



Lucy Klakring

May 16, 1948 - January 7, 2015

After a long struggle with illness, Lucy Kernan Kaufman Klakring passed away peacefully on the night of January 6, 2015.

She once was picked up by a tornado and carried across a field, unharmed. (Nobody believed her, but she swears it happened.) She once learned to sail the hard way, when her brother pushed her out onto a lake on a boat on her own. (She loved telling that story, especially when her brother was around.) She once came home from college to find that her parents had moved without telling her, across the street. (She loved telling that story, especially when her parents were around.) She once threw out a roommate from her apartment for the unforgivable mistake of making oatmeal. (She did not throw out her sons for doing the same thing – they made oatmeal all the time after hearing that story.) She once made the unforgivable mistake of serving coffee to Madeleine Albright. (The former Secretary of State always takes tea.)

She once married a young law student named Glenn in a ceremony in Oxford. (The newspaper said she "wore a gown of candlelight satin, designed with an overskirt of illusion, appliquéd with medallions of French lace." Her groom probably said she was beautiful.)

She once bore a son named Radford. Or maybe Glenn. (He didn't become a lawyer.)

She once bore a son named Mike. Or maybe Brian. (He also didn't become a lawyer.)

She took her sons to tramp about the Appalachian woods and streams around Laporte. (They learned about leeches the hard way.) She made sure her sons had the chance to mess around with boats every summer in Oxford. (They learned the joys of calloused feet.) She took her sons to see Halley's comet in the dark skies above Assateague. (They hope to see it the next time around, too.) She let her sons' friends stay the night, even when it stretched into a few days, a few weeks, or a few years. (And looked the other way when they snuck out for late night mis-adventures.)

She twice nursed a parent through their last years. (Those experiences took a heavy toll on her.) She once flew to Central America to volunteer her time helping children in Guatemala City in severe poverty. (That was after her parents passed – in some sense it helped her heal.)

She once had a stroke that left her paralyzed from the neck down. ("Is it time for me to go?" she asked her sons. "No, you haven't met your grandchildren yet," we said.) She once made a full recovery from a stroke, regaining her ability to walk, talk, and smile through long and patient effort. (She gave us ten more years after that, and she saw a grandson graduate from nursery school, and another grandson graduate from high school.)

Lucy is survived by her brother Mike; her sister, Schuyler; her grandsons, Gavin and Andrew; and her sons, Brian and Glenn; and her sweet dog, Sam.

A celebration of life will be held in late spring/early summer. Please check back for posting at a later date. www.fhnfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Lucy Klakring*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Lucy Klakring*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Lucy Klakring*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Lucy Klakring*



Phil Foster - January 31, 2015 at 11:39 AM



“ *Many memories of summers wwith the Kaufmans in Gibson Island . Will miss her gracious presence in this world.*

Beverly Johnson Garrett - January 27, 2015 at 03:48 PM

BH

“ *Betty Huang lit a candle in memory of Lucy Klakring*



Betty Huang - January 14, 2015 at 12:22 PM

CC

“ *Charlene Costello lit a candle in memory of Lucy Klakring*



Charlene Costello - January 11, 2015 at 04:08 PM

CC

Lucy was one of my very best friends. We met at Wye when she was hired as a conference coordinator in the 80's... she often introduced me as "first my boss, then my client". It was her fun sense of humor, warm heart, and many kindnesses that kept us friends for over 28 years. Her health may have failed but her inner beauty and ready smile will last in my memory forever. Safe journey my friend, may you fly with joy as the balloons you use to follow! You are finally free! Love, Charlene

Charlene Costello - January 11, 2015 at 04:19 PM

LE

“ Lucy was a member of our "Circle of Friends" that got together for Tea several times a year. I felt as close to Lucy as a sister. We have many stories about how we got in and out of mischief and good times. We could make each other smile and laugh.

One warm, damp spring day, Lucy and I were standing on my back porch searching for a Mother Rabbit. Instead, we suddenly saw five (5) tiny balls of fluff, floating and hopping, which were her baby rabbits. Without saying a word, Lucy and I just held hands for a moment and wondered at the miracle. Thank you for allowing me to share this one of many "Lucy memories," as I miss her so much.

Her son Mike honored us as a Guest Speaker for a Character Counts class for the 6th grade at Easton High School.

Linda Swarten Evans

Linda S. Evans - January 09, 2015 at 07:43 PM

EA

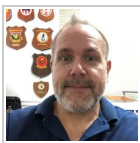
“ I am glad that I got to know Lucy. Her gentle manner and whimsy were fun to be around. She always spoke lovingly of her family and was very proud of her sons. Her positive outlook serve as an example for us all.

Eugenia Auchincloss - January 09, 2015 at 03:27 PM

EW

“*“Miss Goosey” was one of my family's first friends when we moved to Oxford in the 1980's. Her son and I shared the same birthday - to the day - and enjoyed join celebrations on Morris Street. She was a kind, funny, fun, thoughtful, and energetic woman. Oxford Kids Camp, which she co-founded, has enabled literally hundreds of children to enjoy the magic of summer camp for the last 35 years. I shall miss Miss Goosey's laughter, humor, and magnanimity.*”

Elizabeth Wainwright - January 09, 2015 at 12:23 PM



“*I worked with Lucy for many years and was very proud to call her my friend. We shared an office for a while and many laughs. Lucy was always a great person. We will miss you.*”

David Wendig - January 09, 2015 at 10:51 AM

LW

“*Remembering all the good times and laughter we all shared at the Wye. I will miss you Lucy. Thank you for being you.*”

Lisa Wendig - January 09, 2015 at 10:39 AM

JR

“*My deepest regards, I will miss seeing her post on Facebook.*”



Joyce Rheal - January 09, 2015 at 10:27 AM



“ I will miss the frequent e-mails and Facebook posts on humor and the state of the world from my cousin Lucy. We were born two months apart. As a result, we always got together at family gatherings. We'll all miss her.

Ibrook Tower - January 09, 2015 at 08:28 AM

AT

“ Lucy was my younger cousin so there was a bond from early childhood. It wasn't until I discovered the computer that that bond became really strong however. E-mails would fly back and forth, often ten a day. In all those messages I rarely heard anything negative.

She treasured her friends and adored her boys and their wives. Gavin was her super-star. In all her relationships she saw humor and love. Lucy's death has left a huge hole in my days but I realize that she looked on life as an adventure, I pray that this next phase is a new adventure filled with joy and love and romps with puppy dogs...and Lucy would add "a butler to bring her coffee in bed".

Ann Tilden - January 09, 2015 at 06:36 AM

TJ

“ Terry Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Lucy Klakring



terry Jarrell - January 08, 2015 at 02:44 PM

TJ

“ Lucy can't begin saying how much you will be missed and how much you meant to Harry and I. We both really enjoyed all of the time we got to spend together. Not only were you a great neighbor but a very special friend. I know Emma will her visits with you and Sam as well. We love you and will miss you everyday.

terry Jarrell - January 08, 2015 at 02:42 PM

KB

“ Kathie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Lucy Klakring



Kathie Brooks - January 08, 2015 at 02:41 PM

KB

I worked with Lucy at Wye River Conference Centers...she was a breath of fresh air! She always took such great care of the guests and those she worked with. I treasure the Christmas gifts she gave me - and enjoy each holiday. I am very thankful to have known her and had her in my life. She was a true lady!

Kathie Brooks - January 08, 2015 at 02:47 PM

PC

“ Peggy Cole lit a candle in memory of Lucy Klakring



Peggy Cole - January 08, 2015 at 01:45 PM

MK

“ Goodby Little Sis, we will miss you, your humor and your unique and always entertaining view of the world.

We hope that where you are is the eternal Eastern Shore you love with dogs, ducks and the best of all it's seasons.

Give our love to Amah and Big Daddy-O, and rest, finally, in peace.

Mike and Nancy Kaufman - January 07, 2015 at 05:09 PM

NW

"I feel very privileged to have known Lucy. She had a vibrant personality - I especially loved her positive attitude and sense of adventure as well as her humor, grace and kindness. She had a special light and I will miss her."

Nina Quinn Wahl - January 09, 2015 at 10:33 PM

JC

Worked with her at Oxford Kids Camp. She was 1 in a million and will be missed

Jeff Chanesman - January 12, 2015 at 12:24 PM