



Lynette Margaret Smits

July 15, 2018

Lynette (Lyn) (McKenna) Smits (75) died peacefully Sunday, July 15, 2018 after a long and courageous battle with Alzheimer's disease. Lyn is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Paul, of West Hartford, CT and their children John and Nicola. Lyn is also survived by her sister Renee Laing and her cousin Denise Young, both of Durban, South Africa.

Lyn is remembered as a devoted wife and mother and a friend to all she met. She shared a passion for the beach, dance, tennis and enjoyed being with her two grandchildren Ethan & Drew, who she affectionately referred to as "the boys". Lyn was born in Durban, South Africa. She worked as a Microbiologist at a major hospital in Durban and also in London. After marrying Paul in 1973, they lived in Durban, Johannesburg, Melbourne, the U.S. and London. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday July 23, at the Church of St. Peter Claver, 47 Pleasant Street, West Hartford. Immediately following the service, guests are encouraged to attend a casual gathering with friends and family in the church hall. Burial will be private. Lyn's family thanks the care givers and staff of Arden Courts Memory Care Facility in Farmington, CT who lovingly cared for Lyn during her last six years. They also recognize McLean Hospice for their support and compassion in their time of need. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes to provide a memorial gift for the residents and caregivers of Arden Courts. More information can be found at <http://www.gofundme.com/lyn-smits>. Directions and online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Peter Claver Church
47 Pleasant St
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall

CT

“ My Beautiful aunt and God mother Lyn, I have so many special memories which I will cherish dearly. Quietly yet lovingly spoken, always giving her full attention to people when chatting or engaging in conversation. Always supporting my dancing from "far" and when you were in town and always showed huge concern in my health when I was so sickly growing up.

One of the days I will remember clearly was actually rather unusual... Being in London together we were the closest 'relatives' to Iain Laing (my step-dad) whose father had just passed away. We took a train trip to the beautiful coastline of Hove to attend the service for him. It was your suggestion we go, and be there on behalf of Iain and show our support and love because he could not be there. The sun was out, the train trip through the English country side and listening to you tell me of your love for day trips into the country side was beautiful. Although it was a sad event, our day trip together was really special to me and showed me a side of her I had never met as a child...

I remember watching tennis with you, thankfully we were both on team Stefan Edberg and made his wins much sweeter :-). Our dinners when you lived in London were special evenings (even when I ruined it by asking for salt or tomato sauce - thankfully I think you kept a secret stash just for me).

I wished we all lived closer, I wished I got to give you one last hug. I will always remember you as a very special lady.

Much love to Paul, John, Nicola, Cath and the Boys
Love you always

Carolyn (Katie), Paul and Cuan
Durban
South Africa

Carolyn Ten-Bokum - July 23, 2018 at 04:03 AM

JU

“ Dear John,

I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in this tough time.

*Regards,
Justin Suss*



Justin - July 19, 2018 at 07:42 AM

GI

“ Dear Paul, John and Nicola

I am so sorry for your loss. I always remember Lyn as a kind and lovely soul, upbeat, positive and a great mom. It was an honor to know her.

You will all be in my prayers,

With love,

Gill

Gill - July 18, 2018 at 08:29 PM

PC

“ Patrick Charette purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lynette Margaret Smits.



Patrick Charette - July 18, 2018 at 08:28 PM

LD

“ My memories of Lyn were that was always so joyful dancing with Paul at the Arden Court parties. And she always had a big smile for her daughter. I am grateful to have met Lyn and Paul and your family as you were all so kind to me, my sister and my mom, Ruth. My prayers go out to your family and hope you all find peace and comfort in your wonderful memories. Lisa House DiBacco

Lisa House DiBacco - July 18, 2018 at 08:18 AM

FA

“ From all of your family in NZ and Australia purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of Lynette Margaret Smits.



From all of your family in NZ and Australia - July 18, 2018 at 05:53 AM

EH

“ Erin & Hang purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lynette Margaret Smits.



Erin & Hang - July 17, 2018 at 08:35 PM

JC

“ Jose C. lit a candle in memory of Lynette Margaret Smits



Jose C. - July 17, 2018 at 09:28 AM

BC

“ *Beverly Cahill lit a candle in memory of
Lynette Margaret Smits*



Beverly Cahill - July 16, 2018 at 02:55 PM