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Lynn Ann Spetz, 86, formerly of Jamestown, NY, passed away Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at Hope Hospice in Cape Coral, FL.

Lynn was a loving wife to the late Ronald A. Spetz, whom she married on May 23, 1964. Lynn was Ronald's champion caretaker for the last few years of his life.

Lynn was born on November 13, 1937, in Jamestown, NY, the daughter of the late Lincoln and Bernece Carlson Larson.

She was a 1956 graduate of Jamestown High School where she was a member of the JBF sorority. Lynn was a great storyteller, talking about her mom making an ice rink in their backyard for the neighborhood kids to skate on; helping her mom run a hotel at Point Chautauqua; and riding the trolley to visit her aunt and uncle at their cottage on Warner Bay, Chautauqua Lake. Perhaps the best stories were centered around her Uncle Buck Larson, who encouraged her to move to Palo Alto, CA after high school to be with him and her Aunt Florence. Uncle Buck had a pony that he kept without permission at the stables at Stanford University. Uncle Buck took the pony to children's birthday parties in the Bay Area, including to Shirley Temple's birthday party where he took pictures of the kids on the pony. Lynn enjoyed taking road trips with Uncle Buck to Lake Tahoe where they presumably lost more money than they made. She also relayed the story of playing cards in the back room of a Palo Alto establishment where the other card players accused Uncle Buck of cheating and threw them out.

After returning from California, Lynn worked in Doctor White's dental office in Jamestown, New York and married Ronald. Lynn retired from Quality Markets and she and Ronald moved to Fort Myers, Florida. Lynn was a co-founding member of the Pine Ridge water volleyball crew where she was nicknamed "Bam Bam" for her powerful two-handed backhand across the net. She played up until she was hospitalized for pneumonia in May 2023. She also enjoyed socializing with their many friends in Pine Ridge; and spending time with her late Aunt Alice Ruby Larson-



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Larcombe, who lived nearby in Fort Myers. Lynn and Ronald frequently returned to Jamestown to spend their summers on Chautauqua Lake.

Surviving family members include daughters Lori (Ross dec) Rickerson (Jamestown, NY) and Julie (Chris Hodakievic) Spetz (Fort Myers, FL), son Craig (Georgia) Spetz, Charlotte, N.C., grandchildren Cassandra and Nicholas Rickerson, Alexis and Matthew Spetz, great grandchild Talula Rose Rickerson-Whitmire (Tad Whitmire), and her four-legged grandchildren, Garnet, George, Mark and Onyx.

Lynn was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother Donald Larson. Lynn fought a 2+ year battle with stage 4 breast cancer. Her doctors and medical staff often referred to her as a “pleasant,” “lovely” 86-year old in their medical notes.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. May Lynn have a peaceful and joyous reunion with her family and friends as the earth marked her passing and the Heavens welcomed her. Rest in Peace, hun.



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HN

Hannah Clover Nails & Spa sent a Blue and Yellow Orchid Mix (Silk Cemetery Flowers) to the Spetz family.



February 14 at 7:18 PM

PC

Pat Cohn posted:

We were fortunate to have been able to share some family dinners with Lynn, Julie and Chris. It was always a pleasure to be in her company. She was always eager to hear other people's stories and experiences. She made us feel special. What a gal. Gerhard and Patricia Cohn

January 19 at 4:15 PM

KW

Karen Winterburn posted:

Lynn was a very good friend of ours. When she came in the summer to Jamestown we had a good time going to the casino. We also had a lot of fun celebrating July 4th on Chautauqua Lake. She was a special loving woman and will be missed. Love The Winterburns

January 16 at 2:12 PM

JP

Jo-Ann Pacelli lit a candle in honor of Lynn.

As a season ticket holder, I was fortunate enough to have my seat relocated and have the chance to be seated next to three incredible women who were warm, lovely, and genuinely down to earth. One of them, Lynn, and I had something in common - we both had experienced breast cancer. Witnessing Lynn's incredible positivity, strength, and resilience was truly astonishing, and I only hope to embody the same qualities. Lynn will forever hold a special place in my heart, and through her, I gained two wonderful friends!



January 14 at 4:56 AM

DJ

Dave Johnson posted:

She was a hoot! Imagine my surprise when we decided to leave Jamestown for the winters and buy a condo in Fort Myers, and the first day I played volleyball there was Lynn! We had great times together and she will be sorely missed. Our prayers go out for her family.

January 13 at 5:30 AM



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RU

Ruth posted:

So sorry for your loss. Loved playing volleyball with her. She always had a funny story to tell. She will be missed.

January 13 at 4:20 AM

PD

Patrick Durkin posted:

Lynn was always full of energy and always a bright light. It was my honor to know her Godspeed Lynn. Rest in Peace 🙏

January 12 at 7:29 PM

VF

Vicki Franzen posted:

So sorry Julie for your loss. I always had so much fun playing water volleyball with Lynn. She was a spit fire and fighter to the end. She will definitely be missed here at Pine Ridge 📍🙏🥰 Vicki FranzenFlorida

January 12 at 3:21 PM

VF

Vicki Franzen posted:

Julie so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a spit fire and fighter! Will definitely miss her playing water volleyball 📍🙏🥰

January 12 at 3:19 PM

KT

Kerry Weil Tripp posted:

I am so sorry that you've lost your mother that your family loved so much. That legacy of love lives on in you all. Deepest sympathies from our family to yours, Kerry, Howard, Tommy and Calvin Tripp

January 12 at 7:55 AM



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Michelle Camp posted:

Playing water volleyball and cards with Lynn were always a hoot! She had strong political views and wasn't afraid to share them 😊. Lynn was always fun and even when she got her cancer diagnosis was very upbeat and positive. A real fighter. I will truly miss her. Rest in Peace my dear friend.
Michelle

January 12 at 7:53 AM



Bonnie Feldman January 12 at 4:40 PM

Whether Lynn was playing volleyball or at luncheons she was always warm laughing and it was everyone's pleasure to be around her and call her friend. She'll be greatly missed by all and my prayers and condolences to Lynn's family. ❤️🙏😭



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lynn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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