



Mrs. Lynne D. Reber

January 30, 1946 - May 24, 2025

Lynne Dawson Reber, 79, of Lee, Massachusetts passed away peacefully while her children held her hand on Saturday May 24, 2025, at Lahey Hospital in Burlington, MA. Lynne was born in Washington DC on January 30th, 1946, the daughter of Thomas and Mildred (Patterson) Dawson. Her family moved to Long Island when she was young and she attended local Islip, NY schools, graduating with the class of 1964 from Islip High School. She earned a bachelor's degree from (the former) C.W. Post College (now Long Island University) with a major in Education and a minor in Sociology. Upon college graduation, Lynne married John E Reber, whom she met at C.W. Post College, and they moved to Atlanta, Georgia, for Jack's army training. She taught elementary school and middle school for 20 years in Georgia, Maryland, Sayville New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. After 20 years of teaching, she changed careers to follow her dream of becoming a child protective and adoption social worker for DCF until she retired in 2013. 2 years after her father was suddenly killed in a car accident, Lynne (age 16) and her mom took a cross-country road trip seeing 48 states and Canada and Mexico. And so began her love for travel. She traveled to Turks and Caicos, Tahiti, 12 countries in Europe including Greece, Turkey, England, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Germany, Monaco and Liechtenstein. Her last trip to complete her bucket list was China to see the great wall and tranquility of Tibet. She had so many wonderful memories from all of her travels. Lynne loved roses, pink and purple, reading and the beach. She spent many

hours walking on the beach looking for shells. Lynne loved swimming and was a Red Cross swimming instructor for many summers on Long Island during her high school and college years. She enjoyed crocheting and crafting, especially making and gifting her signature decoupage books. She loved all things Christmas, Broadway shows and musicals. She loved going to Tanglewood and was a volunteer on the lawn for a few years. She loved animals and creatures of all kinds. She enjoyed going to JD and Laura's games, recitals and school events when they were growing up and never missed one.

She lived a life that didn't need to be told, her actions spoke louder. She exemplified living life with grace and class and with no regrets and to always dance in the rain. She exemplified empathy and kindness to others, always. She was a planner and always prepared and thought ahead. She was patient, giving and kind. Laughter is the best medicine, and she brought so much laughter, joy and love to all those that knew her. Her family was the most important thing to her, and she treasured her family. She was able to turn any situation into something positive and joyful! The glass was always half full in Lynne's eyes. She had the biggest heart. She was the rock of our family, our anchor, our True North.

She was predeceased by her parents Thomas and Mildred Dawson, as well as her former husband, Jack Reber.

She leaves her beloved children who were her love and light: Laura Miskinis and JD Reber, both of Lenox; her son-in-law whom she adored Richard Miskinis and her grandsons Jack and Ryan, whom she loved with all her heart and enjoyed all the time she had with them. In Jack and Ryan's words, she was always "positive and spreading joy". She also leaves her sister-in-law (whom she always thought of more like a sister than in-law), Margaret Gerstung and two nephews, Matthew and Ryan Gerstung. Finally, she leaves her beloved Teddy, her 10-year-old dog who enjoyed going on car rides with her. Lynne truly lived a life with no regret and always said, "do not sing sad songs for me when I'm gone, for I have lived a life to be grateful for and will

shine on like the sun, the moon and the stars. I'm the breeze that kisses your cheek"

Thank you to the wonderful care she received over the past year, both here in Pittsfield and

more recently at Lahey clinic and hospital.

The funeral for Mrs. Lynne D. Reber will be held on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 1:00 PM at the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240.

Burial will follow in St. Ann's Cemetery. There will be an hour of visitation beginning at 12:00 noon until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, donations in Lynne's memory may be made to either Berkshire Humane Society or St Jude, in care of the funeral home.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Roche Funeral Home
120 Main Street
P.O. Box 152
Lenox, MA 01240
(413) 637-0699
eroche120fh@gmail.com

Service

JUN 6. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Burial

JUN 6. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Ann's Cemetery
1 Ore Bed Road
Lenox, MA 01240

Tribute Wall



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Lynne D. Reber.*



June 03, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ *Maggie, Matthew, Ryan & Amber purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Mrs. Lynne D. Reber.*



Maggie, Matthew, Ryan & Amber - May 29, 2025 at 07:21 PM



“ *Great person Sorry 🙄 for all.*

Peg Biron - May 29, 2025 at 05:33 PM

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“ I first met Lynne on a cruise around the Mediterranean and my husband and I instantly formed a friendship with her and her daughter Laura. One memorable occasion that comes to mind is when we all got caught in a sudden thunderstorm on the acropolis and getting drenched. I will always remember her wringing out her dress and both laughing till we cried. Her sense of humour and calmness always shone through in our time together. We kept in touch all these years through Laura and Lynne sent me an email a couple days before her passing and asked me to pray for her and her and her country in these turbulent times. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Laura and her family at this sad time. From Stephen and Carol Skultety in Australia.

Carol Skultety - May 28, 2025 at 06:17 PM