025 at 11:45 AM

AS

“ I just found out about the loss of Loretta. I could not be sadder. I was fortunate enough to meet Loretta many years ago when I was first starting out in my career and she was finishing her schooling. From the very start she was such a kind woman. She was so generous with knowledge and always wanted to make sure you were well. Through the years we always stayed in touch. She was always there to help and find answers. She was an absolute blessing and she will truly be missed. Loretta made this world a better place. Much love to her daughters. I'm so sorry.

Annette Scott - March 08, 2025 at 05:03 PM

JO

“ It's hard to put into words how much Loretta helped me during a very difficult time, and I will truly miss her. But I will carry that incredible empathy, kindness and practical Philly wisdom with me always.

JoanP - February 27, 2025 at 03:50 PM

PL

“ Loretta. I am so sad for your passing. I spent two years with you. You were a wonderful person. I am sure God needed you in heaven. I will never forget your knowledge, wisdom, a most loving woman and so helpful of all my problems. I can't believe you are gone. Love, Patricia

Patricia Liphart - February 17, 2025 at 04:06 PM

DS

“ *Loretta helped me through a very difficult year. She had an amazing spirit and tremendous insight. My prayers are with all her family. May she rest in peace & rise in glory!* ”



DSullivan - February 01, 2025 at 05:34 PM

HS

“ *I'm so grateful I was able to know Loretta. She was a wonderful therapist and I'm so glad I got the chance to have her as mine. She will be deeply missed. I'm so thankful she helped me so much.* ”



Haleigh Sparkman - January 28, 2025 at 11:34 AM