



Lynda Joan Avellino Abbott

February 23, 1946 - July 5, 2021

Lynda Joan Avellino Abbott born February 23, 1946 to Ernest and Judy Avellino in Union City NJ. Ernie and Judy built a small bungalow on the corner of Curtis and Beech St to enjoy long weekends "down the shore" with their favorite daughter (Lynda was an only child)!. In 1957 they decided to make the full time move to Point Pleasant where Ernie bought a double lot down the block and built a larger lovely home for the family to enjoy where Lynda grew up. She was fortunate to have both the maternal and paternal sides of her family living close in the area making her childhood home constantly full of aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends. Throughout her childhood she traveled the eastern United States with her parents having adventures where she learned to ride horses, shoot guns and enjoy the beautiful countryside and all the attractions along the eastern seaboard Lynda attended Point Pleasant High School where she was active in student government, a member of the prom court and head majorette often leading celebratory parades thru the town. She spent her summers working on the boardwalk and fostered lifelong friendships with her lifeguard buddies while teaching many local kids water safety and how to swim. Lynda graduated from the College of Emporia in 1967, she continued her education at the university of Pennsylvania accompanied by her best friend dog and protector Moosie where she became a registered Physical Therapist and went on to work at Monmouth Medical Center, her specialties included burn patients and young children to name a few. She and her group of friends and cousins would attend dances and

parties at Ft Monmouth, Nj where she met her future husband Cpt John P. Abbott. They were married shortly after on Dec 30, 1972 "because John needed a tax deduction". Together they moved to Tucson AZ with their German Shepard Rat Dog and St Bernard Clarence and soon they welcomed their first born child John Paul Abbott II,. The Army then transferred John to Baumholder Germany where they had their daughter Casey Lyn Abbott, retiring from the Army the family returned back to the states in July of 1976 later settling in their 1st home Richardson TX. After moving to their 2nd home in Richardson in 1978 Lynda's passion for home renovation was matched only by her love of animals and desire to help others as she was actively a visiting physical therapist working to assist underserved communities. Intrigued by her love for older homes The Abbott family moved to old East Dallas and remodeled 2 houses in historic Munger Place. Out walking 1 day Lynda met a gentleman named Mr. Proctor who was looking to sell his home after the recent passing of his wife. Lynda and John bought 5124 Swiss Ave in 1983 and the great renovation began! Lynda was always happiest when surrounded by family, friends and her beloved pets. Countless animals joined the Abbott family, cats, dogs, bunnies, parrots, mice, fish and even tiny crabs! Lynda's love for animals and John's desire for a "big puppy" led to a surprise gift of a mastiff puppy, Machiavelli which began the long tradition of breeding and showing such lovable furry family members. This love of mastiffs expanded Lynda's circle of closest friends and further developed her holiday traditions. Some of Lynda's happiest moments were taking her beloved mastiffs, family and friends every year to the Turkey trot and filling her home with food music and laughter. In 2007 deciding on a quieter lifestyle and the hopes of a larger property to allow for the addition of miniature donkeys, goats and chickens, Lynda and John moved from Dallas to Red Oak Tx Anyone and everyone was welcomed not only into Lynda' home but her deep and generous heart. She wanted nothing more than to share laughter and love. and the Abbott home was always a warm, welcoming and overflowing with her joyful energy.

Family will receive friends from 11:00am to 1:00pm, Saturday, July 10, 2021 at Byrum Funeral Home with a Celebration of Lynda's life beginning at 1:00pm.

Cemetery Details

Edgewood Cemetery

Nokomis Road @ Belt Line Road
Lancaster, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Elaine Marchese McNeil lit a candle in memory of Lynda Joan Avellino Abbott* ”



Elaine Marchese McNeil - July 11, 2021 at 02:40 PM

EM

“ My dearest Lynda,
Oh, my heart aches writing this.

*First my sincere condolences to John, Casey, JP, and family.
I am here if you need anything.*

*I don't know where to start. This could go on forever and our
friendship will.*

You will always be my paisan.

*You were the greatest best friend to me since high school (1963)
and until today. 58 years of friendship and love.*

*We had so many fun adventures, so many countless stories and
you always made me cry laughing.*

Even if I was part of your jokes which I loved.

Our memories are forever treasured deep in my heart.

*I share them with my family all the time. From the Jersey Shore to
the City celebrating our birthdays every year in New York. Oh and
always looking for your car (Mergatroy) who always went missing.
From shaving men's legs, to catching cars on fire there was no one
as special as you.*

*From getting married and having our children. To being each other's
God Parents to our children. My love, admiration and friendship will
never be forgotten.*

I will miss you so much.

*I love you my dear friend and
FOREVER your best friend.*

*LOVE,
Elaine (Cheese) Marchese McNeil*

Elaine Marchese McNeil - July 11, 2021 at 02:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lynda Joan Avellino Abbott.



July 09, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ My heart is deeply saddened to hear of Lynda’s passing. I had the honor of befriending the Abbott’s when John and I were in little league soccer. Coach Abbott would always have his family at our games and I recall some of our best cheering section always included Casey and Lynda. Jump forward a few years, Casey and I discover by chance we both just happened to be working for WFM. On one visit to the house on Swiss one late evening, I sneaked my way through the side gate and noticed two big doll houses. I thought they were props for the Nut Cracker or some other kids story. Imagine my shock when I peeked in and saw a small horse looking back at me!

Turns out it was the mastiffs and I do believe they were more afraid of me than I was of them. Lynda always invited me to Christmas dinner and that is when I found out that octopus is a Christmas tradition with many Italians.

Thank you Lynda for your beautiful spirit and loving heart, Rest In Peace.

Doug Footracer

Douglas Footracer - July 09, 2021 at 02:07 PM

AW

“ Our deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy are with the Abbott family during this difficult time. Lynda's spunk and humor were amazing qualities that brought a smile to all who knew her, and made her a bright and charismatic personality. May her memory be a blessing and bring comfort to her loved ones.

Alese Watson-Johnson - July 09, 2021 at 01:37 PM

LE

“ Lynda and John's son became part of our family in 2008 when he married our daughter Shannon Cain. I always enjoyed time with Lynda. She was gracious, kind, beautiful and so sweet. I always heard such wonderful stories from Shannon about the incredible Thanksgiving's at the Abbotts - all the loving traditions. We love John so much - he is an incredible father and husband and Lynda's influence shows in his life. We send our love and prayers to the family during this sorrowful time.

Lisa Cain Estevez - July 09, 2021 at 01:17 PM

SH

“ Dear Lynda- years ago Kelly and I gifted you with your own personal star for your birthday not only because of your being a one-of-a-kind, but because your sheer brilliance. Now, our dear friend, you are really lighting up the heavens with your sparkle and panache. We will remember the years of smiles and laughter attending and participating in the AKC shows for our English Mastiffs together (your Stoli and Yeager along with our Maddie and Sylvie). You, John, us, sometimes even Mikey would brave the muddy, cold outdoor events of winter with the hot, indoor convention arenas. The running joke was that as long as the pups were having a ball meeting new friends; then it made all the work their humans were doing worthwhile. After we retired from the ring, Yeager was more than happy to ‘watch’ our money box on the front lawn of your lovely Swiss home during one of our multi-family garage sales. You grew so tired of people who had never seen a Mastiff before asking ‘What is it? How much does it weigh? and How much does it eat?’ that you wrote up a quick sign for Yeager to wear around his neck. It read: ‘I am a Mastiff. I weigh 220 lbs, and I eat 3 lbs of kibble a day.’ When our Maddie (Stoli’s daughter) had her litter at 1 am, you drove right over to help us tend to the new mother and pups. We stayed up all night, bonding and cooing over the 7 wee ones. A few weeks later, we brought a basketful of 7 pups to visit you and John. Unbeknownst to me, you and John decided to play a trick on me by placing a lookalike resin puppy figurine in the basket with our pups while I had my back turned. You, John, and Kelly then proceeded to laugh your heads off at me when I kept counting 8 sleeping puppies instead of 7. In addition to our love of animals (including the incredible Slim the Macaw with his colorful language), we also shared a deep love and respect for family- and for each other. While we mourn that we will not get to see you again in this life, we find comfort in knowing you are at peace and keeping vigil over us in our ‘everyday’. We are forever blessed and changed for the better to have known your gentle and beautiful soul.

Susan Herrbold - July 09, 2021 at 02:06 AM

KH

“ Kelly and Susan Herrbold purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Lynda Joan Avellino Abbott.



Kelly and Susan Herrbold - July 09, 2021 at 12:07 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lynda Joan Avellino Abbott.



July 08, 2021 at 05:51 PM



“ Reflections of Gratitude Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Lynda Joan Avellino Abbott.



July 08, 2021 at 02:14 PM