



Lynda Sue Douglas

December 29, 1947 - July 26, 2021

Lynda Sue (Kelsey) Douglas was born 5 minutes after her identical twin sister Synda L. (Kelsey) Douglas on December 29, 1947, in Mt. Vernon, Missouri to J.M. And Erma L Kelsey. Lynda passed away at Citizens Memorial Hospital in Bolivar on July 26, 2021, after a valiant but ultimately losing battle with pneumonia believed to have been caused by COVID-19. Lynda was an early and vocal proponent of the COVID vaccines and was fully vaccinated. Regretfully, it is believed that her immunocompromised state due to Rheumatoid Arthritis treatment adversely affected the efficacy of the vaccine. She would deeply resent anyone using her death as a breakthrough vaccination victim as justification for not getting the vaccine or urging others not to do so. As a skilled nurse practitioner, she was a firm believer in the available vaccines and remained so until her death.

Lynda was a graduate of Bolivar High School in 1965 and the Burge School of Nursing in 1968. She served as an RN or Nurse Practitioner in Missouri, California, and Arkansas. She obtained her licensure as a nurse practitioner and served in various capacities including as a Nurse Practitioner at the University of California at Davis Student Health Clinic. She was well known among her peers for her outstanding diagnostic skills and treatment abilities. Lynda went on to receive her Master's at Sacramento State in California and taught at the University of California Davis School of Medicine in Sacramento. She took early retirement in 2002 to return to Bolivar to spend time with her

beloved twin sister Synda, who had recently suffered a recurrence of her breast cancer. The two twins spent much time over the next six years riding horses throughout Missouri, Illinois, and several Western states, shopping together and “just being twins”. During that time Lynda worked as a nurse Practitioner for CMH clinics in Bolivar, Ash Grove and Stockton. She finished her nursing career as a nurse practitioner with the CMH Pain Clinic.

After Synda’s death in 2008, Lynda and Synda’s husband Kerry Douglas began seeing each other romantically instead of as just brother-in-law and sister-in-law and friends of over 50 years. While it was Synda’s wish for Lynda and Kerry to get together after her death, neither expected that to actually happen. However, as Synda had foreseen, the relationship blossomed and led to the marriage of Lynda and Kerry on August 14, 2009. Over the next 11 plus years Lynda and Kerry enjoyed a wonderful marriage and had many post-pandemic travel plans that are now never to be.

Lynda was the mother of one child, Kimberly Anne Collins of Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is also survived by her husband, Kerry Douglas of Bolivar, two stepsons who were also her nephews and to whom she served as “twin mother” since their births, Thomas H. Douglas and his wife Michele of Springfield, and Patrick Douglas and his wife Gelin of Bolivar. She is also survived by six step-grandchildren to whom she was a substitute grandmother, Katlyn Leister of Corpus Christi, TX, Alexandra Gordon of Norfolk, Virginia, Tyler Douglas and William Douglas of Springfield, Missouri, and Josie Douglas and Cy Douglas of Bolivar. She is also survived by one brother, Jim Kelsey of Oakland, California, and his son Jonah, also of Oakland, California. She was predeceased by both parents and her beloved twin sister Synda with whom she had a joyous reunion late Monday afternoon.

Lynda was a lifelong member of the First Christian Church of Bolivar at which services will be held on Thursday July 29, 2021, at 1:30 pm. Due to the

current circumstances with the COVID Pandemic, the family will not hold a visitation. All attendees of the funeral are respectfully requested to wear an appropriate mask or face covering. Burial will follow services at Greenwood Cemetery in Bolivar where Lynda and Kerry spent many hours walking and talking.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Polk County Humane Society or Community Outreach Ministries, both of which were her favorite local charities.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

S. Dunnegan Ave.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL **29**. 1:30 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
407 W Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613

Tribute Wall



“ Lynda Sue Douglas

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Lynda Sue Douglas

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ Kerry, I'm so sorry to hear of lynda's passing. I have wonderful memories of growing up with Lynda and Synda. More recently seeing you and Lynda at BHS reunions has been very enjoyable. Please accept my deepest sympathies but I know you must take great satisfaction in having been able to spend much of your life with two wonderful women! Keith Birkes

keith birkes - August 01, 2021 at 01:12 PM



Kerry,
I'm so sorry to hear that Lynda passed. You and your family are in our prayers!

Cari Vega - August 08, 2021 at 11:47 PM



“ Patricia Schneider lit a candle in memory of Lynda Sue Douglas



Patricia Schneider - August 01, 2021 at 08:44 AM

JB

“ Kerry, my deepest sympathy. I'm sorry that I'm not able to attend the celebration of her wonderful life.

Jerry Book

Jerry Book - July 30, 2021 at 07:29 AM

PL

“ Linda was such a wonderful Nieghbor for many years. She gave our son Nick a lot of work with the horses and around her house that he really enjoyed. We will miss her very much. She was always such a nice and positive lady!

Paul Long - July 29, 2021 at 12:18 PM

JW

“ My sincere condolence to you, Kerry, and other family members. The obituary was beautifully written. I have only fond high school memories of Lynda and Synda, both so accomplished in their careers. They had a special bond as twins and are surely smiling as they are reunited now. Jane Playter Weiler

Jane Playter Weiler - July 29, 2021 at 09:56 AM

JV

“ David and I cannot begin to express our heartfelt sadness, condolences, and memories regarding Lynda's passing. Synda & Lynda were my lifelong friends. In Synda's case, also my co-worker at Bolivar R-1. One of my favorite 'adventure memories' is the year that Synda and I drove across the country to visit Lynda in Davis, CA. Synda would never allow the gas tank to get below 1/2 full. We brought Kim back with us. Such a precious memory with a family with whom we share generations of memories.

Jean Pufahl Vincent - July 28, 2021 at 07:19 PM

RW

“ Our deepest sympathies to Kerry and the rest of the family. Know that you will be in our prayers in the days ahead.

Russ Wall - July 28, 2021 at 03:01 PM

JI

“ Kerry, our deepest sympathies. I hardly knew Lynda, but loving thoughts for you and your family are directed to you. Jack Isley

Jack Isley - July 28, 2021 at 10:57 AM

LI

“ This is truly with a heavy heart as I try to find words for comfort to You Kerry and your family. You have had two wonderful women in your life and the joy you have shared with both hopefully will give you memories to keep with you forever. I'm thinking of you in days and weeks and months ahead ,praying for strength for you and all the family. In friendship ,Leah Adam's Irvin

Leah Irvin - July 28, 2021 at 07:51 AM

AM

“ Jim - Megan told me about Lynda. I imagine this must be a very difficult time for you. My thoughts are with you. Alice

Alice Michel - July 28, 2021 at 12:33 AM

JD

Kerry, I was so sorry to hear about Lynda. I hope you will be comforted by the memories of your shared lives. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Janice

Janice Denney - July 29, 2021 at 10:52 AM