



Lynette Marie Shanahan

September 25, 1957 - January 14, 2026

Obituary for Lyn Shanahan. Wife, Mother, Musician, Nurse, Artist
9-25-1957 - 1-14-2026

They can rev up the fun in heaven. Our angel, Lynette Marie Shanahan lost her fight with pneumonia on January 14, 2026 with her son and husband standing over her. Lyn, 68, resided in Ocala, FL since 1991. She was born on September 25, 1957 in Wadsworth, OH to Franklin D Straiton and Susan E. Harris, where she was raised and graduated from Wadsworth H.S. class of '76. After some time in factories, she enrolled in college and earned her AA from Univ. of Akron. She married Timothy S. Shanahan in Sept. 1981 and Lyn worked in social services for local agencies. They moved to Martinsville, VA in 1984 to follow Tim's work.

Lyn began working on her nursing degree at Patrick Henry Comm College and the pair welcomed their only child, Timothy Atticus in 1985. Lyn graduated with honors and continued her work as an RN. In Ocala, Lyn continued working in a wide variety of nursing disciplines. She took up tennis and played in local leagues, served a stint as president of the local cancer society and enjoyed Ocala gourmet club dinners with Tim. Soon she developed a passion for all things percussion studying and taking lessons in a wide variety of drums from around the world. Along the way she took up mountain dulcimer, mandolin, guitar and cello.

Lyn and Tim retired in their mid 50's and Lyn pursued art and solo trail hiking, belonging to the FL Trail Assoc and other hiking related groups. Together Lyn and Tim enjoyed international travel and became fixtures at some local music jams. Lyn was always scouting for places and people to play with. They also operated a food bank for some years at a local church. Lyn was a strong supporter of people and causes that spoke to her heart. She was a devoted wife to Tim for 45 years, and steadfast loving mother to her son.

She made time fly with a wicked sense of humour and lively spontaneous nature. She continued enjoying music, art, and marveling. She leaves behind her devoted and loving husband Tim, son Timothy Atticus (NYC); brothers: David Straiton (Cathy) of TX, and Derek Straiton (Carolyn) of Ohio along with numerous loving cousins, in laws, and nieces and nephews. To all of those who were her friends, know you were loved and warmed her heart. You served her needs as she worked to serve yours. If inclined you can remember her by providing help to women in need of care. Services in Ocala and Ohio will be announced at a later date..

Tribute Wall

CK

“*Lyn and I had been friends since kindergarten. In our teen years we were inseparable even when I was hitch hiking the country. I always came back when she needed me to. We shared dreams and enthusiasm for life. Our lives took separate paths but we reconnected and picked up right where we left off. We were still able to finish each other's sentences and laugh at our inside jokes. I never imagined a world without Lyn in it. Be at peace my beautiful friend, I love you and miss you so much.*”

Cindy Hartman Karam - January 26 at 09:48 PM

MB

“*I had the joy of meeting Lyn in the Spring of 2010 when she began playing drums for the band I was singing with. A deep and fierce friendship quickly followed. My favorite quote from her “Don't kill time, Live it!!!” and she did just that with beautiful wonder. I am blessed to have known her and will forever cherish our friendship. I miss you beautiful! Rock on in heaven sweet sister.*”

Maria Brueck-Bledsoe - January 22 at 06:01 PM

DH

“*Dalia and Eddie Halpern purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Lynette Marie Shanahan.*”



Dalia and Eddie Halpern - January 21 at 02:42 PM

CR

“ I met Lyn shortly after I met my husband, as she was his long time friend and Mom to one of his oldest pals. Lyn had a timeless vigor to her that made it a breeze to relate to a person of any age. She loved her dreads, her animals, she loved talking about what art I had been doing lately and shared about hers too. Anything you shared with her, her eyes would light up and make you feel like the most important person on earth. Years to come after a conversation she'd ask after certain details and see how things in your life had been shaping up after the last time we'd talked. Mikey and I always enjoyed all the times we'd had Lyn and her husband and son over for dinner, there was never enough time to talk about all different kinds of subjects. I will really miss seeing Lyn and what a genuinely unique human being she was. I treasure the art we bought from her and consider it a small piece of her we get to keep forever.

Christi Raney - January 20 at 08:25 PM

MR

“ I have had the distinct pleasure of knowing Mrs. Shanahan for the past 25 years. I met her at her home when I was 16 and coming to hang out with her son Tim, one of my oldest and dearest friends, and from the very start she was a kind and welcoming, always making me feel at home whenever I would visit. One thing I always valued was that even though I was an intolerable teenager, she always spoke to me like an adult and would hear and consider my opinions with patience and respond in kind with a word of encouragement when I needed it, and also with appropriate admonition when she thought I was going down the wrong path. As time passed we would always see one another when Tim would come back to town to visit, and run into one another here and there at various places in Ocala, and I can so precisely envision the bright look of joy and that same welcoming spirit and countenance that would radiate from her whenever we would meet, the way that she would rush into a hug, and how quick she was to spare the time for a pleasant conversation and catching up. Mrs. Shanahan is also a sincere inspiration to me as she was the first person I knew to just unabashedly “Do” the things she liked without hesitation, I remember when she got into drumming for example; it was 0-60 in 5 seconds flat and she was showing me her vast collection of hand drums, telling a story about each variety and a quick demo of their use; even giving me a lesson or two sharing the skills I would need to hang in a drum circle when the times have come. I admire that quality a lot and have tried to emulate her in the same way. Also with her art, I don’t remember much about her skills when I was younger, though I certainly knew about her deep appreciation, and then suddenly she was just blasting out wonder watercolors in a steady stream. I’m glad I got to buy some of her prints not too long ago too. She was truly happy that I was getting them and at the time I think she thought I was buying them because she made them, but the truth is that I was buying them because I wanted them and the fact that they came from someone I valued was just the icing on the cake!

Mrs. Shanahan was a bright light in the world, someone who made

me feel like a person at a time in my life when I felt more subhuman, an inspiration, and simply someone who the world will not be the same without. May the memories of her joy, love, enthusiasm, and just generally how she appreciated so much of the goodness the world has to offer continue to make us all a little more like her in all the ways she so clearly excelled.

Mike Raney - January 20 at 07:06 AM

WS

“ *Wendy, Kopelwitz's and Starline's purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lynette Marie Shanahan.*



Wendy, Kopelwitz's and Starline's - January 19 at 10:19 PM