



Lynn M. Hepfl

June 23, 1956 - June 28, 2025

Our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Lynn Marie Hepfl, left us all too suddenly on Saturday, June 28, 2025. Daughter of the late Edward Lester and Patricia Jean (Newell) Weidner, Lynn was born on June 23, 1956 in Clarion. She was the middle daughter of three girls, and grew up spending time at her dad's Main Street homestead, Weidner's Newsroom. Lynn attended Clarion Area High School, graduating in 1974. She recently attended the 50th Class Reunion - enjoying catching up and sharing memories with her classmates. Following high school, Lynn attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania, graduating with a degree in Accounting in 1978. She was then married to James Arnold Hepfl, her high school sweetheart and the love of her life, on September 23, 1978, who survives.

Lynn spent most of her professional career at Clarion University, starting in 1990 and working until June 24, 2016 - retiring the day after her 60th birthday. During her twenty-six-year span at CUP, Lynn worked in both the International Studies and Honors Program divisions. She loved her work, her co-workers and the students with whom she became very close. Following her retirement, she remained close with Hallie, Linda, Brent, Nathan and many others from her CUP family. During this same time, and while Adam and Amanda were in school, Lynn served on the Clarion-Limestone School Board for 20 years, and was instrumental in the renovation/expansion project that included a new Library at Clarion-Limestone High School.

All those who knew her, or just talked to her once, could see that Lynn was

incredibly full of life - boisterous, joyful, energetic and loving. She was a voracious reader, loved exploration and learning and enjoyed world-wide travel with both student programs and CUP and, more than anything, "Sister Cruises" with her younger sister, Pam, who was her very best friend and got her into the most trouble. You could find Lynn and Jim riding their bikes locally on the Route 66 Rails to Trails, at the Pizza Pub with Cathy and John, or at any local football, volleyball, basketball or baseball games for their grandchildren year-round. Lynn was their biggest fan no matter what they did! During her mother's very long life, Lynn was a daily caretaker for Pat - making time to enjoy lunch or just sit and visit with her mom. Lynn famously celebrated every birthday and every holiday with fervor - coordinating her nails with a holiday theme and always singing Happy Birthday to her grandkids. Her famous sugar cookies, big, warm hugs and desire to help, in any way, will forever be missed by those that loved her. She helped to raise a community in Limestone - always seeming to know the trouble everyone had gotten into, but never turning anyone away from her house. You could count on her to scold you, and then tell you not to leave...and no one was allowed to leave without a hug.

In addition to Jim, Lynn is survived by her son Adam (Erin) of Roseville and daughter Amanda (Dave) of Sykesville. Lynn was blessed with five grandchildren who filled her heart - Charlie, Corinne and Connor Hepfl and Caitlyn and Madelyn Parker. Lynn is survived by her sister Pam (Greg) Tabler of Columbus, Ohio, who she absolutely treasured, her cousin, Norma Kooman, and her beloved sisters and brothers through marriage - Linda (Wes) Summerville, Cathy (John) Barr, Pat Girt, Diane Myers, Steve (Michelle) Hepfl and Donna (Bobby) Smith. She was "Aunt Lynn" to Ashley, Natalie, Rebecca, Rachel, Brian, Rick, Curtis, Derek, Amy, Nick, Megan, Ryan and Jessica. Her surviving family members also include Jody Taylor, who was like a sister to her, and Lynn's beloved Jeanne (Bean). She deeply loved each of her many cousins, nieces and nephews - whether near or far.

There's no possible way to list the number of very significant, surviving friends

- Lynn seemed to know everyone and was truly blessed to have built these countless and wonderful friendships over the years.

Lynn was preceded in death by her father and mother, Ed and Pat Weidner, and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Charles and Betty Hepfl.

Family and friends will be received from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 in the funeral home with Rev. Harold O. Jacobson presiding.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Lynn's honor to the Route 66 Rails to Trails, to help keep and beautify the trails that she loved, or to the Limestone Township Volunteer Fire Company, whose emergency services cared for her at the end of her life.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home
638 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214
(814) 226-6300
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Robert V Burns Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lynn M. Hepfl



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - June 30, 2025 at 01:53 PM

AC

Id like to send my deepest sympathies & condolences to all family, friends & loved ones... 🙏 may God give you all strength, peace & much grace💔 may you find comfort in all the ever-so loving, cherished & happiest of memories and that you find solitude through the difficult days ahead...

🙏 you're all in my thoughts and prayers. I am so very, very sorry for your loss. 😔

Angie Clinger - July 01, 2025 at 07:15 PM

AA

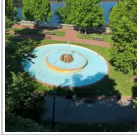
You will always be in our hearts! You gave so much joy so abundantly

Ateeq Ahmad - July 01, 2025 at 10:00 PM

LW

*Our cousin Pam 💔
Aunt Barb and Leslie just watched the beautiful tribute and fondly remember.
It was always Lynn and Pam to us cousins...and tons of laughter in your home growing up. Please know, Pam, Jim, Amanda and Adam and grands and dearest friends, that you're all close in heart today and in our heartfelt prayers in the sad days to come. Know you all are forever tucked into this heart. ❤️ Cuz Les*

leslie wells - July 02, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ *Our mom away from home. You will be truly missed.*

Edem AS - September 21, 2025 at 02:19 PM

EA

“ *Edem A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lynn M. Hepfl.*

Edem A. - September 21, 2025 at 02:08 PM

SA

“ *Hi everyone, I am writing from Pakistan. I just got to know about Lynn passing away. She was such a sweetheart who made our stay comfortable and fulfilling at Clarion as an international students. I remember getting scolded from her about wearing flip.flops during snow seasons. She was a like mom for all international students during their stay in US. May her soul rest in Peace.*

Sundas Azfer - July 03, 2025 at 08:46 AM

SB

“ *I had known Lynn since childhood and all through our school years. We graduated in the class of 1974. Her wonderful, sweet soul helped to make this world a brighter place. My most sincere condolences to her family.*

Sandra Bravar - July 01, 2025 at 03:43 PM

PO

“ I’m deeply shocked and heartbroken to hear about Lynn’s passing. She was one of the very first people I met when I arrived in Clarion as an international student. Her warmth, humor, and kindness made everyone feel welcome — she truly had a gift for making people feel at home. To so many of us, she was our “international mom,” always there with a smile and support. Lynn will be missed more than words can express. 💔

Pollyanna - July 01, 2025 at 12:40 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lynn M. Hepfl.

July 01, 2025 at 11:45 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lynn M. Hepfl.



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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lynn M. Hepfl.



July 01, 2025 at 06:19 AM

MT

“ Mike and Bean Glavich and Jody Taylor purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lynn M. Hepfl.



Mike and Bean Glavich and Jody Taylor - July 01, 2025 at 05:19 AM



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June 30, 2025 at 06:02 PM



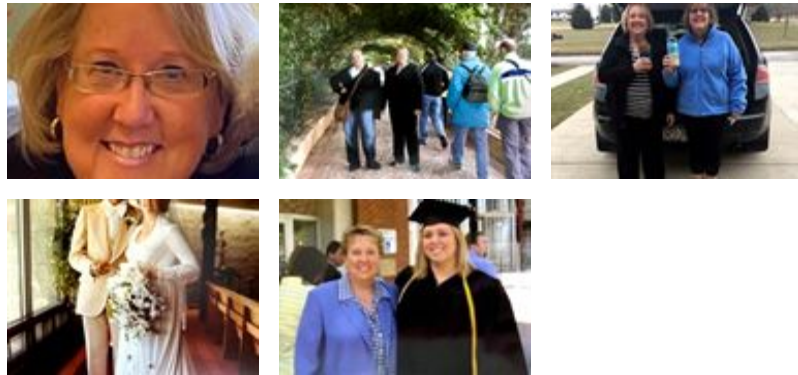
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June 30, 2025 at 06:02 PM



“ 57 files added to the album LifeTributes



Robert V Burns Funeral Home - June 30, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lynn M. Hepfl.

June 30, 2025 at 01:42 PM

“ I posted this on Facebook today:

“ Once in a while, throughout your life, you cross paths with one exceptional human being.

Lynn Hepfl was one of those people, and it was a great shock to me when I found out last night that she had passed away suddenly on Saturday, June 28.

Lynn Hepfl was a fantastic woman - and, believe you me, “fantastic” does not even begin to define her. She worked for twenty-six years of her life at Clarion University – both for the Office of International Studies and for the Honors Program. In 2005, I was one of three faculty members from Clarion University who led the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Honors Study Abroad Program in Paris. Lynn coordinated most of the logistics for that program and came with us to France. She was a true ray of sunshine on that trip – even though her feet were often killing her because we walked so much! I definitely got to know her better during those two weeks in Paris, because we spent so much time together.

I also got to work with Lynn closely when I assumed the functions of Study Abroad Faculty Coordinator for a year (I had to step down after one academic year, because I needed to teach a full schedule of French classes.) Lynn was like a mother to the international students who would come and study at Clarion University for a semester, a full year, or longer. She just adored them, and they loved her too. The conditions under which she was working – doing this gig part-time (the other half of her time was devoted to the Honors Program), in an office that was understaffed and managed by a rather mercurial leader (thank God, her other boss was wonderful!) – were far from ideal, but Lynn seldom complained and when she did, it was always with a great sense of humor.

Every single minute I ever spent with Lynn was precious, special, and a lot of fun, and I was fully aware of how lucky I was to be

working with her. I was sad when she retired and, even though she was replaced by a most competent and super nice individual in the Office of International Studies, she was sorely missed. I am so happy that she got to enjoy her retirement, going on cruises with her sister, going on trips or biking on trails with her husband, and spending time with her grandkids.

My heart goes to her husband, her kids and grandkids, her dear sister, and all her family and friends, who were so, so many, and will miss her immensely.”



Elisabeth Sauvage-Callaghan - June 30, 2025 at 09:41 AM

NB

“ *Happy times with our friend Lynn.*



Nathan Buzzanca - June 30, 2025 at 07:45 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lynn M. Hepfl.*



June 29, 2025 at 10:11 PM



“ *The Parkers. Caitlyn, Madelyn and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lynn M. Hepfl.*



The Parkers. Caitlyn, Madelyn and Family - June 29, 2025 at 08:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lynn M. Hepfl.*



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“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Lynn M. Hepfl.*



June 29, 2025 at 08:19 PM

CG

“ Jim and kids - So incredibly sorry to hear about our cousin Lynn. Very full of life and enjoyed it to the fullest. Thinking of all of you during this time.

Catherine Newell Galan

Catherine Newell Galan - June 29, 2025 at 08:18 PM

NB

“ Well dear friend Lynn - where do I start? Laughter - that's my first thought in memories with you, how much we just genuinely laughed when we were together over the years. I traveled with you. I did your hair for 15 years . Meeting for lunch at Bobs Sub and The Loomis and County Seat. You coming to my house for spaghetti and meatballs . You taught me how to hem a pair of jeans so that the original hem stayed intact. You would bring your Mom in to get her hair done and we laughed some more. We swapped books but you never wanted any of my scary ones . How about the time you and Brent ate the bad falafel in Egypt and we had to find diarrhea medication for you both before we could continue! You were always so kind to my Mom and my sister when they would visit Clarion. I could just go on and on . You were a great and true friend Lynn. The world was a better place with you in it . I shall remember and think of you often . Until we meet again . Love, Nathan



Nathan Buzzanca - June 29, 2025 at 06:47 PM

JC

“ I'm in shock and denial that this beautiful lady is gone. Lynn was a very special person, always upbeat with a ready smile. Jim, Adam, Amanda, and all the family, I keep you in my thoughts and prayers as you struggle through this most difficult time. I hope you gain comfort knowing she was loved by so many.

JanieCampbell Campbell - June 29, 2025 at 05:19 PM

PB

“ Jim, Adam and Amanda,
Nothing I can say will ease the pain you are feeling from your terrible loss. I find peace knowing that Lynn is having the time of her life reunited with my mother and Betty. If you need anything at all dont hesitate to ask.

Pete Bauer - June 29, 2025 at 04:03 PM

RC

Lynn was an amazing cheerful and outgoing girl, she was one of the few great people I had the pleasure to know at C U P

Ron Cyphert - June 29, 2025 at 07:43 PM

MR

Our deepest condolences to Cousin Lynn's family--Jim, Amanda, Adam, grandkids, and sisters Pam, and Penny. We had lots of fun growing up nearby to Lynn with her beautiful smile, wonderful laugh, great energy and intelligence! Like her father, she seemed to know everyone:)

With sympathy and love, The Reinsel Family

Michael Reinsel - June 30, 2025 at 03:29 PM

KR

*Though you're gone from our sight, your laughter still rings,
In the stories we share, and the joy that it brings.
Our friendship, a treasure, time cannot erase,
You'll live in our hearts, at your own special pace.
Author Unknown*

Kathy Rhoades - June 30, 2025 at 07:46 PM