



Lynn Malackowski

February 13, 1957 - July 15, 2020

Lynn Malackowski, nee Thomas, born February 13th, 1957 in San Antonio, Texas, left us all too early on July 15, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was met at the gates of heaven by family members that included her father Fred (“Pop”), loving relatives, and others who called her their great friend.

She was many things that enriched our lives: Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother, Grandmother, and friend. The daughter of an Air Force Master Sergeant and Scottish-born mother, she was raised near Air Force bases in Texas and Hawaii. She graduated from John Jay High School in 1975.

Undaunted by early life complexities, Lynn set her sights on being the best mother she could be, working tirelessly to provide for her young family. As a provider, she held and mastered jobs as a grocery checker, apartment leasing agent, Child Support Enforcement Investigator for the Texas Attorney General’s Office, accountant, school bus driver, private investigator, and fraud investigator for a major credit card issuer. She loved her work in the Attorney General’s office because she recognized the importance her contributions made to countless single mothers.

Lynn embraced fun and outdoor adventure – often fishing, playing tennis, golf, and traveling extensively. She enjoyed entertaining and reveled in telling stories including the one about pranking the kids on the school bus as they departed on the last day of school. Lynn loved laughter, often bringing smiles to the faces of those dear to her.

Lynn married Bob on February 7th, 1987 – a union that made both their lives

rich in ways others can only dream of. During her marriage she lived and made lifelong friends in Michigan, Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri.

Lynn is survived by her husband Bob Malackowski; sons Bryan Chatham and wife Shannon, Aaron Chatham and wife Sarah; daughter Sydney Smith and husband Ryan; grandchildren Ethan, Camrie, Maddox, and Sutton; mother Mae Thomas; and siblings Patricia Pyles, Donna Booker, Lisa Miles, and brother Scott Thomas.

The family recognizes the need to social distance in today's environment and will plan a celebration of Lynn's life when it is safe to do so. To best acknowledge Lynn's impact on this earth, you can remember her by contributing to a fund in her name at Alzheimer's Disease Research at the Mayo Clinic.

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200 First Street SW

Rochester, MN 55905

Tribute Wall



“ Lynn Malackowski

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *It has taken some time for me to come to the realization Lynn has now physically left us. I know she is in a better place with her Pops watching over the family. I was fortunate enough to call Lynn my friend for 52 years and one of my closest friends for the past 35. She was the strongest and most resilient person I knew. She overcame every obstacle life had thrown at her and always came out to a better life for her and her children. I think that was the most difficult part, watching this disease take away her strength and independence. I know she fought as hard as she could and I will forever miss her. May and Donna, I will always be grateful to you both for having Mary and I over to spend time with Lynn when we could no longer take her out for dinner and drinks when Bob would bring her home to visit the family. And Bob, what can I say except you were her knight in shining armor and the love of her life. Your love for her was evident in the care you took of her and keeping her at home for as long as you did. Bryan, Aaron and Sydney, your mother was proud of each of you and her eyes lit up when she spoke of you and her grandchildren. They brought her such joy. Sydney, I wish Sutton could have gotten to know her grandmother and pray she is blessed with her strength and wit and Lord help you if she is. My deepest condolences to the Malackowski, Thomas, Chatham and Smith families for your loss.*



Rose Mitchell - August 17, 2020 at 04:31 PM



“ So sorry, to hear of the loss of Lynn, she was a great friend in high school a Beautiful lady and friend. Memories of our friendship will live forever!! It is amazing to know I worked with other British friends of your mother. Lynn you were amazing, please rest in peace!!
Love, Sharon

Sharon Midgett - July 25, 2020 at 01:31 AM



“ I love seeing all these photos of Lynn when she was happy and vibrant and full of life! I didn't get to meet her until after the disease had begun to effect her but even then she was so classy and sweet. May she rest in peace, free from any and all limitations. Hugs to all of her close friends and family; I know she will be greatly missed.

Jana Rugg - July 20, 2020 at 05:19 PM



Rest in peace Lynn. My prayers and condolences to the Thomas family. Cherie Bridges Kreusel

Cherie Kreusel - July 23, 2020 at 12:53 PM



Rest in peace; Lynn, so glad I was a part of your live. In my years later I met many ladies who were close to your mother. I will always remember you you as a Wonderful and sweet lady!! May you rest in peace!!!

sharon - July 25, 2020 at 12:54 AM

SC

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Shannon Chatham - July 20, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lynn Malackowski.



July 19, 2020 at 02:01 PM

AS

“ My condolences to Lynn’s family. May she Rest In Peace

Anne Spicer-Young



anne spicer-young - July 19, 2020 at 09:24 AM

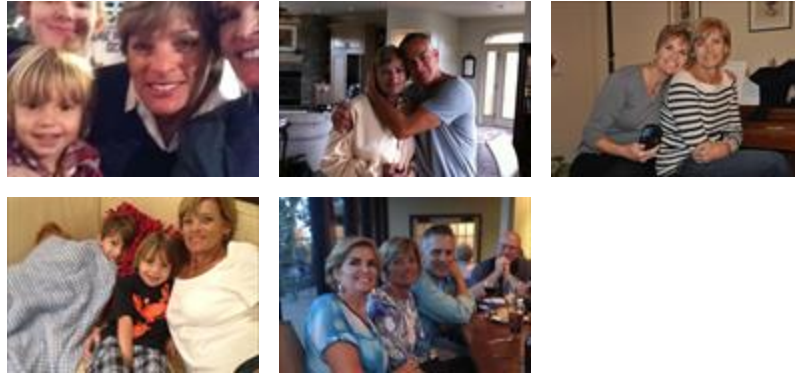
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I still have negatives of a shoot I near had to twist her arm to do when I was learning how to, this day, work with cameras. She brings found memories & thoughts that look back on her... I'm stunned & saddened. I just found out. I can't believe she's gone. She's upgraded now to Astral being and we'll all catch up to her soon enough. Love ya Lynn.

Daniel Rangel - November 12, 2020 at 02:57 PM

DB

“ *My wonderful big sister. I will miss you forever.* ”



Donna Thomas Booker - July 18, 2020 at 09:51 PM

JP

“ *I sat right beside you in English. I remember looking at your LONG legsthat you could barely keep under the desk and I was not even 5 ft tall. I enjoyed how you were always so kind to those who were not the most popular, ALTHOUGH YOU WERE . God bless this family .. till we will met again. Just a special hug to DONNA!* ”

JENNIFER PATTERSON - July 18, 2020 at 01:45 AM

KL

My condolences to all the family members and friends of Lynn's. While growing up in the Lackland community we all would visit from time to time and of course we all went our ways. However we all shared special moments and I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Karen Boytos Laub - July 18, 2020 at 03:16 PM

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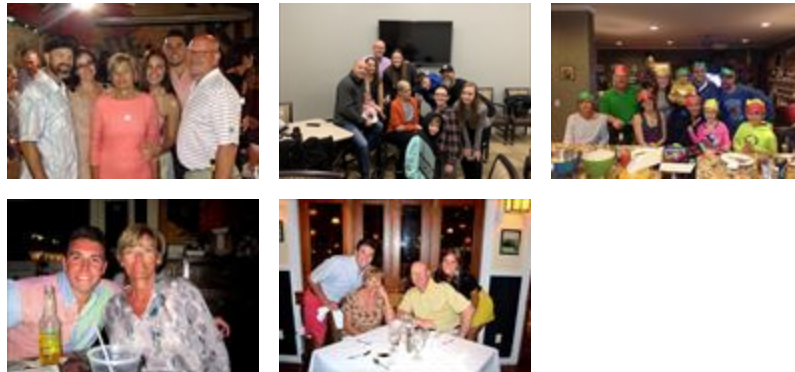
“Gone too soon but will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. I feel so blessed to be one of those people. So many memories of my younger years babysitting Syd and watching the amazing person she has become carrying on her mother's special spark. Lynn, I will never forget your warm smile, your kind heart and your sense of humor... you always made me smile. Watch over your family with pride in the legacy you have created. Until we meet again... ❤️❤️❤️



Mindy Fry - July 18, 2020 at 01:35 AM

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Ryan Smith - July 17, 2020 at 08:37 PM

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Trish Thomas Pyles - July 17, 2020 at 12:26 PM

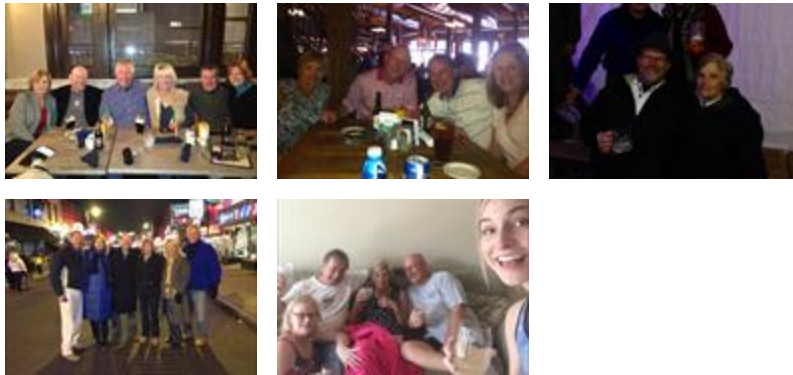
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As you look Lynn is on the left. In clothes Mom made, same material, different patterns. 😊

Trish Thomas Pyles - July 17, 2020 at 12:42 PM

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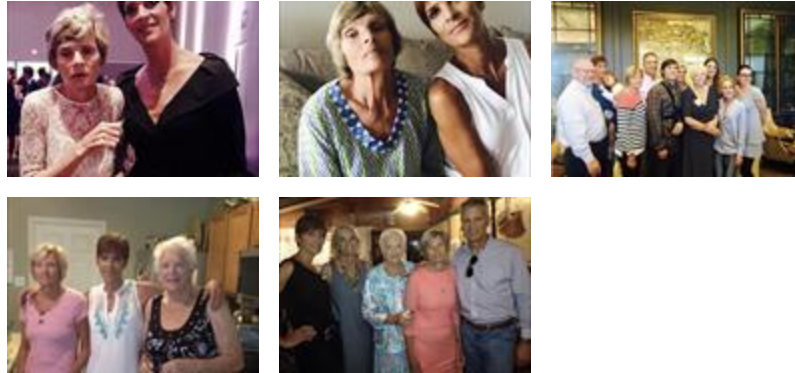
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Lauren McDougal - July 17, 2020 at 10:22 AM

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lisa miles - July 16, 2020 at 10:15 PM

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Ethan Chatham - July 16, 2020 at 09:09 PM

PJ

Ethan, we're so sorry about your Nana. She was such a sweet lady. We love you and are thinking about you and your family.

Pam Jones - July 16, 2020 at 09:38 PM

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Spike Thomas - July 16, 2020 at 07:15 PM

AC

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Aaron Chatham - July 16, 2020 at 07:11 PM

PJ

Aaron, Bill and I are so sorry for your loss. We're praying for you and the family. We love you.

Pam Jones - July 16, 2020 at 09:41 PM

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Trish Thomas Pyles - July 16, 2020 at 03:39 PM

TP

Lynn visiting in Nashville during the summer of 2017, we were having lunch on Broadway. When we went with Bob into one of the Honky Tonks and a song Lynn liked would play, she & I danced and she sang every word of the song. It was a very good day for all of us. One of many great memories of the sister I shared a room with growing up.

Trish Thomas Pyles - July 16, 2020 at 03:53 PM

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Patricia Thomas Pyles - July 16, 2020 at 03:22 PM

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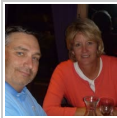


Sydney Smith - July 16, 2020 at 02:57 PM

TP

Sydney, These are so beautiful! I grieve the loss of your mother and my sister. Love you, Trish

Trish Thomas Pyles - July 16, 2020 at 03:43 PM



Sydney, so sorry for you loss. Mike and Patti Rzewnicki

Patti Rzewnicki - July 16, 2020 at 03:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lynn Malackowski.



July 16, 2020 at 01:56 PM

HH

“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Malackowski family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Lynn.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - July 15, 2020 at 05:10 PM