



## Lynn Sue Baumann

May 27, 1952 - April 8, 2018

Today, we honor a loving wife, a proud mother, a loyal sister, a selfless friend – and, of course, we celebrate our Queen Bee.

Lynn Sue Reichard Baumann, 65, of Cedar, passed away April 8, 2018 at her home, surrounded by her loving family and friends. Lynn was born on May 27, 1952 in Saginaw, Mich., the daughter of Maynard and Peggy (Barnes) Reichard.

Lynn graduated from Hemlock High School in 1970 and then continued her education at Central Michigan University, earning her bachelor's degree in education. She later earned her degree in special education, and taught for 40 years, 25 of which were at the Adult Work Center in Traverse City. Lynn was awarded the Outstanding Educator award in 1992 and retired from TCAPS in 2014. She was very proud of her students.

On June 24, 1977 in Lexington, Ky., Lynn married Terrence Jay "Terry" Baumann. It was a long time coming – Terry and Lynn first met when they were about 13, and Terry said that the first time they made eye contact, he heard a "ding!" go off in his head. Over the years, they made their homes in Lexington, Ky. and in Michigan in Hemlock, Huntington Woods, and Traverse City. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and enjoyed yoga, spinning and traveling. She especially loved taking classes at Yen Yoga in Traverse City, and was very moved by the support she received from the staff there in her last few years.

Lynn was best known for her selflessness, and worked to make others comfortable even in her death. Her daughters would often beg her to put her phone on silent, reminding her that she didn't always have to help others every moment of the day. She would become quiet upon this suggestion, refusing to turn off her ringer just to make sure she could be reached in case someone needed her. She didn't like being the center of attention, but loved planning events and hosting gatherings, sitting back to watch as the people she loved enjoyed the big and small details of her care as well as each other's company. Along with her kindness came her loyalty; Terry said that she was always sweet to

everyone unless they crossed her daughters, her friends, or her sisters, “and if they did, it was not pleasant for several days.”

Lynn kept her sense of humor all the way through her illness, slipping out her signature, emphatic “O. M. G.” anytime she received positive news – or if she heard a good piece of gossip. If it was her turn to tell a story though, you’d better have come with a chair and some popcorn; the stories usually took longer to get out than the original events they described. She was known for how particular she was about her nails, and was very proud that she was younger than Terry... by five months. She was often funny without meaning to be. For example, for years she thought LOL meant “lots of love,” and was only corrected after she sent a rather confusing and seemingly insensitive text to her daughter Amy after Amy came to her for comfort.

The day before her death, family and a few close friends worked together to create a small ceremony for Lynn and Terry’s youngest daughter Ashley and her fiancé Keegan at the Baumann home. It was Lynn’s goal to make it to Ashley’s wedding later this summer, so they brought the wedding to her – complete with tin foil rings made by the groom that morning. When the bride and groom kissed, Lynn collected her energy to raise her arms up and clap, opening her eyes to see her daughter and tell Keegan she loved him. There wasn’t a dry eye in the room.

Lynn is survived by her husband, Terry; her daughters, Amy Lynn Baumann of Chicago and Ashley Lorraine Baumann of South Bend, Ind., as well as Ashley’s fiancé Keegan Williams, also of South Bend; her sisters, Kathy Ann (Steve) Sloneker of Clark Summit, Pa. and Cindy Marie (Mark) Roman of Paw Paw, Mich.; her mother-in-law Kathleen Baumann of Saginaw; brothers-in-law Dan (Lori) Baumann of Rochester Hills, Mich. and Steve (Brenda) Baumann of Tucson, Ariz.; and her sister-in-law Jan (Tom) Storm of Honolulu. She leaves behind several beloved nieces and nephews, as well as and many dear friends. Lynn was preceded in death by her mother Peggy, her father Maynard, and her father-in-law Larry Baumann.

Visitation for Lynn will take place from 5 until 8 p.m. Thursday, April 12 at The Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home. The funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, April 13 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, with visitation one hour prior to the mass. The Rev. Father Christopher Jarvis will preside, and the mass will be followed by a celebration of Lynn’s life. Inurnment will take place at a later date in the columbarium of Oakwood Catholic Diocesan Cemetery.

At her suggestion, Lynn asked that she be remembered through memorial contributions to

Special Olympics Area 2,c/o John Casteel, 12337 Bluff Road, Traverse City, MI 49686 or to the Women's Cancer Fund, c/o Munson Healthcare Regional Foundation, 1150 Medical Campus Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684 (<http://www.munsonhealthcare.org/foundation>).

# Cemetery

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**Oakwood Catholic Diocesan  
Cemetery**  
1720 Hannah Street  
Traverse City, MI, 49686

# Events

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**APR 12 Visitation 05:00PM - 08:00PM**  
Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home  
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

**APR 13 Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM**  
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
308 Cedar Street, Traverse City, MI, US,  
49684

**APR 13 Mass of Christian Burial 11:00AM**  
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
308 Cedar Street, Traverse City, MI, US,  
49684

# Comments

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“ Dear Terry,

We were all saddened by the news of Lynn's passing. Please know you have been in our thoughts and prayers. We regret being unable to be with you at this difficult time. A memoriam has been sent to the Special Olympics in her honor.

Take care.

Sincerely,

Your Schreiber Cousins:

Ann and Gary, Chris and Rob, Tom, Jeff and Louie, Dave and Connie and Trish and Mark

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**Mary Louise "Louie" Schreiber** - April 27, 2018 at 09:20 PM

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“ Dear Terry,

Our sympathies go out to you and your family. Lynn was an amazing individual. I will never forget the many family Green Parties, thankful that you and Lynn were there; she and I would chat on about our lives and it was like we had never been apart. She was a very kind and caring person. I know she will be missed--you will be in my prayers.

Love,  
Louie and Jeff

**Mary Louise "Louie" Schreiber** - April 27, 2018 at 09:08 PM

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“ Terry and family we are very sorry for your loss. Lynn was a very caring person. Mike Parr & Family

**Mike Parr** - April 16, 2018 at 09:08 PM

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“ Lynn will surely be missed by everyone who knew her and her contagious smile. No matter what, she was always smiling. Such a kind, loving and wonderful woman. We love you Lynn.  
Mark and Annette Evans



Annette Evans - April 15, 2018 at 04:08 PM

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“ Terry and girls  
We just learned late yesterday of Lynn's passing. We are so very sorry for your loss. We love you and pray for your comfort, as you face this sad time. We have very many good memories of time shared with you and Lynn. Jeff and Heidi

jeff/heidi - April 14, 2018 at 12:16 PM

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“ Ashley and family,  
We send our most sincere sympathy to all of you. You will always have the wonderful memories to hold you tight. Thinking about you,  
Tim & Jackie Hall (Alaina's parents)



Jackie Hall - April 13, 2018 at 09:25 PM

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“ I saw an angel the first time I met her. Such a wonderful lady loved deeply by her family and numerous friends. I feel privileged to have known her.

**Ed Collins** - April 13, 2018 at 04:46 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy goes out to you Terry, Amy & Ashley. What a most loving and gentle spirit Lynn was. I had the pleasure of bringing Lynn the Eucharist a few times when in Munson and her positive attitude even when she was in pain showed her determination and will to live each moment to the fullest. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Heaven indeed has a new angel looking over you for ever Pat Lamb

**Pat Lamb** - April 12, 2018 at 09:36 PM

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“ I knew Mrs Baumann as a kid, because I danced with her daughters. Although I didn't necessarily know her well, there is a definite trend to all the interactions I witnessed with her and the other dance moms...They were ALWAYS giggling through our classes. You would've thought they were watching a comedy show with the ways they laughed, sometimes being shushed out of the observation area by our dance instructors. For those 15 years of my life I always associated Lynn with laughter and she absolutely left an impression on me; I now search for the little things to giggle about.

Sending sincere condolences to Terry, Amy, and Ashley. <3

Mary T.

**Mary Tully** - April 12, 2018 at 01:44 PM

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“ I will always remember Lynn as she was so much help to me and my son (Tim) in school and Special Olympics Area 2.  
she was always there to help no matter what I needed or what help we needed for Special Olympics.  
she was fun to work with in school and she always made learning fun for students and staff as well.  
Sheila Blonshine  
Tim Blonshine

**Sheila Blonshine** - April 12, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ Some of my fondest memories of my years in Traverse City were spent with Lynn and Terry enjoying our seasons tickets with the Old Town Playhouse and many Munson Pharmacy get togethers. Hugs to Terry and family and Rest In Peace Lynn. With respect from Susan Williams

**Susan Williams** - April 11, 2018 at 09:14 AM



“ Lynn was one of those people who made you feel like a close friend the first time you met her. I will miss her gentle and caring friendship.

**Cindy Beckwith** - April 11, 2018 at 07:52 AM



“ Lynn was an unbelievably generous and caring mentor, teacher, coach, and friend to our daughter Samantha, and to all her students. Sam truly loved Lynn and in many ways they were kindred spirits-sharing stories about family & friends, enjoying the same music, plays, movies, a good laugh, and a good cry.

We have always felt that Lynn was not just Sam's friend. She became our friend too. We appreciated her loving ways and gentle spirit.

In talking about Lynn today, we felt sure that Sam was there to greet her as she entered Heaven. Blessings to them both.

Our sincere condolences to Terry, the girls, and all your family in this time of great sadness. Lynn will never be forgotten.

Jill & Dennis Robinson

**Jill Robinson** - April 10, 2018 at 09:37 PM



“ Amy and family- I'm so very sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. She was such a kind, sweet lady. Always a smile on her face. Know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

**Paula Prusick** - April 10, 2018 at 09:13 PM





“ Lynn will be missed by so many. Her spark for life and her students was beyond admirable. She held a special place in my families heart as she meant so much my cousin Samantha Robinson and her parents. Especially every Halloween by stopping by her home and visiting with us all. Samantha lite up every time she spoke of her beloved teacher and friend. We can't thank Lynn enough for her kindness and friendship towards us all. Sending love, peace and comfort to her family during this time.

Anna Parker

Anna Parker - April 10, 2018 at 09:03 PM

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“ .... Mrs. Baumann, I honor you heavenly friend! "Special Teacher" to many.

Eleven years ago at the Adult Work Center, as a brand new "Sub" Teacher Assistant, I was fortunate to have accepted a job working in a mellow room with a Special Education Teacher that had a heart not only for her students but for everyone. Her warmth, guidance and patience drew us all in. Mostly I admired the adoring respect all her students had for her.

This lovely person in this learning setting with adoring students was the inspiration that lead me to accept a full time assistant position at the Traverse Heights location. Over time we had opportunities to share not only successes with students but tidbits about our families. This was easy for us as we both have two daughters. Her loving comments about her family, (her heart) always carried a smile and were always positive and forward moving. One always felt content when you left her presence.

Thinking back to our last conversation in B110 at Traverse Heights, Lynn was looking toward retirement and a trip away with her husband.

Lynn, you will always be as close as each of their hearts. Praise God you now have the answer to the heavenly mystery.

My utmost heartfelt condolences to her family.  
Cathy Schulte-Abate

Cathy Schulte-Abate - April 10, 2018 at 06:11 PM

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“ Lynn was a ray of sunshine always. A joy to work with. A women I aspired to be more like. Lynn has the biggest heart of any woman i know. Was a teacher that cared so much for her students, would do anything for them, I mean ANYTHING.( Those many funny stories of her going way beyond job description.) She was always busy, involved in everything. I feel honored to have known her, blessed that God allowed our paths to cross. Our world has lost a beautiful soul, that heaven has gained. I will see you again one day. I love you Lynn. Dana

**Dana** - April 10, 2018 at 02:02 PM

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“ What a footprint Lynn left on this world. She has a beautiful soul. Heaven is fortunate to have her. This Angel will be watching over her family and those she touched forever.  
Jeremy and the Valade Family send love and hugs and wishes that we could be there to tell you this in person. We are blessed to have had her in our lives and will never forget  
the beauty of her spirit.

**Julie Valade** - April 10, 2018 at 01:07 PM

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“ Lynn Baumann  
Lynn was great teacher in this pass year with other staff and student . we will awlays never forget how much we enjoyed her in school and in the clasroom . She had a great heart to other people and anyone who was round with her teacher. the most important we will miss her smile and laugh. lynn was enjoyed be with the girls on the cheerleading team and spend great time cheerleading girls

**Emily VanZale** - April 10, 2018 at 12:32 AM

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“ Loved Lynn Susan bowman as my cheerleading coach she was a sweat heart any one know when the funeral is

**ashleycorinaeverson** - April 09, 2018 at 10:26 PM

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“ Always enjoyed the cross country ski weekends with Lynn, Terry, and all the Green sisters. Had a lot of laughs afterwards at Lynn and Terry’s house.  
Joe, Marie, Lauren, and Mitchell.

**Joe Ward** - April 09, 2018 at 05:49 PM