



## Lynn Marie Hollaran

August 8, 1942 - January 3, 2021

Lynn Marie Hollaran, age 78, of Dassel, passed away peacefully at her residence with her family and her pets by her bedside on Sunday, January 3, 2021. A memorial service/celebration of life is planned for the summer of 2021 in Dassel.

Lynn Marie Hollaran, the daughter of William and Joan (Hains) Kruschka was born on August 8, 1942, in Neptune City, Asbury Park, New Jersey. Her family lived in several cities as a child. She attended the Manistique High School in Manistique, Michigan and graduated from Neenah High School, in Neenah, Wisconsin. She continued her education by attending Oshkosh State Teachers College and Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Lynn was employed by the United States Federal Government Social Security Administration as a Manager/Claims Representative for over 40 years. Because of her skills and abilities, Lynn worked in multiple offices across the country. Lynn loved her job and served with distinction and honor. Civic duties were paramount to her including love of community and political involvement. These were an ongoing focus throughout her life. She immediately loved the Dassel community and the community also embraced her. She was elected to the Dassel City Council and always tried to fight for what she thought was fair and right for the citizens of her community.

Lynn was artistic, she enjoyed spending time drawing, painting, decorating, and playing the piano. She loved to spend time with her family and friends. Lynn's grandsons were an important part of her life and she had a special relationship with each of them. Her front lawn was the gathering place for the local Red Rooster parade, many barbeques and she was fond of entertaining for holidays and special events. She was an avid traveler who always loved to explore new places and experience new adventures. Family, friends and neighbors and her pets, including Babe the Wonder Dog, Coco Marie and her kitties gave her great joy. She will be missed by her many friends, neighbors, and her loving family.

She is survived by her daughters: Susan (John) Stejskal of Annandale, Minnesota, Robin (Erik) Elias of Minnesota and three grandchildren: Jacob Stejskal, Charles Stejskal, and Jack Elias. She is also survived by her siblings, Philip (Barb) Kruschka of Livonia, Michigan, Betsy Kruschka of East Haven, Connecticut, and Susan (Andy) Zygmunt of Marion, Connecticut, and her former spouses: Arnold Petersen, James Baumann, and Kevin Hollaran.

She was preceded in death by her son, Tad (Arnold) Petersen, her parents, William and Joan Kruschka, her siblings, Billy (William) Kruschka, Joan Kruschka, and Robin Kruschka and her many pets.

Lynn lived an amazing life, all the while overcoming significant physical limitations. The family is grateful for neighbors and friends and great communities that supported her ability to maintain her fierce independence.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to learn of Lynn's passing; I burst into tears when her obituary appeared in the Pine River area online paper.

To Susan and Robin and Lynn's entire family, please accept my heart felt condolences. Susan and Robin, Lynn was so proud to be your mom. Many times she said, "They take care of me."

To Jacob, Charlie and Jack, your grandmother took great pride in each of you and loved to share the latest on what you were doing. Lynn also appreciated having two son-in-laws who were thoughtful and helpful.

I loved Lynn like a sister and cannot believe she is gone. She was the absolute best friend I have had in my adult life. She told me, "We think alike", which I took as a huge compliment, She was there for me when no one else was. You will never know how many people she helped and inspired, She saw people's needs and took action to fill those needs. It is rare for someone to be so perceptive and wise. Smart, resourceful and tenacious, she had so many talents and found ways to put them to use to help others. Lynn was one tough cookie with a huge generous heart.

As much as I regretted losing Lynn as a neighbor in Pine River, I am so glad she was able to move closer to her family and to a community that was smart enough to recognize and appreciate her competence and sense of fairness. In Dassel, she found a community that welcomed her integrity instead of being intimidated by it, Lynn did not just care deeply about things being right and fair, she took action to make a difference.

She was a social justice warrior who built bridges where others burned them. She had strong political opinions that were always centered around sound reasoning and wanting good things for everyone. She had so much empathy for animals and rescued pets discarded by others and then showered them with love. Lynn met all her challenges head on and never complained. She overcame so much that she almost seemed invincible, which is why the news of her passing is such a terrible shock.

Always impeccably groomed but never just a facade, she was total class. Beautiful inside and out. Her home was her canvas, decorated with style, warmth and a sense of humor. Lynn was an

*original.*

*I miss my dear friend already and will never, ever forget her. She leaves a huge hole.*

*The world has lost a truly wonderful person but you have lost your mother and grandmother. The Lynn I knew surely took comfort in believing that her family was her greatest legacy. Please let me know when her celebration of life will be in Dassel, as I would be honored to attend. My thoughts are with all of you.*

*Debbie Ostlund*

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**Debra Ostlund** - January 20, 2021 at 10:10 AM

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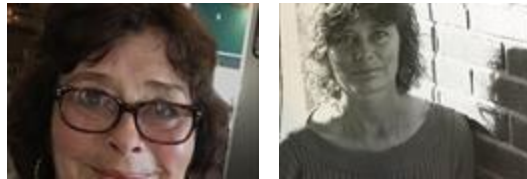
*My Condolences to all who knew & loved her.  
Jimmiequalls16@gmail.com former co-worker*

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**Jimmie Qualls** - December 09, 2021 at 07:00 AM

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