



## Lorin Jerome Strigel

July 24, 1937 - June 28, 2017

Loving husband and father, Lorin J. Strigel, 79, peacefully passed away Wednesday, June 28, in Haymarket, Virginia.

Lorin was a member of St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church. Active in his community, Lorin enjoyed singing with the Regency Chorale and playing pool with the Billiards Club. Fishing with his family, photography, and activities with his grandchildren, were all favorite pastimes for Lorin.

Lorin is best remembered as a highly intelligent engineer, having earned a BA in Philosophy, a BS in Engineering, and an MSEE. He was proud to serve his country as a defense contractor for SAIC and Booz Allen Hamilton.

He is survived by his wife Roberta "Bobbie" Strigel, his children, Laurie Strigel, David Strigel, and Karen Smith; grandchildren, Nicholas, Lucas, Maya, D.J. Strigel and Eowynn and Avery Smith; his brother Jay Strigel, sisters Susan Stange and Mary Feldner.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, July 2 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St., Manassas, VA. There will be a Memorial Mass at 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 3 at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church in Middleburg, VA.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association  
National Office, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church  
23331 Sam Fred Road  
Middleburg, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Lorin Jerome Strigel.*



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July 02, 2017 at 10:51 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Lorin Jerome Strigel.*



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July 01, 2017 at 04:34 PM

MJ

“ Many of Lorin's friends in the Regency community will remember him as a mainstay of the baritone section of the Regency Chorale for five years. During those years, Lorin and I worked together shoulder to shoulder, rehearsing and performing for the Chorale's Spring and Holiday concerts. He had joined the Chorale in January 2009, as soon as possible after he and Bobbie moved into their new home at Regency. When the Chorale lined up for its first rehearsal that year, I had the good fortune of standing next to him and sharing the musical challenges of a choral fellowship.

Lorin's cracker jack intellect and sense of humor were always ready to lighten the mood and enlighten the conversation of any moment, but working closely with him, I learned what others might not know about his musical nature. He seemed to have a photographic memory of the sheet music, and even more, audiographic memory of the notes we were expected to voice. After only a few rehearsals of a choral arrangement, he rarely looked at the sheet music or sounded a dissonant tone. When I told him I admired his memory, he replied, "I am not eidetic." As you might expect, he used a scientifically correct term, which I discovered some time later in one of a half dozen technical dictionaries.

Lorin's embrace of music was manifestation of a fundamental truth that, in retrospect, I believe he knew and wanted us to consider: Music is the vibration of life in all of us and it may well sustain us in the hereafter. In his time with us here at Regency, he was rehearsing for his role in the eternal chorus, which is Heaven, and we should follow his example in preparing to join him there when our time has come.

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Martin Jensen - July 01, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ *Compassionateheartsforseniors lit a candle in memory of Lorin Jerome Strigel* ”



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**Compassionateheartsforseniors** - June 30, 2017 at 01:58 PM

SR

“ I've known Bobbie and Lorin since college days at Marquette University - way, way back in the late 50s and early 60s. Bobbie was my roommate extraordinaire! Needless to say, we share many wonderful memories. After graduation, Bobbie and I traveled a lot and taught school in the same district (So. Milwaukee) for two years. She has been like a sister ever since I knew her.

Lorin and Bobbie met somewhere in the early 60s - and started dating more seriously as time went on. The rest is history! I got married in August of '64 with Bobbie as my maid-of-honor. We switched places one month later in Sept. of '64 when Bobbie and Lorin got married.

The major bummer came when Lorin got a job with the government and they moved out east - way, way out east. Still, we got together as often as we could and the friendship continued on and on and has never ceased. Nor will it ever!

In some ways, Lorin was like a brother -caring, considerate, funny, and he had a mind for science that was staggering. He also had a twinkle in his eye that often looked like he was up to something - but would never let on what! (See the photo in the obituary!)

One of Bobbie's many glowing attributes is that she cares deeply for people, and this has been so apparent since Lorin's Alzheimer's set in. She has done everything humanly possible to make him comfortable and see that he gets the best care. It hasn't been an easy road. But her family comes first - comprised of Lorin and their three wonderful "kids" (who are grown adults, but will always be "the kids").

Lorin is now at peace! May all of us who knew and loved him feel this same peace. And to Bobbie, Laurie, David, and Karen - know that you are all in my thoughts and in my heart always.

Love and hugs,

"Salz"

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**Sally Rudiselle** - June 29, 2017 at 08:40 PM

HB

“ I enjoyed talking to Lorin when I'd see him at gatherings at your house. He was often full of insight on interesting topics and had a pragmatic approach to most things. His unique personality was endearing and you could tell he really enjoyed himself in the moment. Watching he and Bobbi interact was a treat. The many years of love and life between them made for many entertaining banter and I appreciated the years they spent raising family and becoming comfortable with each others habits and traits. To be honest, I saw Lorin at so many of your parties or bbqs that my foremost memories are of him standing with a plate of food in his hand, chomping on something tasty and retrieving some factual tidbit to contribute to our talks. He was obviously so freaking intelligent that it made my heart heavy to watch Alzheimer's take over such a beautiful mind. My thoughts and prayers are with you all and I hope that Lorin is sitting and talking rocket science with the big brains of heaven. Our loss is heaven's gain. God bless. Xo

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**Heather Boucher** - June 29, 2017 at 06:44 PM

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**Liz** - June 29, 2017 at 02:25 PM