



Marilyn Claire Amodeo Floro

January 11, 1936 - October 10, 2024

Albany, NY-Marilyn Amodeo Floro lived her life among us from January 11, 1936 to October 10, 2024. She was born in Albany, NY – the third child of Anthony and Dora Scarlatta Amodeo, and the baby sister of Paul and Anthony (Tony). Marilyn earned her Nursing Diploma from St. Peter's in 1956. She graduated in 1966 with her Bachelors degree from the Columbia School of Nursing, and then earned her Masters in Nursing at Russell Sage College in 1972. During her time at Columbia, she gave birth to her son, Jerry, in 1961. Marilyn worked as a nurse in many different settings, including in a maternity ward in Ft. Lauderdale, as an Albany County public health nurse, and as a nursing instructor at Maria College.

In 1974, the US Air Force came to recruit nurses at Maria College. Marilyn liked to say that the Air Force came looking for young nurses and walked out with a 39-year-old teacher. She entered service as a Captain in 1974, and across her 23-year career in the Air Force, she served in many locations across the USA and overseas. One of her favorite jobs was her assignment as a flight nurse and assistant chief nurse in the 9th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron out of Clark AB in the Philippines, which afforded her the opportunity to travel across the Far East. Perhaps her greatest sense of personal achievement came from her time as Commander of the 10th Aeromedical Staging Flight and the 89th Aeromedical Staging Squadron at Andrews AFB in Maryland. Here she organized and oversaw the intense effort

to receive wounded soldiers from Operation Desert Storm in Iraq. She always felt a great sense of care for, and pride in, the troops of all ranks who served under and with her.

Marilyn retired in 1998 as a full Colonel, having been honored with Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award and the National Defense Service Medal. After retiring in Albuquerque, NM, Marilyn later moved to Virginia, when her son took a position in Charlottesville.

Marilyn was a devoted mother, raising her son alone long before single parenthood became broadly accepted. In order to provide for a growing child, at one point while still working full time as a nurse instructor, she was also selling real estate, selling Tupperware, and working as a salesperson at JC Penney. As a mom, she was caring and sensitive, but also instilled a strong work ethic, and she was willing to let her son take risks. She was also a doting grandmother, absolutely adoring her grandson, Jess and her granddaughter, Kelly.

Beyond being an officer, nurse and mom, Marilyn was a devout Catholic, a member of a large and boisterous Italian family, a cat lover, a great cook, an overenthusiastic shopper, and an avid sewer/quilter. She is predeceased by her parents and her brother, Paul. She is survived by her brother, Anthony (Tony), her son Jerrold, her daughter-in-law Eve, and her beloved grandchildren, along with many nieces and nephews. Her light and her smile will be missed, but she is happy to be in an even better afterlife with Christ.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Marilyn's family Wednesday, October 16, 2024 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear

parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 10:00 am at All Saints Catholic Church, Albany, NY where her Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal with Military Honors will follow at 12:30 pm at Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Maryknoll Society (Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers).

Cemetery Details

Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **16**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Funeral Mass

OCT **17**. 10:00 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church
16 Homestead St.
Albany, NY 12203

Tribute Wall

DM

“ I had the honor and privilege of working with Marilyn twice during my AF career—once as a brand-new AF nurse intern at WHMC and then again seven years later at Andrews AFB. I always learned so much from her. Thoughts & prayers to her family. Dr. John S. Murray, Col (Ret), USAFNC

Dr John Murray - November 03, 2024 at 01:04 PM

MR

“ I worked with Marilyn at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas over 30 years ago. She was fun, caring, nurturing, and a wonderful person. I am saddened to hear of her death. Prayers and condolences to all her family. Mary Gocke Riley, USAFNC, Retired

MARY RILEY - November 02, 2024 at 08:50 PM

JB

“ 3 files added to the album Family images



Jennifer Barber - October 16, 2024 at 08:40 PM

SH

“ Our condolences from her classmates of 1956 and colleagues from St Peter's Hospital School of Nursing. She was an amazing woman and had a storied career. The world was a better place because she was in it. Sandra Haines St Peter's Alumnus

Sandra Haines - October 16, 2024 at 12:43 PM

RM

“ *Tony & Mary:*
My condolences to you, your nephew and the entire family at the death of your beloved sister, Marilyn. I am currently in Rome and will remember her in prayer this week at St Peter's. Marilyn, may the angels, martyrs and your family and friends welcome you home! Requiescat in pace.
Jim Marsh
Rev James T Marsh

Rev Jim Marsh - October 16, 2024 at 12:08 AM

JF

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Jerry Floro - October 15, 2024 at 10:31 PM

JF

“ *If anyone wants to hear a first-person audio account by Marilyn of some of her times in USAF service, stored at the Library of Congress, here is the link:*

https://www.loc.gov/item/afc2001001.33291/#item-service_history

Jerry Floro

Jerry Floro - October 15, 2024 at 10:24 PM

PA

“ Phil, Trish, Vince and Nora Amodeo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marilyn Claire Amodeo Floro.

Phil, Trish, Vince and Nora Amodeo - October 15, 2024 at 09:08 PM

PA

“ Phil, Trish, Vince and Nora Amodeo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marilyn Claire Amodeo Floro.



Phil, Trish, Vince and Nora Amodeo - October 15, 2024 at 09:08 PM

MD

“ Marilyn was a great friend from years back. We were classmates at Our Lady of Angels School but chose different high schools. We lost touch with each other after high school. However, the the fond memories we her will last forever! RIP 🙏🥹

Maryann Coyne Dec - October 15, 2024 at 11:00 AM

LM

“ On behalf of the Society of Air Force Nurses, we are saddened by the loss of our dear colleague. We are proud and grateful for retired Colonel Marilyn Floro's service to our nation and to the broader field of nursing. She has had a tremendous impact on so many lives. Marilyn will always be remembered with honor and her legacy will live on.

Lynn Money, Lieutenant Colonel, US Air Force, (Retired)

Lynn Money - October 14, 2024 at 09:50 PM

JS

“ I met Marilyn, Steve Scarlata’s(my husband’s) first cousin, when Steve and I were first engaged. She was so endearing, welcoming me to the family! She sent me this beautiful wooden serving tray as a shower gift, which I have treasured and have constantly used during the years. To this day, I still have it and when used, I think of Marilyn. I wish I could have gotten to know her better, but after we married, she joined the Air Force and flew away on us. Marilyn, we will meet and get to know each other better if I make it to heaven where you are now. Love, Judy Scarlata

Judy Scarlata - October 14, 2024 at 05:09 PM

LS

“ On behalf of the Society of Air Force Nurses, please know we are mourning with you the death of our friend and colleague, retired Colonel Marilyn Floro. She was a remarkable woman who made such a difference in the lives of so many others during her own journey through life. Marilyn was a longtime member of the Society and a donation will be made in her honor and memory to the Military Women's Memorial which stands at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery. Marilyn will certainly be missed by many, and she will definitely not be forgotten by the community of Air Force nurses.

Linda J. Stierle, Brigadier General, US Air Force (Retired)

Linda Stierle - October 14, 2024 at 01:41 PM