



Lynn Palmer Surgner

January 2, 1944 - August 22, 2023

Lynn Palmer Surgner, of Berwyn, Pennsylvania, died peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on August 22, 2023 at age 79. Lynn was born January 2, 1944, in Philadelphia to Eleanor and Allen Sweetwood. She attended St. Basil's Academy in Philadelphia and Penn State University earning a BS in Education. Lynn loved her years as an elementary school teacher. Decades later, many former students connected with her on Facebook, sharing stories of Mrs. Palmer's classroom. As a mother of 2 young boys, Lynn pivoted and took on a new career challenge, Interior Design. She worked at a local retailer in addition to starting her own design consultant group. Lynn's style and creativity were evident in each project she created.

Lynn's vibrance and thoughtfulness were present in all she touched. She was an active member of St. David's Episcopal Church for 48+ years, teaching Sunday School, chairing the historic annual church fair, establishing and facilitating the Walking the Mourners Path program. As a member of Waynesborough Country Club for 51 years, Lynn participated in every aspect of the club. She sat on the Board of Governors for 2 terms, served as head of both women's golf and youth golf programs, and worked as a design consultant when a new clubhouse was built in 2001. Over the years, Lynn loved playing tennis and golf both competitively and with friends. In later years, Lynn discovered her love of painting taking classes both at the Wayne Art Center and in Naples, Florida with a renowned watercolorist. Her subjects

were often her favorite people and places. When golf became too difficult to play, Lynn shifted gears and learned the challenging game of bridge. Her intelligence and a keen eye for detail made her a quick learner and sharp player. Always an extrovert, Lynn loved helping people. Her strength, positivity and grace were a blessing to all.

Lynn was predeceased by her beloved first husband Jan S. Palmer and brother James Sweetwood. She is survived by her cherished second husband William H. Surgner, her sons, David (Alison) Palmer of Garden City, NY, Scott (Heather) Palmer of Wayne, PA, grandchildren Jack, Ryan, Luke, Annie & Ian Palmer, and step-children Brandt (Amanda) Surgner of Richmond, VA & Holly (John) Spofford of Wayne, PA.

Her memorial service will be held Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 11:00 am at St. David's Episcopal Church, 763 South Valley Forge Road, Wayne, PA 19087

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Lynn's memory to the 9th Floor Foundation. <https://www.9thfloorfoundation.org/>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. David's Episcopal Church
763 South Valley Forge Road
Wayne, PA 19087

Tribute Wall

DA

“ I’m sorry we missed her service. I was unaware of the date... Aunt Lynn was actually my great-aunt. We didn’t see each other much in person but she always shared love with me and my family on social media. I have a wonderful memory of visiting her for Christmas as a child. She gave me a Madeline doll. She came to my oldest sons baby shower many years later. I regret never introducing her to my children. We love you.

Daina - October 04, 2023 at 08:18 PM

RW

“ Very sorry to hear this. I reconnected with Lynn a couple of years ago, through the miracle of social media. She was my second grade teacher in the mid 60s at Pine Road Elementary School. Recently, I had joked with her about her giving me an "F" in handwriting. She had a great laugh over that. She is someone I will always remember fondly. My condolences to her family and friends.

Rich Weiss - September 01, 2023 at 11:37 AM

FF

“ *Bill Surgner - My Sympathy and Best Wishes to you and your Family from Frank Foord (ex BWI many years ago).*

Frank Foord - August 28, 2023 at 03:21 PM

JS

“ Lynn was our nextdoor neighbor (big hugs David and Scott). She was quick to laugh and had a great sense of humor. As a babysitter, Jan said “we’ll be back before 10.” And they would come home much later as she loved to have fun.

Our dog would enter their home looking for Butterscotch’s food. Lynn would tell the story with a smile. My father would shoot fireworks on the Fourth of July and some would go off near their house....you guessed it, she would come out in her pajamas laughing. A live wire. A positive bubbly spirit.

A generous heart.

She was so proud of her extended family and her boys. So grateful to have grown up knowing her as she was a loving, wonderful role model.

Jill Spear - August 25, 2023 at 02:36 PM

DA

I remember Butterscotch!

Daina - October 04, 2023 at 08:23 PM