



## Marilyn "Lyn" Karius

February 10, 2017

Marilyn "Lyn" Karius, 68 of Fort Collins passed away in her home Friday, February 10, 2017. A native of Media Pennsylvania, Lyn attended Friend's Central School and then American University in Washington D.C. An inheritor of her father's love for Colorado's Rocky Mountains, in 1974 she packed up her LL Bean totes and headed west. Her western adventure began at Ski Tip Ranch in Dillon; skiing during the day and working in the Lodge. A few years later she got married and settled in just down the road in Keystone. She had two children and raised them in Fort Collins. Her love for the outdoors continued throughout her life, with many hikes in Rocky Mountain National Park, trips to Steamboat, and biking on the Poudre River Trail. A devoted and beloved mother, sister, and friend, she will be missed dearly. She is survived by her two children and three sisters.

A memorial celebration will be held Sunday, March 26th, 1:30 pm in the North Ballroom (Room 384) on the Third Floor of the Lory Student Center at Colorado State University, Fort Collins.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **26**. 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM (MT)

Colorado State University Lory Student Center North Ballroom  
101 Center Ave Mall  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn "Lyn" Karius*

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October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn "Lyn" Karius.*



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March 22, 2017 at 06:08 PM

KR

“ I met Lyn 5 years ago, when I returned to a job at CSU in the Journalism Department. From the first day, Lyn made every effort to welcome me back and make me comfortable. My first impression of Lyn was “kindness.”

We started lunching together and soon discovered that we had safe harbor with each other. We talked about a million things, but mostly about family. She cherished you, Brooke and Phil. She tried very hard not to call you Phil, when you went to fires. She was relieved and pleased when she got the call from you that you were fine. Brooke, she worried about you being so far away, but totally understood why. She was so tickled at your wedding. I am happy that she got to be there. The pictures she showed me were lovely.

She spoke of her sisters (as I did of mine.) The love the Aunts showed to her children as they were growing up was the first thing she would mention. Family was first with her and she shared that with her extended family in Fort Collins. Lyn came to see my Mom before she became ill and was a listening, compassionate, friend as my family walked down a path that Lyn would be on before any of us realized it.

Lyn and I shopped and lunched the weekend before she went to the hospital. I am grateful for the time I had with her and hold on to that memory.

Kathy Reese

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Kathy Reese - March 18, 2017 at 01:18 PM

NK

“ Condolences to Brooke, Phillip, Hetty, Lisa, Holly. I have so many good memories of you Lyn - playing tennis, shopping, lunching, laughing. And especially, you were totally my rock during the years my mother was ill and dying. You were always there for me. I'm so glad you were able to attend my wedding on 2/14/15. Rest in peace my friend.

*Nadine Karius*

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**Nadine Karius** - March 16, 2017 at 03:11 PM

PB

“ Oh Lyn, so many laughs and good memories you leave behind. Your lovely legacy lives on in dear Brooke and Phillip, and we surround them and support them with love. Thank you for the gift of friendship all these years. I know there was a joyous (and perhaps raucous) reunion with Source the moment you transitioned.

*I will carry you in my heart forever.*

*Only love,  
Polly~*

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**Polly Bennett** - March 06, 2017 at 06:00 PM

JL

“ Lyn was so good to me. As a professional she was tops, but it was the person that I will always treasure. We had a lot of conversations and covered a lot of ground, and every time I came into the journalism department and visited with Lyn, it was a better day. Great lady.

*Jack Lovelace*

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**Jack Lovelace** - March 05, 2017 at 03:21 PM

SW

“ *Lyn's impact on our Journalism department is impossible to put into words. She cared for and inspired our students, greeted our alumni and visitors with warmth and respect, resolved every possible challenge our faculty and staff brought to her desk and did it all with a smile and kind words.*

*I was privileged to interact with her on nearly a daily basis for six years and I marveled at her consistent demeanor. As wonderful as she was as a co-worker, she was even a better person. Lyn will be profoundly missed by everyone fortunate enough to know her. We are lucky to have had her influence in our lives.*

*Steve and Susie Weiss*

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**Steve Weiss** - March 03, 2017 at 11:07 AM

MS

“ *Peace to you, Lyn! You were a good friend.*



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**Melissa Shay** - March 01, 2017 at 07:39 PM

NI

“ *I had the opportunity share her love for the Rockies when visiting Keystone as Aunt H's 13 yr old nephew and her guest. I recall being struck by her strength and grace throughout the visit. May her soul Rest In Peace and contentment of knowing Others are better for having known her.*

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**nick** - March 01, 2017 at 07:30 PM



“ Rhema Zlaten purchased the Starbucks Coffee C  
ondolences for the family of Marilyn "Lyn" Karius.



Rhema Zlaten - March 01, 2017 at 05:26 PM



“ Lyn was always thoughtful and caring to the  
graduate students at CSU (me included).  
Miss you so much!



Rhema Zlaten - March 01, 2017 at 04:19 PM

KS

“ I miss Lyn everyday! She was such a sweet, caring, organized  
person. She kept the department functioning smoothly, and she  
always did everything with such grace.  
Kim Spencer

Kimberly Spencer - March 01, 2017 at 03:11 PM

CG

“ Lyn was a second mother to me, always  
caring and sharing advice at the most needed  
times. I wouldn't have made it through college  
without this amazing woman. I owe so much  
to her... she will be forever missed.



Chrissi Gillispie - March 01, 2017 at 02:34 PM

JP

“ *Jaye Powers lit a candle in memory of Marilyn "Lyn" Karius*



**Jaye Powers** - February 27, 2017 at 09:51 AM

SL

“ *We will miss going to Ft. Collins concerts in the summer with Lyn. We will miss her friendship. Lyn was so nice and considerate and really enjoyed her company. We send our sympathy to her family. We are so sorry for your loss. Lyn will be missed by so many.*

**Shawna Lowell** - February 24, 2017 at 06:06 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



**Brooke** - February 22, 2017 at 10:56 AM

CH

“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of Marilyn "Lyn" Karius*



**Chrissy** - February 22, 2017 at 10:55 AM