



## Lynn Anne Brand

December 26, 1943 - June 30, 2020

Lynn Anne LeBlanc Brand was born December 26, 1943, in Knoxville, Tennessee and passed away peacefully, surrounded by her children and loved ones, at the University of Toledo Medical Center on June 30, 2020. Lynn was raised in Rochester, New York where her father was employed at the Kodak Corporation as an engineer. She attended Saint Agnes High School in Rochester and studied Elementary Education at Louisiana State University. After returning to Rochester, she taught at Saint Joseph's Villa and then worked for the City of Rochester with senior citizens and as a recreation leader.

She met her husband, Paul, when he was a graduate student at the University of Rochester; they were married July 3, 1971. After he graduated, they lived in Tucson, Arizona from 1973 to 1975 while he had a postdoctoral fellowship at the College of Medicine, University of Arizona. In July 1975, Lynn and Paul arrived in Toledo where he assumed a faculty member position in the Department of Physiology at the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo, now the College of Medicine, University of Toledo.

When Lynn arrived in Toledo in July of 1975, she had a son, Owen, and was pregnant with her second child, Renée. By August, with Owen enrolled in daycare, she began volunteering at the Medical College of Ohio. After Renée was born, Lynn continued volunteering while raising two children, working part time as a sales associate and, in later years, experiencing several health problems. Undaunted, she was known to make phone calls from her hospital

bed to solicit other volunteers for activities she chaired or to organize fundraising events that benefited the Medical College. While recovering from hip surgery and using a walker, she arranged and participated in fundraising activities despite her limited mobility. She remained cheerful and indomitable throughout.

She devoted much of her life to volunteer work and her volunteer efforts in Toledo have spanned 44 years, including supporting the University of Toledo Health Science Campus, the Community Care Clinic, Northwest Ohio Community Services, The Toledo Repertoire Theatre, St. James and St. Patrick of Heatherdowns churches, the Queen of Apostles Catholic School, the Ohio Hospital Association, the American heart Association, and the Boy Scouts.

She was active throughout her life in Toledo with the Satellites of the University of Toledo Health Science campus, the volunteer auxiliary that supports campus activities. Since 1975, the Satellites have raised over \$2,000,000 for the University of Toledo Health Science Campus. Lynn participated in most of the fundraising activities between 1975 and 2020 and since becoming President of the Satellites, has been the leader and driving force behind most of the activities. Funds raised have supported many College Programs including donating \$50,000 seed money to help establish the Educare Center, which provides education, child care, and health care for children, both with and without special needs. The Satellites have also donated to The University of Toledo Early Learning Center, the Prescribed Pediatric Center operated by Anne Grady Services, special education classes of the Toledo Public Schools, and scholarships for health science students. Under her leadership, The Satellites donated \$10,000 to the Medical Research Society at the College of Medicine. The Medical Research Society provides funds for young investigators to support their research.

From 1999 to 2017, Lynn served on the board of the Toledo Repertoire Theatre, a 501c3 organization. Her service on the board was described in an email from Samantha Rousos, President of the Board from 2015 to 2017,

“She took a primary role for opening receptions as Chairman of Hospitality and brought the rep into the community of not-for-profits, Northwest Ohio Community Shares. In every board meeting -- in the face of adversity or conflicts requiring resolution -- Lynn was the epitome of grace. She sought amicable and workable outcomes. She was always dedicated to improving the state of the performing arts...I am indebted to her selfless dedication, spirit of positivity, and unending giving heart.”

From 2000 to 2002, she served as State Auxiliary Leader of the Ohio Hospital Association and participated in state-wide meetings in Columbus. As auxiliary leader, she installed officers of local chapters of the association for the auxiliary of Fisher-Titus Memorial Hospital, Norwalk and the auxiliary for the Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center, Findlay.

From 2009 to the present, as part of the Support our Troops program, Lynn solicited, collected, and delivered personal items (bath soap, brushes, etc.) to the troops of the 983rd Engineering Battalion in Monclova and the 180th Fighter Wing in Swanton, Ohio. These items are not supplied by the military. Lynn served on the board of Northwest Ohio Community Shares from 2014 to 2019. Community Shares is northwest Ohio’s only workplace-giving federation with a focus on social justice, health and human services, animal welfare, the arts, and the environment. Lynn assisted in organizing the two annual fundraising events hosted by Community Shares and solicited contributions for Community Shares.

In 2015, Lynn received the Community Volunteer Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals for “volunteerism and financial support of The University of Toledo.”

As a volunteer and leader, Lynn always gave credit to others. She never spoke of herself but commended her teammates. This extraordinary list of volunteer activities shows only the highlights of her career. Her devotion to volunteering and her loving devotion to her husband and children are unparalleled. She leaves behind her husband Paul, son Owen, his fiancé

Shannon Titus, daughter Reneé Obrock (Brand), Son-in-law Matthew Obrock, brother Edward LeBlanc, sister-in-law Cheryl, and innumerable friends in Toledo.

A mass will be held in her honor at Saint Patrick's of Heatherdowns Catholic Church, 4201 Heatherdowns Boulevard at 11:30 Friday July 3, preceded by a gathering of friends at 10:30. The Funeral Mass will also be Live Streamed at Toledo St. Pat's YouTube channel.

Memorial contributions may be made in Lynn's honor to the UT-HSC Scholarship Fund #1500260, University of Toledo Foundation, 4510 Dorr St., MS #820 Toledo, OH 43615-4040.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 3. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St Patrick Of Heatherdowns  
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH

## Memorial

JUL 3. 11:30 AM - 12:30 AM (ET)

St Patrick Of Heatherdowns  
4201 Heatherdowns Blvd  
Toledo, OH

# Tribute Wall

MB

“ I was a medical student at mco. Mrs. Brand always smiled and was nice and supportive. I liked her a lot. I send my condolences to the family. Michelle Brown.

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**Michelle Brown** - July 11, 2020 at 03:16 AM

CW

“ Lynn always had a big smile to greet me and anyone else she knew. I will miss her. My deepest sympathy, Paul and family.

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**carol wilkerson** - July 09, 2020 at 12:08 PM

MS

“ Dear Paul and the Brand family,

*Words can't express how sorry I am to hear about the passing of Lynn. She was such a kind person, and I enjoyed being in her presence. We all will miss Lynn's upbeat personality and joy for life.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Marcus L. Sneed*

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**Marcus L. Sneed** - July 07, 2020 at 10:19 AM

JJ

“ Dear Paul and family,  
It was with a heavy heart and great sadness that I learned of Lynn's passing. She was one of the most cheerful, kind, and generous women I've known. She created a legacy at UTMC through her tireless volunteer efforts. To say she will be missed is an understatement. I hope that her generosity, fun loving spirit, and sense of humor can inspire all those who were lucky enough to know her.

*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time.*

*Sincere,  
Jodi Jameson*

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**Jodi Jameson** - July 06, 2020 at 01:23 PM

BO

“ Lynn was one of the most generous people I have ever met. She always greeted me with such warmth and made me feel great fondness in her presence. She will be missed.

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**Ben Obrock** - July 04, 2020 at 02:38 PM

BS

“ Such a pleasure to have known you, Lynn. Rest in peace.

*Our love and deepest condolences to you, Paul.*

*-Brad Smith and Anita Crane*

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**Brad A Smith** - July 03, 2020 at 07:21 PM

DJ

“ Laurie and I were saddened to read of Lynn's passing. She has always been a bright memory of the years when Owen and our K.C. were in soccer with the Celtics. Kc joins us in sending his regrets. I am not sure how you tuck all that boundless energy away in the inner sanctum of the heart, but she will be a wonderful memory for so many people with all of the lives she touched. God bless!

*Love and peace always.*

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**Dr and Mrs Richard St John** - July 03, 2020 at 04:01 PM

BA

“ Dearest Lynn  
A force of joy. Your smile and hugs lit up a room and my life. Rest in Peace.

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**barbara** - July 03, 2020 at 02:49 PM

DB

“ It was a pleasure serving on the Toledo Rep Board with Lynn.  
Sharing loving thoughts with Paul & family.  
Deb J Brescol

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**Deb J Brescol** - July 03, 2020 at 02:21 PM

RS

“ My deepest sympathy to Paul, Owen and Renee on the passing of Lynn. She was always a force behind a lot of work at St. James Church that made it a special place to gather. I knew she was always a tireless supporter of many charities and programs at the Medical College. In reading her obituary I realize my great granddaughter is benefiting from her work that helped establish the Educare Center, goes to daycare there. She will certainly be missed by many in our community.

*Rosanne Sutter*

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**Rosanne Sutter** - July 03, 2020 at 01:45 PM

TF

“ Lynn was always a bright spot at MCO and UTMC. She would always have a smile and a warm greeting, and we would have several conversations every year when we'd see each other in the cafeteria. Paul, Owen and Rene, my deepest condolences. Though I'm sure her light will continue to burn brightly.

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**Thomas H. Fine** - July 03, 2020 at 12:27 PM

AD

“ Our deepest condolences to you, Paul.  
*Alice and David Dewey (TAC)*

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**Alice Dewey** - July 03, 2020 at 08:51 AM

JM

“ I met Lynne at the Toledo Artists Club and her ready smile, her grace, her indomitable spirit made everyone around her a better person. Thank you Lord for putting her in my life.

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**Joan Martinez** - July 03, 2020 at 08:39 AM

MM

“ Lynn was always ready with a smile. Fun to work with

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**Marcia Meeker** - July 03, 2020 at 06:51 AM

CS

“ Lynn had a pure, unconditional loving, heart and soul. She treated everyone as if they were her best friend or one of her children. She was a true force of nature who loved and cared for everyone she met. She will be truly missed by all that knew her. Our community won't be the same without her in it.

- Chris & Sarah

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**Chris & Sarah** - July 03, 2020 at 01:25 AM



“ I volunteered with Lynn at Toledo Botanical Garden and enjoyed her endless energy and beautiful smile. My deepest sympathy to your family. Linda Costell

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**Linda Costell** - July 02, 2020 at 06:22 PM

MF

“ Lynn was supportive to me when we volunteered together at Toledo Botanical Gift Shop. Always had a smile. She did so much for others. My condolences to the family. She will be missed.  
Marcia Fleitz

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**Marcia Fleitz** - July 02, 2020 at 04:02 PM

MH

“ Lynn always had a smiling face that I found uplifting. She brightened everyone's day. She will be missed.  
Mike Hill

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**Mike Hill** - July 02, 2020 at 03:57 PM

JW

“ *My heart goes out to you and your family, Paul.*

*When I first met Lynn at the artists club, her kindness and welcoming enthusiasm stood out. It didn't take long to realize she was generous to a fault and filled with boundless positive energy, entertaining stories, and endless ideas. Lynn truly made her mark on this world and everyone who knew her. I will miss her.*

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**Janet Wharry** - July 02, 2020 at 12:56 PM

MS

“ *We are so very saddened by the recent passing of Lynn. We knew Lynn very well. She was an outstanding person who gave unselfishly to others. Know that you are in our thoughts.*

*Warmest regards,  
Barry and Mary Jo (Bellner) Swartzberg  
Tucson, AZ*

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**Mary Jo Bellner Swartzberg** - July 02, 2020 at 12:28 PM

TF

“ *Paul and family, we are so sorry to hear this sad news of your lovely and wonderful wife and mother. We have come to cherish her beautiful Christmas ornaments and then poinsettias year after year. She had such a caring and giving heart as we can see by all she has done. Toledo lost a joyful and precious person this day, but heaven gained an angel. Our best to you during this hard time. Love Vince, Teri, Julia, and Louie Mauro*

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**The Mauro Family** - July 02, 2020 at 09:17 AM

GR

“ Paul. Owen and Renee, I have not seen Lynn for a long time, But I recall such a happy, giving person who was full of love, life and laughter. I shall long remember our work with the Satellites. Lynn was such a blessing to MCO. Her efforts and unending energies did not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Her legacy is founded in her friendships and advancements she made at MCO. Hope you are comforted in knowing she was loved and respected by all who knew her. May your treasured and loving memories carry you through these difficult times. Blessings, Geneva D. Rodgers

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**Geneva Rodgers** - July 02, 2020 at 07:11 AM

KS

“ Paul; Owen, Renee and family, may You find comfort and joy in your memories. My memories of Lynn go back to 1976, the daycare center with Bekki, Arletta, Reba and Mrs. Jones. Lynn arrived each day with Owen and Renee with a smile on her face and would volunteer to help get unique art supplies for the center. My favorite memory was at my wedding, after the church ceremony she walked Owen and Renee around to see the beautiful statues.

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**Kathy Skrzyniecki** - July 01, 2020 at 10:13 PM

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“ I will always remember Lynn with a smile on her face. She will be missed.

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**Jan Kubly (Rose)** - July 01, 2020 at 10:00 PM

EG

“ Lynn will be missed by many. She was such a warm and giving person. I loved sitting next to her at meeting. She was so happy and always had a nice word for everyone. Elaine Gregory

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**Elaine Gregory** - July 01, 2020 at 09:41 PM

KV

“ Paul, Owen and Renée, my deepest sympathies. Lynn has known me my whole life and a wonderful person! Will never forget the old Children’s Miracle Network telethons at Southwyck mall and the Dana center, and of course Wicks N Sticks! Lynn was always apart of our family and will be deeply missed. Say hi to my Aunt Leslie, Aunt Beth, Aunt Karen and my grandpa Jim! Rest easy Lynn. - Kristy Voss (Hupp)

Kristy Voss - July 01, 2020 at 09:29 PM

MB

“ Lynn will always be remembered for her jolly personality, cheering her friends and family on even during her own health issues when she was the one who needed cheering. It was my honor to have known her.



Marsha Boerst - July 01, 2020 at 09:27 PM

TF

“ Paul Brand and Family we are so sorry to here about Lynn, not only did she do all that volunteer work and so many other things, she also was a second mother to all the boys in her neighborhood. She made each and every one of them feel special and always had a kind word for everyone. At Christmas she always made sure all her neighbors got a beautiful poinsettia, and she had neighborhood open houses. I always marveled at her endless energy. She was a bright light and will be missed. The Irving Family

The Irving Family - July 01, 2020 at 06:20 PM

RF

“ Dearest Paul & Family,

*Our heartfelt condolences to you on your insurmountable loss. Sending much love and strength to you during this difficult time. We love you. Love Always, Roma, Jay, Chintu, Charles, Natasha, Ravi and Soren*

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**Roma Bijlani & Family** - July 01, 2020 at 05:56 PM

ML

“ Dead Paul. Owen, Renee. A gigantic void has been left on this earth with Lynn's passing. Her devotion to her family and to UT-MC and to all the other organizations leaves rethinking of Superwoman. Her cheerful nature and capable manner are lessons to us all. I was happy and proud to call her my friend. My prayers and sympathy to you all. Mary Lynne Leiter.

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**Mary Lynne Leiter** - July 01, 2020 at 05:04 PM

DN

“ Paul, it was with deep sadness I learned of Lynn's passing, I wish I had known her longer. I will always remember sitting together, swapping recipes and volunteer stories. My memories of her are all good ones, and they will never fade.

*Deane Nelson*

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**Deane Nelson** - July 01, 2020 at 04:25 PM

JS

“ Paul, I am deeply sorry to hear about Lynn's passing. The HSC will not be the same without her. She was an incredible woman with passion and a strong desire to help others, she will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Lynn's legacy is profound.  
Jennifer Schaefer

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**Jennifer Schaefer** - July 01, 2020 at 04:09 PM

MB

“ Paul, Owen, and Renee--I am so sad to hear about the loss of your wife and mother. Lynn had such a generous, warm, big-hearted personality, and she always had a way to make you feel special and welcomed in her presence. Thoughts and hugs from afar...

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**Marty Buckenmeyer** - July 01, 2020 at 03:44 PM

CS

“ We were very sad to hear of my aunt's passing. She had a brightness about her and constantly gave to others! She has touched so many over the years! We will miss you greatly Aunt Lynn but know you are smiling down on us from above! Lots of love to you Uncle Paul, Owen, and Renee!! Wish we could be there to send you our love and support!!

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**Christi Stout** - July 01, 2020 at 03:14 PM

JM

“ It was with great sadness that I learned of Lynn's passing. She was always bright and "sunny" whenever I met her and had a kind word for everyone. She was also a major force in her tireless support of the Medical College of Ohio and later the University of Toledo Medical Center. She will definitely be missed.

*Paul, please accept my deepest condolences.*

*John McSweeney  
Ottawa Hills, OH*

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**John McSweeney** - July 01, 2020 at 02:52 PM

SB

“ We are very sorry for your great loss, and send our condolences. Lynn was a cheerful person with a big heart. Her dedication to volunteer and fundraising work was admirable and amazing. All the best to you and your children.

*Love,  
Steve, Nima, and Khushboo*

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**Steve Brand** - July 01, 2020 at 02:47 PM

PB

“ It was a joy to know Lynn and to be her friend. She contributed so much to the community her entire life and will be missed by many. Lynn's leadership, volunteerism and devotion to family are unmatched. Rest in peace Lynn.

*Sincerely, Penny Bessire*

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**Penny Bessire** - July 01, 2020 at 12:53 PM

ML

“ Life will not be the same without Lynn. It is a great loss to her family, her friends, the hospital the students and our community. My love and prayers the family.  
Sincerely, Mary.Fran

Mary Fran Liebherr - July 01, 2020 at 12:08 PM

SB

“ Prayers to paul, renee, and owen and family. I will miss her contagious laugh , smiling face and Big Heart. Had some great times that will stay with me always. She was such a generous and friendly and caring person. I was Blessed to have her as my friend . She will be a part of me and my heart , thinking of her often. Love and Blessings Shirley Bourquin

Shirley Bourquin - July 01, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lynn Anne Brand.



July 01, 2020 at 11:45 AM

DM

“ So sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with your family. We had a lot of good times with Lynn. We're out of town now, I'm sorry we are not going to make it there. Love Barb and David Miller

David and Barb Miller - July 01, 2020 at 11:04 AM

BB

“ Beverly A Baker lit a candle in memory of Lynn Anne Brand



Beverly A Baker - July 01, 2020 at 10:39 AM

PS

“ A remarkable woman, a remarkable life of selfless service. I feel blessed to have been among her many friends! Lynn will be forever missed but never forgotten. God surely has a special place for her in heaven. My deepest sympathy to Paul, Owen, and Renee. Praying for all. Peg Simon

Peg Simon - July 01, 2020 at 10:00 AM

AM

“ Lynn was one of most kind- hearted persons I have ever met. She was generous and caring and always sent me with a stack of stickers and art supplies to share with my students in China : ) I will never forget how she welcomed me as if I was part of the family without hesitation. It was amazing how her warm spirit could light up a room! She will be missed and I am so thankful for the chance to get to know her. My sympathies go out to the entire Brand family. May the memories and the good times be the gifts that keep your heart full during this time.



Amy - July 01, 2020 at 09:30 AM

PD

“ So sorry, Paul, Renee and family....I didn't get to know Lynn well until the last Artists' Club Heralding the Holidays....In fact, I never got a chance to know her when she didn't have a walker or other health compromises -- and yet I never heard her complain, about ANYTHING, and she was the most efficient and wonderful volunteer that truly helped hold things together and make them happen. I will miss her smile and welcoming ways.

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**Paula Davis** - July 01, 2020 at 09:27 AM

KD

“ So sorry Paul, Owen, Renee and family. She will be dearly missed and we had many neighborly moments on Lodge Ave! Sincerely Kathy and Tom Dugan and family

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**Kathleen Dugan** - July 01, 2020 at 09:16 AM

JK

“ Lynn was one of the best!! She always brought a smile wherever she went. Loved her hot buttered rums at cold soccer games to her splits at weddings!  
Thoughts, prayers and remote hugs to all of you. She added to so many lives. Thanks for sharing her with us. It was my privilege to have known her. Joan King

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**joan king** - July 01, 2020 at 09:03 AM

CG

“ Lynn was always the first person to volunteer at Toledo Botanical Garden and Toledo GROWs. She worked weekends in the gift shop and was always full of TBG information with a very friendly attitude. She was a great lady and we cared about her. She will be missed.

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**Carol Gray** - July 01, 2020 at 08:08 AM

LD

*We first met Lynn at your wedding! We were both immediately taken with her personality - fun-loving, caring and so ready to see the positive side of everything. We thought, at that time, that it would be such fun to go through life with this lady by your side. Your long and wonderful marriage bore this out. Even though we did not see you very often. every time we did it seemed like no time had elapsed at all. Lynn made us so welcome and was so interested in everything we were doing. They say that the most attractive thing in life is watching someone do something they enjoy. I believe that was Lynn's day-to-day goal - to genuinely enjoy everything she did - and this, in turn, attracted people to her side who simply wanted to be a part of that enthusiasm. A wonderful husband (and her appreciation and support of both his scientific and artistic sides!) and her two beautiful, caring children - these things attest to a life well lived ... and give us many, many good memories to carry with us. Rest in peace dear Lynn.*  
*Liz and Matt*

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**Liz and Matt Daniels** - July 02, 2020 at 03:03 PM

MJ

*Paul, Owen and Renee, my sincere condolences, a wonderful person to all. Rest in peace Lynn.*

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**Marianne Jasper** - July 03, 2020 at 03:54 PM

TE

*I had the privilege of meeting Lynn on the UTMC Health Science Campus. She had such a caring and generous spirit. She always had a smile for everyone. I was so sad to hear of her passing. Lynn, may you rest in peace. God Bless your family in this difficult time.*

*Teri Vapenik*

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**Teri** - July 06, 2020 at 07:28 AM