



Lynn Gray Watson Walker

March 30, 1947 - January 5, 2021

Lynn Gray Watson Walker beloved mother, grandmother, and most importantly friend, was born on March 30, 1947 in Jackson, MS to Mr. P. McLauren Watson Jr. and Roselynn B. Watson. She passed away January 5, 2021 peacefully while her daughters surrounded her with love. She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her three daughters Catherine W. House, Lauren Walker, and Sarah Camille Jayne (Derek); One granddaughter Alayna House; her cousins, many friends, and all of her bonus children.

Lynn, a retired small business owner, was a philanthropist throughout her life. She would give anyone the dress off of her back if they only asked. She donated her time to many organizations throughout the years. So many that we cannot possibly name them all so we will share the main ones.

An important place for her was Saint Michael Catholic Church and School, where she volunteered while her daughters attended school through the 70s 80s and 90s. Yes, she was there FOREVER. She volunteered in the cafeteria every Wednesday. She was a room mother and crafted all kinds of things for classmates and teachers. She was thrilled to be out of elementary school once her youngest graduated. She remained an active parish member of St. Michael.

If you enjoyed walking around the Pink Palace Crafts Fair in the past three decades, you probably knew Lynn. Her heart was truly with the Friends of the Pink Palace, member since 1985, and Pink Palace Crafts Fair where she volunteered more hours than anyone could possibly count. She was Grounds chairman for more years than not. In October she was always on her golf cart making sure the grounds were ready for the crowds to enjoy a walk around the fair, even if you had to dodge a hay covered mud puddle. Her phones never stopped ringing, but she was happy to help. Behind the scenes she worked year-round to ensure the park was kept lit & safe until it was time to start putting up the tents in September. Over the years she built countless friendships with the electricians, plumbers, many City of Memphis employees, the vendors, craftsmen, craftswomen, and artisans who made that her favorite time of year. Covid-19 and keeping those she loved safe did

not allow her a proper 2020 Crafts Fair, but she supported the weekly pop up and those who participated in the events held at the Pink Palace Museum prior to the holiday season.

An avid reader, inherited from her father, she was content to sit for hours enjoying a good book, sometimes able to complete more than one in a day if they were really good. If you needed a ride to an appointment or errand that could take a few hours, she was the one to call. As long as she had a book, she was fine waiting for you. During the past year, her youngest had found her sitting in her car reading in the Target parking lot multiple times because she just needed a change of scenery and the weather was nice. She would drive to any of the various Memphis Library branches to find the book she wanted to read. She passed her love of reading on to all of her girls.

Her home was always filled with her daughters' friends. Her calm and ease made all who walked through the door feel comfortable and always welcomed. She remembered what her favorites enjoyed most for dessert and made sure it was ready for them. A mom to so many she will be missed by each of them.

She enjoyed watching tennis, but not so much the grunting players. She loved cheering on the Memphis Tigers Men's Basketball team. She loved to learn which extended beyond books into knitting, jewelry making, wet felting, paper quilling, needlepoint, sewing, and so much more. She was our biggest cheerleader. She believed in us no matter what. We will miss her greatly, but know she is healed in Heaven where she truly is meant to be.

Due to Covid-19, a private committal ceremony was held on January 14th for immediate family. A mass and memorial service will be held once it is safer for all to gather and celebrate her life.

The family requests memorials be sent to: Saint Michael Catholic Church, Friends of the Pink Palace, or Memphis Library Foundation.

Comments



“ Sadly, I never got to meet Ms. Lynn in person. I have talked to her over the phone for the last 17.5 years as a vendor for the Crats Fair. She and I spoke 3 or 4 times last year during Covid about the possible upcoming Crafts Fair for 2021. She was a very sweet, funny lady. I'm sorry I will never meet her in person but will cherish the memory of her and our little talks. My thoughts and prayers, go out to her daughters and family.

Lisa M Stobing - March 19, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ Lynn was a dear friend of the Meredith family and lovely lady! Lots of great memories of Lynn at St. Michael School and Church! She made sure all of us kids got home safe after school! The Pink Palace is a better place because of her hard work and devotion to the annual Pink Palace Crafts Fair. Thank you Lynn for touching all of our lives so lovingly. God's peace to Lynn and the family!

Brian Meredith - January 13, 2021 at 08:31 PM



“ Lynn was a beautiful soul. Kind, smart so very sweet. Always happy to see you and we could reminisce forever. Catherine, Lauren and Sara you were her whole life. I am truly heart broken. Heavens gain was most definitely our loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you
Karen Meredith

Karen Meredith - January 13, 2021 at 08:14 PM



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Sarah - January 12, 2021 at 06:31 PM



“ Lynn was the greatest roommate anyone could have . We have been friends for 55 years and I will miss our monthly phone calls . She often share the news of her three daughters and granddaughter whom had such a close bond and her enthusiasm for her church and the Pink Palace. One of her last outings we talked about was taking a lady that visited her church to the airport 1:00 in the morning. Here she was a single lady on a walker doing something for another when it was inconvenient and dangerous but so typically of her. Lynn was was loved and loving and will leave a void in many lives.

Margaret Anne Lucas - January 24, 2021 at 12:10 PM



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Sarah - January 12, 2021 at 06:24 PM



“ Lynn was devoted to the Pink Palace Crafts Fair! She rallied all of us as we worked to benefit the Museum. She was a lovely lady - devoted to her famiy and her church. We will miss her!

Sarah C Coleman - January 09, 2021 at 04:52 PM