



Lynn Starkey

January 20, 1951 - December 29, 2018

Lynn Starkey, 67 of Madison, passed away unexpectedly December 29, 2018 while peacefully asleep at home. She was born January 20, 1951 in Cleveland.

Lynn was a graduate of Mentor High School and University of Cincinnati College of Nursing. She devoted her entire life to helping everyone she could and was a neonatal and pediatric nurse with Lake Health for over 30 years. She overcame tremendous odds from birth and met every challenge with a smile on her face and a positive attitude. Despite those odds, Lynn lived a full life, always supporting her family, friends, and even strangers. She loved to play with her grandchildren and dote on her family. She will be missed immeasurably by all who knew her.

Survivors include the love of her life and husband of 45 years, Robert "Bob" Starkey; children, Eric (Shannon Herda) Starkey, David (Jessica) Starkey and Anne (Dan McGill) Bomkamp; grandchildren, Ethan, Shealyn, McKayla, Bobby, Lizzy, Olivia and Danny; mother, Shirley Tompkins; siblings, Gail (Ralph) Leyh, Joan (Mike) Hominsky, Jack (Barb) Tompkins, John Sisi and many other loving family members and friends.

Preceding her in death is her father, Bill Tompkins.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Lynn's name to Rainbow Babies and Children. Please submit donations to University Hospitals Institutional Relations & Development, P.O. Box 94554 Cleveland, OH 44101-4554.

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, OH, US, 44060

Comments



“ We are so very sorry that we won't be able to attend the calling hours for Lynn! We are sincerely sorry for your loss! Hugs and prayers for all of you!

The Schutz's

Dave and Debbie Schutz - January 08 at 03:11 PM



“ Bob and family,

It was with great shock and sadness that Janet and I read of Lynn's passing. She was a kind and sensitive lady.

When we were 20 something parents, our pediatrician sent us to the dreaded emergency room of Children's Hospital with our oldest. While nothing was particularly life threatening, we did not know that.

Lynn saw our names on the registration, left her break, and came over to talk with us, explain the processes, and make sure we were well taken care of by her colleagues. That simple act made was a great comfort to us at the time, and typifies her character of caring and service.

Please know that you and your family are in our prayers,

Janet and Dave Zender

Dave Zender - January 08 at 08:08 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lynn Starkey.



January 07 at 07:46 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lynn Starkey.



January 06 at 11:50 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Lynn Starkey.



January 06 at 11:46 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Lynn Starkey.



January 05 at 07:20 PM



“ Bob, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family! I remember Lynn from a couple holiday parties and she was truly a sweet lady with a great sense of humor. We pray for peace and comfort for you and your family. We pray for all of the wonderful memories to flood your hearts and minds with joy each day knowing that she is with you in spirit always.
With deep sympathy,
Michelle and Wade Dunlap

Michelle - January 05 at 01:11 PM



“ So many memories of when we were all so young . My most vivid is at the house I believe on Mentor Ave . A holiday most likely Thanksgiving and watching The Three Lives of Thomasina (Disney) . There was a grandfather clock and a fish tank with turtles . All the cousins were there ,(accept those not born , which would be Fred) . I was the youngest . Life was so special then . I treasure the memories . Lynn, such a sweet cousin . My middle name was after her . To Bob and her children , she is loved so much . Know that and let it bring a little smile . To her siblings , cherish every memory . They are special ones . To Aunt Shirley , my love and hugs and you raised a very special girl . So much love to you all .
Amy

Amy Tompkins Rhoads - January 04 at 11:38 PM



“ Simply Chic Mixed Plant Basket was purchased for the family of Lynn Starkey.



January 04 at 11:17 PM



“ Oh, precious Lynn, who had a way of making one feel as if she'd been a close friend forever. We shared a grandson, Ethan, and we loved her so much. We're grateful Ethan had her, and knew her.

Lynn was sunshine and light, gentle and kind. She could light up the darkest times and ease the awfulest pains. That isn't just nice stuff one says about someone who has passed. Of Lynn Starkey, it is absolutely true.

From the moment I met her, I felt as if I'd known her forever. I think she made everyone feel like that. She had a way of bonding immediately to others that made one comfortable with her from the beginning. She didn't have an ugly or judgemental bone in her body. Lynn was a gift from God. Challenged from birth with tough hurdles to overcome, she not only overcame her serious health issues, but showed the rest of us how to soldier on with a smile.

She was the mother and grandmother I wish every kid could have and the friend we all need in our lives. Of all my friends, Lynn was the one I could be the most unguarded with, the one with whom I knew I would find only sweet support and understanding.

I know how deeply she loved her husband Bob and all her family. I know that her only concern about leaving was that her loved ones be ok. So, I hope Bob, and all of you,

can be find a way to eventually be ok. That's what she would want most — her family to make it through this. Oh! How she loved all of you! I can only imagine how hard it is for you. I know this is a terrible and trendmendous loss, but I know, too, that the bright, loving spirit that is Lynn is free from all her earthly bounds and safe forever from pain and infirmity. She's not ceased to exist, it's just that she is now forever one free, gorgeous, shining soul. She is such a sweet beautiful soul, and I think she just stayed earthbound as long as she could.

Our whole family is thinking of all of you. I'm praying for your peace, comfort, and strength. God bless all of you.

Carol Burt

Carol Burt - January 04 at 01:16 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lynn Starkey.



January 04 at 12:19 PM



“ God's special blessing to you Bob and family.
How blest I was to have you and Lynn present for my 90th just two months ago.
I will always remember her beautiful smile and her words of tribute.
My love and prayers are with you.
Sister Marie

Sr.Marie Hartmann - January 03 at 03:17 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lynn Starkey.



January 02 at 06:17 AM



“ We have been friends and next door neighbors with Lynn and Bob since they moved to Madison. We would spend hours at a time gabbing, and we took Lynn to a concert at Blossom a few years ago. We saw James Taylor, and we had so much fun. I would occasionally bust Lynn outside without her oxygen, weeding when Bob was out for a walk or bike ride. And I would demand that she get back inside in the air conditioning. Lynn didn't have to try to be good; she simply was. She was an Angel on earth, and we will miss her forever. Rhonda and Bethany

Rhonda Russell - January 01 at 08:11 PM



“ Bob and family...please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Her memory will remain with so many. Take care and God Bless. Chris Wrenn

Chris Wrenn - January 01 at 06:06 PM



“ I am happy to know Lynn through her sisters. She always had a smile and laughed often. Her children are amazing individuals, which says she was an incredible mother. She will be remembered and missed in such a powerful way. God Bless all the family.

Kathy Kennedy - January 01 at 01:35 PM