



## Valerie Petto Sanzo

January 23, 1949 - February 22, 2023

Valerie Petto Sanzo, 74, a resident of Sarasota, Florida, passed away on February 22, after a short illness.

Born on January 23, 1949, to Robert and Lulu Petto, Val was a graduate of Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte, Michigan, and Western Michigan University. She enjoyed a long and successful career with Merrill Lynch in Detroit, Michigan and Chicago, Illinois. It was in Chicago where she met Vito Sanzo, her husband of 31 years. Together, they built a life of shared experiences.

Valerie was devoted to family and friends and was often the first to volunteer to help in every circumstance. She was energized by her infectious joy of life. Smart, warm, and charming, Val lit up every room she entered. She enjoyed traveling with Vito to many places, especially Europe, Santa Fe, and San Francisco. Her interests were broad and many. She was as comfortable at the opera as she was at a sporting event. Through Vito, she developed a love for the game of baseball, joining him on a tour of every ballpark in the country.

Valerie was predeceased by her parents, Robert and Lulu Petto. She is survived by her husband Vito Sanzo, her brother and sister-in-law Robert and Irene Petto and her nephew Daniel; her brothers and sisters-in law Sr. Frances Sanzo, Daniel and Patricia Sanzo, Salvatore and Kelly Sanzo,

Anthony and Kathy Sanzo, Rev. Maria Sanzo and Rita Michielli; her nieces and nephews Marc Coco, Emma Sanzo and Christopher Roof (Harper Rose), Kameron Sanzo and Nick Zwiryk, Daniel and Nicole Sanzo, Alexandra Sanzo, Dominic Sanzo, Emily Ronan, Brittany Sanzo.

Valerie will be missed by many friends and members of her family. Her life will be celebrated at later dates in Wyandotte, MI and Brick, NJ.

Donations in her memory should be sent to her favorite charity, St. Jude's Hospital for Children.

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“ *Val and I both played the violin and we always sat together in orchestra.....even though she was ‘older’ she was always so kind to me and I considered her a good friend....may she rest in the place of all goodness and light....*

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