



## Leora Ann Yusco

October 15, 1935 - March 31, 2023

Leora Ann Yusco-Hatala age 87, of St. Augustine, Florida died, on March 31, 2023, at home. Born on October 15, 1935 in Kangley, Illinois then raised in Streator, Illinois she was a longtime resident of Elmhurst, Illinois. After graduating from Rosary College she worked as an elementary school teacher at Komarek Elementary School. Once her sons were in school Lee began work as a realtor with Schiller Real Estate. Following her retirement she spent time in Tennessee and North Carolina before moving to Florida. Lee was an avid gardener and loved to visit the Morton Arboretum in her spare time. She even decided to go back to college and earned an Associate Degree in Horticulture from College of DuPage in her '60s. Lee will be remembered as a wonderful wife and mother. Most of all she will be remembered as a devoted grandmother who never missed a soccer game, horse show, playing "kitchen", or Christmas tree decorating.

She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Hatala, whom she married on April 16, 1966 in Oak Park, Illinois, and parents George and Bertha (Stuwe) Yusco. She is survived by her sons John Hatala (Marjorie Rickhoff) of St. Augustine, Florida and Paul Hatala (Carin Taylor) of Boston, Massachusetts and grandchildren Malorie Rickhoff and Maura Hatala.

The family has elected not to have a service or funeral. Lee and Tom's ashes will be spread in the fall in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee where they spent their final years together before Tom passed.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



# Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Leora Ann Yusco*



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**St. Johns Family Funeral Home** - April 04, 2023 at 02:54 PM

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*I met Lee late in her life when I was invited to John and Marge's home in Naperville after my daughter and Paul started dating. Lee, Tom and I were all of the same generation and lots of history and memories in common, WW2 and life after that. On other occasions I was at Lee and Tom's home in Elmhurst for a lovely Christmas dinner. I also joined them to help celebrate a special anniversary. We had some fun dinners at a Japanese restaurant and shared games around the dining room table. Lee was always ready to join the fun. She seemed to like having the family together. Lee was attentive to her granddaughter, Maura, and enjoyed having her around. We all made a trip to Brookfield Zoo one summer that I suspect was partly to entertain her but we all had fun. Lee was a gardener and so am I. I still wear the garden gloves she gave me as a gift. I liked Lee and Tom and I enjoyed being around them. I will remember them fondly. Ladonna Taylor*

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**Ladonna Taylor** - April 05, 2023 at 03:57 PM

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“ *Andrew Young purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Leora Ann Yusco.*



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**Andrew Young** - April 04, 2023 at 05:35 PM