



Lynette H. Ludden

June 28, 1925 - August 14, 2020

Ludden, Lynette Huff

Our wonderful Mom, AKA Grammie, Great Grammie, Aunt Lynette, Lyn, Helen Lynette, Rabbit, or Chief Cook and Bottle Washer, Original Foodie, Scout Leader, P.E.O. President, Champ bridge player, Holiday Celebrator Extraordinaire, Gardener, Positive Polly, was truly one in a million!

She was Mom to more than her 5 children - she took in spouses, friends, neighbors- even friends of friends!

Born to Helen Page and William Lindley Huff on June 25, 1925 in Decatur, Illinois, she was the youngest of the 3 Huff children. She went to the University of Wisconsin, became a die-hard Badger fan, and fell in love with her future husband, Joe Ludden, who was a waiter at the PiBeta Phi sorority house.

Upon graduation, she moved to Kankakee, Illinois and became a radio DJ, which left her with an amazing knowledge of WWII and Big Band music. Dad swept her away 6 months later, and they began their life in La Crosse, Wi, where they raised five children.

It's hard to think of an area she was not interested in - sports, politics, religion, art, music, dance, cooking, and rhubarb! She would challenge us all - there was no complaining that wasn't met with "Where is your Pioneer Spirit?" But she was each child's biggest fan and supporter. In addition, she could bring laughter to any situation, sometimes resorting to harmless, but funny pranks. She taught us to poke fun of our own shortcomings, which made for lively banter. She would relentlessly correct our grammar, and insisted we "Mind your manners."

Lyn was a true believer in volunteering, and insisted we answer the call to aid - and what an example she set!

Loves??? Babies, dogs, children, family, music, aqua, the outdoors, changes of seasons, golf, baking, sharing, party planning, new cars, Epworth, and the Oktoberfest Experience! The ultimate community involvement, camaraderie and bonding became so important. It was a favorite topic, treasuring new friends and memories made. The annual steins reminded her of great stories she shared with us in her last years, whatever she was experiencing was her "Favorite!" What a spectacular attitude!!!

She is joining husband Joseph Emmett, son Gregory, her parents and

brother Richard Huff, and a multitude of friends and relatives. She leaves behind Julie, (Bud), Cay, Mike,(Nancy) and Ellyn, daughter-in-law Kathy, her remarkable older sister Dorothy Morey, 11 grandchildren, 8 great grands, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was treated so kindly in her last few months, which was difficult due to Covid restrictions. This was truly appreciated by her immediate family.

A celebration of her life will be announced at a later date. Raise you glass and toast to a life appreciated and well-lived!

In lieu of flowers, donations to her commitment to literacy would be welcome: Visit www.peointernational.org. Look for the "giving opportunities" link on the home page. Or, to the Alzheimer's Assn at: ACT.ALZ.org/donate.

She will join her beloved husband, Joe, in a private service on September 15 at the Catholic Cemetery in La Crosse, Wi. There will be 2 mass intentions said in her name, Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 5:15pm and Friday, Sept. 18 at 12pm. Please contact the Roncalli Newman Center at 608-784-4994 for specific information.

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Moss Feaster Funeral Home & Cremation Services - August 26 at 01:30 PM



“ I met Lyn in 2011 when I joined her New Smyrna Beach P.E.O. chapter. As we got to know each other better, we discovered that we were "double" sisters via Pi Beta Phi as well. There were often fun smiles about similarities between the two organizations and our experiences. She was truly a lovely, fun person. My sincere condolences to Lyn's family and closest friends.

Karen Pierce Miller - September 12 at 10:53 AM



“ Lynn and I first met in New Smyrna Beach back in 2005 at P.E.O. We became friends and "sisters", and aviation comrades. When I told Lynn that I'd been a flight attendant for Delta Airlines for 32 yrs, she told me about Joe's legal work in airline law. I would babysit for her precious little dog "Lovey" and take Lovey around Sugar Mill in the golf cart... just like Lynn had asked me to do. It was clear that EVERYONE in the neighborhood knew Lovey, and when they'd see us toodle by, they always ask "where'd Lynn go now?" It was a priveledge and a heck of a lot of fun to know dear Lynn....AND Lovey.

Snookie DeMarce - September 09 at 07:31 PM



“ Aunt Lynette, always full of positive cheer and energy, was our fun and life. Whenever Luddens were involved, it could only be the best of times. She raised five of the best cousins I could ever ask for. Although years and decades have passed, and we all live in different parts of the country, we are bound in an incredible, loving family and cherish the generations past and present. Lynette’s sister Dorothy sends all her love to Julie, Cay, Mike, Ellyn and Kathy and all the grandkids. We will always cherish Helen Lynette.

marcia morey - August 31 at 09:11 PM



“ Julie, I just found out about your mom’s passing and send my deepest sympathy. When we were young I spent a lot of time at your house and your mom was always so welcoming! She “ran” a lively household and I enjoyed being around your family. I know you will have comfort in wonderful memories. Take care, Meg

Meg Storkamp - August 30 at 07:39 PM



“ Julie, Cay, Mike, and Ellyn, Candy and send our heart felt condolences. The last time we visited Lyn in Florida she was having an almost comical times trying to reason with a new puppy. We were back in New Smyrna last March but with all the health issues we did not contact her. I am sure Dad, Joe, and Lyn are sharing stories in the Club House. We are out of town the week of 9/14 or we would have been at Newman Center. If you are available the weekend before we would love to get together. Cay has my contact information.

At some point we all become orphans,

Love,

Dick & Candy Pearse

Richard Pearse - August 27 at 04:34 PM



“ Dearest Julie, Cay, Mike, and Ellyn,
Where do we begin to say farewell to my mom's best friend? Wonderful to know that Joe, Dick, & Sally were waiting in line for her at the heavenly gates. Aunt Lyn was truly one of the finest woman I have known in my life time. She and mom showed us what a true friend really is. Bless the entire Ludden family who have been family friends of ours since all the Pearse kids were born. What an honor to have known Aunt Lyn and Uncle Joe. I will bake a rhubarb pie this weekend and think of her. I remember some of the funniest stories mom would share with us about Lyn and Joe. It was their friendship & laughter that made everything right in the world. Love you all.
Susie Pearse Keller

Susie Keller - August 27 at 12:13 PM