



Lois Shamer

August 5, 2024

Lois Van Zant Shamer (née Augspurger), aged 93, passed away on August 5, 2024, in Moorestown, NJ. Born on December 10, 1930, in Springfield, Illinois, Lois was a dedicated musician and educator whose influence resonated through her community.

Lois received her Bachelor of Music from Illinois Wesleyan University and a Master in Music from Trenton State College. In addition, she studied voice and organ with notable professionals in Philadelphia. Her career as a pianist, organist, and vocalist was marked by her passionate involvement in music education within the Cherry Hill Public School district. Lois was notably the Organist and Choir Master at Trinity Episcopal Church in Moorestown, NJ, where she formed lasting bonds within her congregation through her music. She loved researching and developing the programs for services as well as for weddings and other special events. Additionally, as the harpsichordist, she co-founded the chamber music group "Musica da Camera," a harpsichord, cello, and recorder trio.

Lois enjoyed attending Frank's old-fashioned baseball games with the "Brooklyn Atlantics". She also enjoyed attending Kristin's orchestra performances with the Philharmonic of Southern New Jersey. She was known for completing the New York Times crossword puzzles in ink. Her deep love for music was paralleled by her love for her family and friends, often hosting gatherings that were filled with laughter and joy.

Lois is survived by her son, Frank Van Zant, his wife Jan (Goldman), and his

children Zach, Katie, and Lexie; her daughter, Kristin Van Zant, and her children Noah Eng, Kira Eng, and Matthew Eng; and her brother, Donald Augspurger. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edmund and Elva May (Stuckey) Augspurger, her sisters Ann and Ruth, and her brother Dean Augspurger.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, 207 West Main Street, Moorestown, New Jersey, on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 1:30 PM. Lois was a cherished member of this church, where she dedicated much of her musical talent.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Trinity Church Music Fund in memory of Lois. Lois's legacy will live on through the melodies she shared and the lives she touched.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Episcopal Church Memorial Garden

207 W. Main Street
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **19**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Trinity Episcopal Church
207 West Main Street
Moorestown, NJ 08057
(856) 235-0811


Tribute Wall

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“ She was Mrs VanZant when I knew her as our organist and choirmaster for the junior choir at Trinity. She'd allow a couple of us to join her in the choir loft during the postludes... she'd point at a note we could hit during her final chord! What a fun memory!

Amy Anderson Deik - August 13, 2024 at 09:05 AM

MJ

Lois was a dear friend and neighbor in Roberts Park four years. She was truly a Class act. A fond memory fo me is when we took sewing lessons at the local Community College and made the ugliest  dresses that ever existed!
Our Deepest Sympathy to Kristen, Frank and the Grandkids.
MaryLou and Jack

MaryLou Janney - August 15, 2024 at 04:33 PM