



## SARAH DI LAURA

September 17, 1922 - July 5, 2017

SARAH DI LAURA OF PHOENIX, AZ PASSED AWAY JULY 5, 2017 AT THE AGE OF 94.

THE FUNERAL AND INTERMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE WHITE CHAPEL MEMORIAL CEMETERY. (621 W Long Lake Rd. Troy, MI 48098)

Monday 7/10/2017 at 11:00 am.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sarah & caretaker / son Frank were given loving help with her care for the last 1.5 years by Hospice of the Valley in Phoenix, Arizona.

*If anyone would like to donate in the memory of Sarah DiLaura, please consider making a donation to help them in their mission as a non-profit organization to help others in need on their difficult road.*

*<https://www.hov.org/donate/>*

*Thank you,  
Frank DiLaura  
frankdilaura@yahoo.com*

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**Frank DiLaura** - July 12, 2017 at 12:46 PM

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“ Afterword:

*For each of the last sixty-one years I have celebrated my birthday on July 12th*

*by wishing my mother "HAPPY BIRTHDAY."*

*This year is the first year I have not been able to.*

*This year I have been blessed, because of her passing,*

*to spend a few precious moments together with many*

*FRIENDS & FAMILY CELEBRATING her LIFE & LEGACY.*

*I ask you: What MORE could one want for a HAPPY BIRTHDAY?*

*THANK YOU for all your kind thoughts and beautiful words.*

*If I can, I would like to add a short humble message to my MOM...*

*Sarah Sandler DiLaura,*

*HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOM.*

*Rest IN Peace.*

*Your Loving Son, Frank.*

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**Frank DiLaura** - July 12, 2017 at 12:16 PM

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“ What follows is the text of my words spoken at the graveside service for my mother Sarah Sandler DiLaura at 11:30 AM on Monday, 10 July 2017.....Frank DiLaura.

*The past week has been pretty hard.*

*The stress meter has been working overtime.*

*I don't know what you do when the pressure and grief start to overpower your emotions.*

*I try to meditate, to ease my mind with pleasant thoughts...you know pleasant thoughts like: Rocky Road Ice Cream, Pizza, an Ice Cold Soda Pop or one of those BIG (really BIG) Hershey's Chocolate Bars with toasted almonds (mmmmm).*

*Well, now this week, I added a new pleasant thought....something to ease my mind and put a smile on my face....My Mother, Sarah DiLaura.*

*I'm pretty sure all of you knew her; some of you more than closely than others.*

*To some you knew her as Aunt Sarah or Auntie Sarah. She was Neighbor Sarah or Grand Ma Sarah. She was also Great Grand Ma Sarah.*

*To US (my sisters: Marlene, Laura, Barbara & I) she was MOM or MOTHER.*

*If you are one of those that didn't know her all that well, let me let you in on what everyone else here knows....*

*She was a STRONG woman....*

*She was an INTELLIGENT woman....*

*She was an INDEPENDENTLY MINDED & OPINIONATED person &*

*She was RESPECTED as an individual.*

*I was always Proud to be one of her kids.*

*I didn't have the best judgement when growing up in her care, but I could ALWAYS count on her to guide me to make good decisions for myself.*

*She helped us, my sisters & I, to develop the skill sets that allowed us to GROW & DEVELOP to be:*

**STRONG,**  
**INDEPENDENTLY MINDED** individuals in our own right.

*I didn't get to know my maternal Grand Mother (Rebecca Sandler)  
but,*

*over the years my mother and I spoke about her.*

*What I learned is that young Sarah developed much of her  
**STRONG** Character from Becky.*

*I think you can see where I am going with this...*

*Each generation passes the torch on to the next generation.*

*We (the next generation) are not carbon copies of the last....*

*but we do pick-up many of the traits from the last that shape us and  
mold us.*

*Here is what is important for us to learn: It is up to us to develop  
those good traits even more and suppress those traits we don't  
want.*

*All of you know my sisters & I.*

*Some more closely than others.*

*I LOVE & KNOW my sisters WELL.*

*They ARE Beautiful women inside & out - like my mother & Grand  
Mother.*

*They ARE each:*

***STRONG** women....*

***INTELLIGENT** women....*

***INDEPENDENTLY MINDED & OPINIONATED** people &  
**RESPECTED** individuals.*

*They have (like the generations before them) wisely rejected those  
traits they don't want;*

*and LOVINGLY chosen to embrace and pass-on to their beautiful  
children*

*the best of what a good parent can.*

*Their children ARE each:*

***STRONG** ....*

***INTELLIGENT** ....*

***INDEPENDENTLY MINDED, OPINIONATED,**  
**RESPECTED,***

*LOVING and ALL ROUND GOOD people.*

*So, THE TORCH has been PASSED.*

*It has been PASSED with great CARE & LOVE.*

*THAT is what Sarah wanted her Legacy to be.*

*I think everyone here today would agree with me...*

*That Sarah's LIFE & her LEGACY was a GREAT SUCCESS.*

*On behalf of the Family of Sarah DiLaura:*

*Daughter Marlene & Lanny Lahr,*

*Grand Son Kevin & Nik Martin/Lahr,*

*Grand Daughter Heather & Brad Roth & Great Grand children:*

*Henry, Leo & Tessa Roth.*

*Daughter Laura & Don Banghart,*

*Grand Son Kirk & Arika Banghart & Great Grand children: Kuper & Kalister Banghart,*

*Grand Son Eric & Katie Banghart & Great Grand children: Ella & Chase.*

*Daughter Barbara & David Hoffmann,*

*Grand Son Steven & Kelly Hoffmann,*

*Grand Daughter Kelly & David Diffenderffer & Great Grand child Christian,*

*Grand Son Jeffrey Hoffmann.*

*Son Frank DiLaura.*

*Afterword: (Continued, See next Tribute...)*

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“ We were really lucky growing up in Glastonbury. I remember your mom well. My condolences to all of you, Marlene, Laura, Barbara, and Frank

*Elaine (Zuckman) Resnick*

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**elaine resnick (zuckman)** - July 09, 2017 at 08:58 PM

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**marlene Lahr** - July 08, 2017 at 11:37 PM

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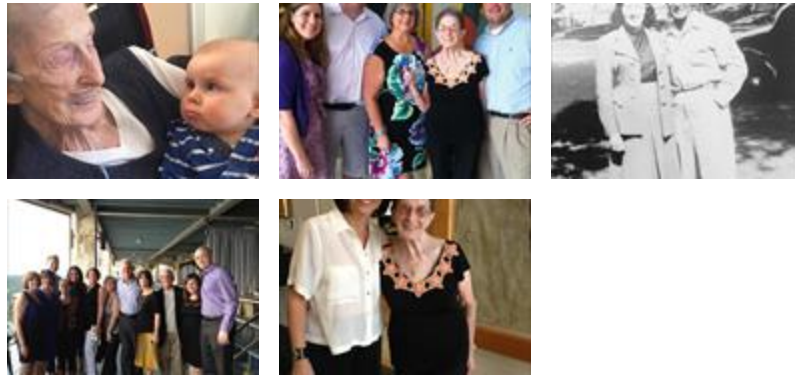


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**marlene Lahr** - July 08, 2017 at 11:23 PM

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Kelly - July 08, 2017 at 08:48 PM

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“ Thank you for spending time here and reflecting on Sarah's life.

*Frank Di Laura,  
Barbara Hoffmann,  
Laura Banghart  
& Marlene Lahr*

Frank Dilaura - July 07, 2017 at 11:39 PM

MG

*My love to the family. I know Sarah will be missed. My mother's first cousin. Cousin Sarah was a wonderful person who was strong, smart and sharp! Th last of her generation in our family. Always to be remembered! 💕*

Marsha Green - July 08, 2017 at 12:14 AM

LB

*I didn't know Sarah, but am so sorry for your loss. Losing one's mother is always difficult.*

*Linda Goodis Berman*

Linda Goodis Berman - July 08, 2017 at 10:14 AM

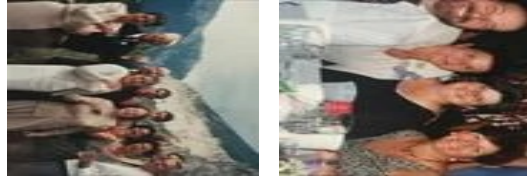
FG

*I didn't know Sarah, but may you be comforted among all the other mourners of zion and Jerusalem.*

**Fred Goldberg** - July 08, 2017 at 11:35 PM

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**LAURA BANGHART** - July 07, 2017 at 03:37 PM

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*This is at the wedding of Kirk & Arika Banghart*

**Frank Dilaura** - July 07, 2017 at 11:30 PM

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**LAURA BANGHART** - July 07, 2017 at 03:16 PM

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*These photos are from October 2016 with Eric & Katie Banghart and Ella & Baby Chase Banghart in Palm Springs, CA.*

**Frank Dilaura** - July 07, 2017 at 11:29 PM

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frank dilaura - July 07, 2017 at 01:08 PM

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*The June 2015 Phoenix home garlic harvest annual photo.*

Frank Dilaura - July 07, 2017 at 11:31 PM

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frank dilaura - July 07, 2017 at 01:05 PM

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*Sarah, Barbara & Marlene after a live stage performance, 2015*

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Frank DiLaura - July 07, 2017 at 01:00 PM



*Sarah Sandler 1943, age 21 and single.*

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**Frank Dilaura** - July 07, 2017 at 11:32 PM