



## Mrs Lynda J McDarby

January 24, 1943 - June 17, 2018

Lynda J. McDarby, 75, of Lenox, died Sunday at Berkshire Medical Center.

Born in Pittsfield January 24, 1943, the daughter of Michael and Edna Brittigan Homich, she attended local schools and was a 1961 graduate of the former Williams High School in Stockbridge.

After graduation she earned her associates degree from Berkshire Community College, her BA degree at the former North Adams State College (MCLA), and two Masters degrees, one here in the US and the other in Europe.

Lynda taught English at Taconic High School in Pittsfield for many years, retiring in 2003. She loved reading, going to the beach, and most of all spending time with her husband, children, and grandchildren.

Lynda and her husband Charles E. McDarby were married in St. Mary's Church in Lee June 29, 1973.

She is survived by Charles, of Lenox; her two children, Barry Leon McDarby and his wife Heather of Candia, NH, and Shannon Maureen Parry of Lake Ariel, PA; five grandchildren, Zachary McDarby, and Robert, William, Jack, and Emily Parry; one brother, Edward Homich and wife Betty of Pittsfield, and her sister Carol Heading and her husband Wayne of Pittsfield; sister in law Veronica Homich of Folsom, CA; sister in law Judith Petersoli and her husband Paul, and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her two brothers, Richard Homich of Folsom, CA and David Homich of Salem, MA.

Following cremation, funeral and burial services will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers donations in Lynda's memory may be made to Valley Veterinarian Services/Stray Animal Fund in care of the ROCHE FUNERAL HOME, 120 Main Street, Lenox. MA 01240.

# Comments

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“ She was a very special person. So strong and endured a lot over the years. I loved going to see her. I picture her sitting in her back room, watching TV, the room smelled of menthol. We shared many laughs and discussions on sports, politics and so many other topics. I very much enjoyed our times together.

Lisa Ford - June 20, 2018 at 07:40 PM

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“ Dear Chuck & family- I first met Lynda at BCC in 1964 where she took a naive 18 yr old under her wing. We have been close friends ever since. We went to North Adams State College together where we got our Bachelors & Masters degrees together. When papers were due we usually finished them the night before. We each had our telephones by our sides & would call each other to try & keep us awake. Lynda would play the overture that had cannons firing at the end to keep her awake. If no one answered the phone we knew the other had finished. I had many sleepovers at Lynda's house & got to know her Mom & Dad quite well. Her Mom was a sweetheart- Lynda took after her in helping people & her Dad was a gruff but well meaning person. We travelled thru many countries in Europe together & had many adventures & misadventures. There was the time we looked the keys in the car in Switzerland at lunchtime where no one works for a 2 hr stretch so we had to find a place to sit & wait. We had lunch & even tho we were nicely dressed- no jeans or shorts- we were served very fast as if they didnt want us there. So we had over an hour to wait before the car could be unlocked. On a trip to England- it was a 6 week combo tour & taking classes- we stayed in a school modelled after a medieval chateau in France. On Sundays we would be served breakfast & then brought into London to be on our own until we were picked up in the evening. At that time London was pretty much closed down on Sundays so after getting the time to be at our pick up point we went to the movies. We arrived at the pick up point by the designated time & waited. 10pm came, 11pm came- no bus. There was when we got there a bunch of Danish sailors who obviously were talking about us. This was at Trafalger Square where Nelsons statue sits on a column. When we realized something was wrong we asked a Bobby for help. Unfortunately by that time both the subway, the YMCA & even the lights on the fountain

had shut down. We were in trouble. We managed to hail a cabbie who was nearly done with his shift. The town we were staying in 15-20 miles outside of London & he had never heard of the town but agreed to take us there. By the time we got there one of his headlights had burned out. We felt so sorry for him we gave him a very large tip for his troubles. We were skinnier then & could shimmy thru the bars at the entrance gate to the school surprising the night watchman. We found out that the departure time had changed but it wasn't passed on to us before we got off the bus. It was one of our favorite stories to tell. A compliment to Lynda many years ago Christine said to me- Mom I hope I find a friend like Lynda & have the same type of friendship that u & Lynda have had over the years. Fortunately she has. I know this is long but Shannon & Barry I would be remiss if I did not tell you how many times Lynda told me in conversations about our kids how very proud of you both especially

as both she & your Dad watched you both grow onto adulthood. It goes without saying that both your Mom & adore their grandchildren. Chuck several of the teachers at Taconic xpressed their sorrow at Lyndas death to Christine. They remebered her as an exellent teacher & a very warm person. I wanted to pass that along. With love, Nancy

Forgive some of my mixed up lines- Im as Lynda knew very technically challenged :)

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dad watched u grow into the adults that anyone would be

**Nancy Judware friend over 50 yrs** - June 20, 2018 at 01:00 PM

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“ Chuck and Family, lynda was a special lady and i was lucky to have had the pleasure to know her while i was your homemaker. Please except my condolences and prayers for your family at this sad time...

**Paula Ryan** - June 19, 2018 at 07:41 AM

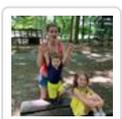
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“ To the McDarby family, Sending my sincere thoughts of condolence and peace to you all. Mrs. McDarby taught my children at Taconic. She cared deeply and always gave them her very best. She had a great spirit and will be remembered fondly. Deb Flynn

**Deborah Flynn** - June 19, 2018 at 05:36 AM

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“ Chuck and family- I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Lynda! She was a pleasure to know and be around. She will be greatly missed! Please come visit us at the office sometime Chuck! Let us know if you need anything!

