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Chapel of the Chimes would like to offer our deepest sympathies to the family during this difficult time. Once funeral arrangements have been made, we will be sure to update our website, if the family wishes. We will continue to keep you updated as more information arrives. We promise to assist you during the process and will provide you with personalized options to best honor your loved one and satisfy your needs. Chapel of the Chimes takes pride in serving you, and understands it is a privilege to comfort and guide you during this time. Rest assured, at Chapel of the Chimes, your loved one will always be in the best of care.



Tribute Wall

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The Stamatakis Family posted:

We are so sorry to hear this news regarding Loretta. We just heard this news a few days ago from Megan Sweet (Oakland Zoo) where Loretta was on her team. Loretta had been involved with the zoo for many years. We first met Loretta as she was monitoring her cats on Merced Avenue in Montclair Village every evening. Our friendship grew and she attended my Grandma's party, when she turned 100-years-old. We arranged to meet Loretta at the Oakland Zoo during the Christmas season several years ago and she was gracious enough to tour us through the zoo. She spent considerable time explaining about the animals and specifically the turtle habitat. It was clear she was a very loyal professional towards the zoo and loved being there. We will miss her enthusiasm, dedication, and spirited personality. Our condolences to the family. Loretta - Rest in Peace. Warmly, The Stamatakis Family

October 11 at 1:17 PM



Elaine Kijek Geffen posted:

I'm so sorry about Loretta, and I'm hoping that hearing some stories will help you at this difficult time. I'm a docent at the zoo, and Loretta did some investigation about my lengthy history there, discovering that I'd actually been a docent for over 30 years, but due to a few lapses in my docentship, I had been looked over for a lifetime award, which I felt really bad about. One day, completely out of the blue, she said, "You have been here a long time!" And she had printed out my history and insisted that I get recognized at the next docent award meeting. She made me tear up with her personal concern and caring. She had a way of connecting with all of us and was always available to look eye to eye and give nice greetings in that busy office at the zoo. I admired her gumption to keep coming back to work, even though it was obvious that her health was declining, but she sure was a fighter! Thank you for sharing your lovely family member with the zoo family for all these years. Take care. Elaine Geffen

August 26 at 7:11 AM



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



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