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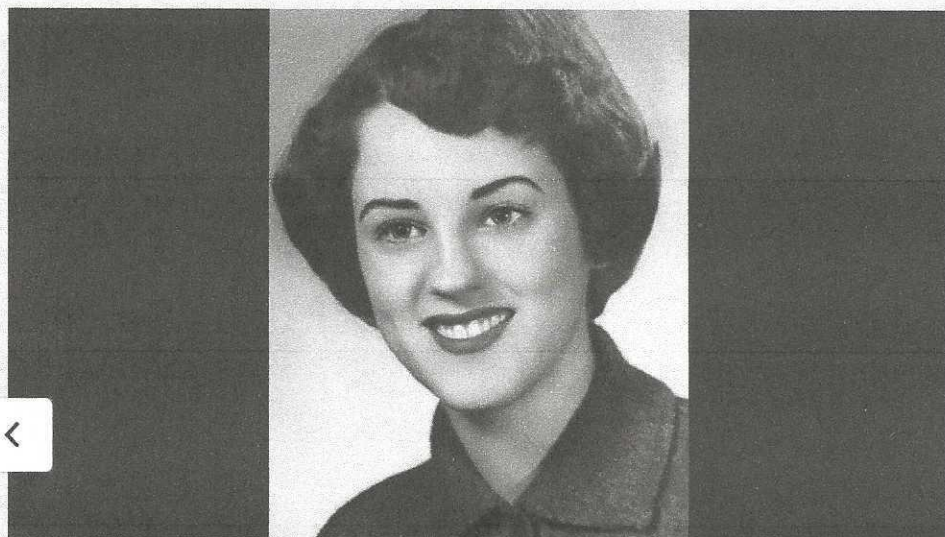


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Laurel Ann 'Laurie' Sprague



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Laurel Ann 'Laurie' Sprague (nee Dellefield), 78, of Oberlin, passed away peacefully with loving family at her side following a lengthy illness on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center.

She was born September 18, 1943 and raised with her younger sister in Lorain in the brick home their father built at 2991 Cleveland Blvd., one block from the lake, where the family made many happy memories with neighborhood friends and relatives, entertaining, swimming, fishing and boating, especially being active members of the Lorain Yacht Club. Laurie graduated from

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Lorain High School in 1961, and then studied business at Kent State University, graduating in 1963, before marrying and residing for several years in the area of Stow, where her children were born.

In her younger years, she was employed as an office administrator and secretary in the Academic Advising and Counseling Office at Lorain County Community College, as well as by the law offices of Clarence Oviatt of Cleveland, the George J. Myers Company of Stow, and Citizens Home Savings Bank of Lorain.

Laurie returned to her hometown of Lorain to raise her own children from her first marriage until she was united in marriage to her second husband, Thomas Sprague of Elyria Township, in 1983. She then spent her later years working as a homemaker and in child care, where she always treated the children as if they were her own, keeping in touch with them until the time of her death.

She will forever be fondly remembered as friendly, caring, supportive, always glad to hear of the success of others, thoughtful, talented, sympathetic and generous. She loved meeting new people, giving gifts for any occasion, helping those in need, traveling, thrifting and antiquing, going to clam bakes and trying new restaurants, playing games, and visiting family and friends. Laurie cared about the welfare of animals, enjoyed music, and was also an amazing cook who passed down many delicious homemade recipes. When younger, she enjoyed gardening, going dancing, and attending performances, especially at the Lorain Palace Theater. She also actively researched family genealogy, interested in learning more about her ancestors, including those who settled on the farmland surrounding the namesake Dellefield Rd. in Elyria Township where her parents and grandparents rode out the Great Depression.

She will be dearly missed and always in the hearts and minds of those she leaves behind until the time we are all joyfully reunited.

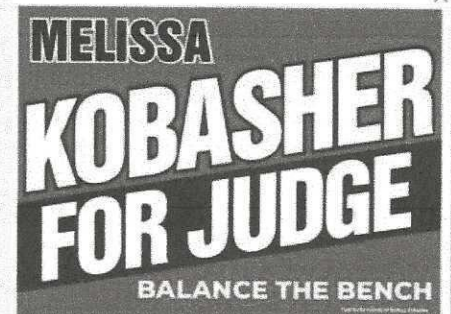
Survivors include her husband of 38 years, Thomas Sprague of Oberlin; daughters, Deborah Bromley of Oberlin and Kathryn (Charles) Bulgrin of Tallmadge; son, Jeffrey (Kelly) Edleman of Amherst; stepchildren, Albert Sprague of Oberlin and Charlene (Robert) Johnson of Fort Myers, Florida; sister, Carol (Lewis) Goodman of Princeton, New Jersey; grandchildren, Jordan Bromley, Kyle Bromley, Connor Bulgrin, Carter Bulgrin, Dylan (Jessica) Vavzincak, Haley Edleman, Grant Edleman, and April (Shane) Bogar; great-grandchildren, Candice Bromley, Kameron Bromley, Alice Vavzincak, Jonah Bogar, and Elizabeth Bogar. She is also survived by her first husband, Roger (Nadine) Edleman of North Ridgeville, and a wide host of loving friends, nieces, nephews, cousins, and other extended family.

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She was preceded in death by her parents, Grant and Thelma (Arndt) Dellefield, and her stepson, Brian Sprague.

A memorial service and celebration of life were initially postponed as a result of the Covid pandemic, but will now be held Friday, May 13, 2022 at the Garland-Misencik Funeral Home, 851 Park Ave., Amherst. Friends are welcome to join the family in attendance. Guests will be received at 12 Noon with the service commencing at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Erie Shores Humane Society.

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