



Lynnda Lee Kratovil

October 2, 1935 - August 8, 2020

Lynnda Lee Skinner Kratovil died on August 8th, 2020 in her home surrounded by family.

She was born on October 2nd, 1935 at the Hospital for the Women of Maryland in Baltimore. She graduated from Towson High School in 1953, from Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) in 1957, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and was a member of the Tri-Beta Honorary Society. In 1958, she attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work on scholarship but soon left to marry Frank M. Kratovil who she had met on a blind date while attending Western Maryland College. The two were married in 1959 at the Olive Branch Church in Baltimore. In 1962, Lynnda attended Howard University School of Social Work on a full scholarship and received her Masters of Social Work in 1964.

Lynnda began her years of service as a counselor working with pregnant teenage girls for the Sonia Whipper Maternity Home in Washington DC. From 1966-1973, she began work at the Methodist Board of Child Care where she served as an adoption counselor to single parents and performed home studies. Starting in 1973, she became the Director of Social Services where she supervised social workers in the residential, foster care, and adoption program. In 1981, her portfolio expanded to include supervision of the management of an emergency shelter program, a program she developed.

Her professional affiliations included serving as a field instructor for Western Maryland College social work interns and visiting lecturer for the Family Training Institute in Baltimore.

Lynnda was active in the Prince George's County Mental Health Association where she served on the board for many years and in the College Park Business and Professional Women, where she held leadership positions, including serving on the board and as president. In her retired years, Lynnda was an active member of the Kent Island Federation of Art, the Queen Anne's County Historical Society, where she regularly served as a docent in Old Stevensville and was a fixture at nearly every artistic, musical, charitable and social event on Kent Island and in the county.

Lynnda exuded warmth and a love of life. She had an abundance of friends, interests, and energy with a sense of adventure. Whether in her role as a social worker supervisor, friend, mother, or grandmother, Lynnda was always able to find interesting adventures. She took kids hardened from the child welfare system on ghost tours, where they were delighted and terrified; discovered local but off-the-beaten-path places with her children; traveled to Europe, North Africa, and Latin America with her friends; took her grandkids on special little adventures; and participated in somewhat unorthodox activities which they loved. Lynnda was always in the mood for a little road trip or a bigger adventure and was just fun to be around.

Lynnda was genuinely interested in everyone she met. She would frequently talk to strangers during her journeys. Whether traveling locally or afar, she would learn their stories not just because she loved to talk, but also because she was a great listener. Members of the family were accustomed to learning the life story of the waiter or waitress serving our table and we're never surprised that Lynnda and her husband drove separately to events so that Lynnda could stay and talk all night. Lynnda got to know just about everybody

she met and connected with them on a level that was always special.

Lynnda was a woman driven to have both a family and a professional career. She also had the courage to be eccentric: wearing flamboyant clothes and hats; smoking Tiparillo cigars; drinking sherry; and driving around in her convertible Porsche. She was a free spirit, fiercely independent and she did not accept the limitations imposed on women of her generation. She would tell her children how things had changed for women, recalling her outrage at having to obtain her husband's approval for a credit card. She gracefully and rather strategically succeeded in exceeding traditional boundaries for women and living her life her way.

She is survived by her children, Terri Kratovil Meijer, Connie Kratovil-Lavelle, and Frank Michael Kratovil; their spouses Peter Meijer and Kimberly Kratovil and eight grandchildren - Frank, Jackson, Sean, Robert Cole, Sonja, Charlotte, Nate, and Ayden. Additionally, she is survived by many friends, including those from the Kingswood Association, BPW, Mental Health Association, book club, knitting club; Kent Island - art, historical and environmental societies.

A celebration of life is scheduled for Sunda, May 22, 2022 from 2PM - 6PM at 838 Thompson Creek Rd. Stevensville, MD 21666. Please contact the family for more information.

In Lynda's memory, please consider a donation to Compass Regional Hospice. (<http://www.compassregionalhospice.org/>)

Previous Events

celebration of life

MAY **22**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Kratovil Family Home
838 Thompson Creek Road
Stevensville, MD 21666

Tribute Wall



“ *Lynnda Lee Kratovil*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Lynnda Lee Kratovil*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Lynnda Lee Kratovil*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Frank & Kim, You and all of your family are in my thoughts and prayers. So sorry for your loss.*
Pat Radcliffe

Pat Radcliffe - May 20, 2022 at 01:01 PM



“ *So very sorry to read of the passing of such an obviously amazing person. My thoughts and prayers are with Frank and the entire family.*



Phil Foster - May 20, 2022 at 03:46 AM

JB

“ Frank so sorry to hear about your mom.
Sending prayers!



Joyce Benton - May 19, 2022 at 01:09 PM

JS

“ Dear Family of Lynnda Lee Skinner Kratovil,
So sorry of your loss of such an exuberant and warm Mom and
Grandmother!!
My mother, Betty Lynn Loper Steiner, loved Lynnda Lee so much,
as they were cousins through my Grandmother, Ruth Elizabeth
Skinner Loper. Lynnda Lee was a bridesmaid in my parents
wedding. My Mom spoke of Lynnda Lee so fondly!!
Our love and condolences to all of you,
Judy Steiner
PS If you wish to reach me by text(518)281-0094 or by email- jstein
er@nycap.rr.com, feel free to use these contacts.

Judy Steiner - January 05, 2021 at 10:10 AM

AM

“ Rest In Peace Mrs. Lynn. We will miss you at
Grasonville Senior Center



Ann Martn - August 24, 2020 at 02:27 PM

AP

“*Lynnda was my supervisor at the Board of Child Care and then dear friend after her retirement. I would always say that I won the supervisor lottery - how lucky I was to have her then and after. Lynnda was so exuberant, adventurous and even a bit mischievous, all while being a deeply caring and highly ethical person, committed to social justice and to making a difference in the world. I admired her and loved her, feel so fortunate to have had her in my life and I will miss her greatly. My deepest condolences to the Kratovil family and to her loved ones, of which there are so many. The world has lost a beautiful soul.*

Anne Pearce

Anne Pearce - August 22, 2020 at 01:09 PM

GP

“*Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Lynnda Lee Kratovil*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - August 20, 2020 at 01:50 PM

TB

“*Lynnda was a mentor to me and many others in my early social work career, and became a lifelong dear friend and role model in raising our children and transitioning into active grandparents. She was the glue that held our “book club” together for over 40 years, and the party didn’t start until Lynnda arrived. She was one of a kind , and we will miss her exuberance and zest for life.*

*Our deepest sympathy to the family,
Trish and Joel Bright*

Trish Bright - August 13, 2020 at 11:15 AM

DB

“ *Debbie & Wayne Brobst lit a candle in memory of Lynnda Lee Kratovil*



Debbie & Wayne Brobst - August 13, 2020 at 07:53 AM

DB

*Frank, Kim and family.
Sending our thoughts, love and condolences to you for the loss of your Mom. I have such fond memories of her.
Sincerely, Debbie and Wayne*

Debbie and Wayne Brobst - August 13, 2020 at 08:07 AM

PF

“ *Phil Foster lit a candle in memory of Lynnda Lee Kratovil*



Phil Foster - August 13, 2020 at 03:40 AM

DB

“ *Lynda was my dear friend for many years. She was a kind, compassionate, warm, loving friend. I will always keep her precious memory in my heart. We were all so lucky to have her in our lives. I am sending love to Lynnda's beautiful Family.
Dr. Susan Bregman*

Dr.Susan Bregman - August 12, 2020 at 05:16 PM

JJ

“ Jackie Jutchess lit a candle in memory of
Lynnda Lee Kratovil



Jackie Jutchess - August 12, 2020 at 02:04 PM

GT

“ Georgette Toews lit a candle in memory of
Lynnda Lee Kratovil



Georgette Toews - August 12, 2020 at 10:06 AM

KH

“ Karl And Kay Habig lit a candle in memory of
Lynnda Lee Kratovil



Karl and Kay Habig - August 11, 2020 at 10:54 PM

KH

“ Frank, Kimberly and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. May God
bless you all. Continued prayers for all.
Sincerely, Kay and Kar Habig Delmar, Delaware

Karl and Kay Habig - August 11, 2020 at 10:50 PM

TF

“ *Tracy And Stacey Schulz And Family lit a candle in memory of Lynnda Lee Kratovil*



Tracy and Stacey Schulz and Family - August 11, 2020 at 11:06 AM