



Evelyn Marie Martin

October 14, 1940 - September 21, 2021

In the early hours of September 21, Lyn Martin, age 80, passed from this earthly realm. Lyn was a devoted mother, wife, and, for more than half a century, a member of the Bahá'í Faith.

Lyn was born in San Diego, California, on October 14, 1940. She learned about the Bahá'í Faith in 1969 at a comparative religion class in Albany, quickly embraced its teachings, and began her life of service to her faith and her community.

Lyn was a multi-talented person who had an eye for beauty in all aspects of her life, whether gardening, creating flower arrangements, offering hospitality, and in her loving attention to family, friends, and her local community. At the same time, Lyn always carried a broader vision of the world and the needs of humanity.

She ran a successful business for several years, offering consulting services to groups and individuals in personal and business management. Her organizational skills were offered liberally in Bahá'í administrative roles as well as in her service on community and civic boards. She served the Corvallis Bahá'í Assembly as its secretary from 2005 until her passing. She represented the Bahá'í communities of the area as the elected delegate to the annual National Bahá'í convention for nearly a decade. She mentored youth, accompanied others in the field of service, visited the ill and disabled, and

befriended all who knew her.

In 1996, Lyn initiated a public weekly gathering for prayer and discussion. From 2005 until 2020, she hosted an intimate weekly devotional gathering in her home which continued until the COVID-19 pandemic moved the gathering to a virtual format. It continues to this day.

In addition to her many years of service to her faith community, Lyn served as secretary of the WeCare Board for more than a decade, was on the Board of the Stoneybrook Homeowners Association, and also on the Board of Ten Rivers Food Web. She was a strong advocate of preserving local organic farms and markets.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years Ron Hershel; and her three children: Martin Algots (wife, Mairim Saavedra), Sara DeHoff (husband, Ric DeHoff), Meg Johnson (husband, CJ Johnson); and stepchildren Cindy Wanvig (husband, Wes Wanvig), Audrey Richardson (husband, Bob Richardson); and her sister Sue Bouet; as well as her beloved grandchildren Emily DeHoff, Iris Kilmister, Barry Kilmister, Arin Stroops, Deanza Britton, Tiffany Richardson.

A graveside service for Evelyn (Lyn) Martin will be held at Locke Cemetery in Corvallis on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. The service will begin at 1 p.m. with the recitation of a Bahá'í prayer for the departed, recited by one individual while all present stand in silence. A selection of prayers and eulogies will follow. As it was Lyn's custom to purchase flowers at the local Saturday market, friends might consider doing the same in her honor to bring to the service. Please leave condolence messages for the family here on the website.

Cemetery Details

Locke Cemetery

Corvallis, OR 97330

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 28. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (PT)

Locke Cemetery
NW Locke Cemetery Road
Corvallis, OR 97330

Tribute Wall

WJ

“ I remember the time Evelyn came to Wisconsin on my moms (Clara Bohonek) birthday. We were outside and it was starting to get dark. It was time for the fireflies to start flying around. Evelyn was so excited, she said get me a jar so I can catch some fireflies. She was like a little girl running around the yard catching them. It was so great to see her, it had been years since we saw her. Evelyn was my cousin. Even though we kids that she baby sat for were young, Jerry, Peggy, Sandy, (myself) Wanda, and Dean, she was so good to us. Then her and grandma moved to California, and it was a long time before we saw her again. I am so glad I got that short time to see her, Susan, Martin when they came out. She was a great lady and will be missed by those she knew near and far away. Love ya, cousin

Wanda Justice

Wanda Justice - September 28, 2021 at 03:03 PM

MK

“ *The first time I met Lyn I was invited to her and Ron’s home for a Sunday potluck.*

As I entered Lyn welcomed me with her warm smile and bright loving energy.

This was an amazing potluck, there were lots of delicious dishes from different food cultures. The invited guests were all kind and conversation was easy in this relaxed and loving environment. Then Lyn announced it was time for the entertainment. I had no idea what this meant and was delightfully surprised to learn that Lyn and Ron had been hosting these potlucks and inviting their guest to read “Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy” as a play with each person taking on a part. Wow! What a wonderful creative idea.

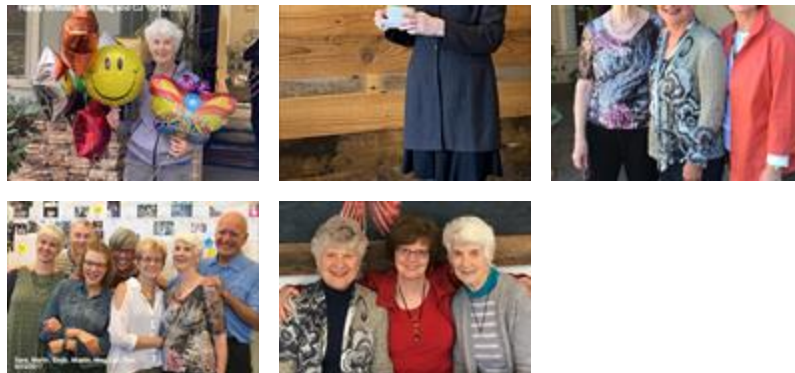
Lyn always brought a creative loving and kind spirit to every situation she was apart of. I always smile and feel joy when I think of Lyn. I am indeed blessed to have known her and continue to be blessed by her wonderful family.

*I hold much for you Lyn,
Michele*

Michele Killian - September 28, 2021 at 02:16 PM

YM

“ *9 files added to the album Memories Album*



Yvonne Morse - September 26, 2021 at 07:04 PM

BA

“Lyn was my first teacher of the Baha'i Faith in 1970 so I am immensely indebted to her. I was, at age 18, intensely searching for the return of Christ or someone who could explain what the world needed to become a kinder, fairer place, and how to achieve it. Lyn had placed an ad for a fireside gathering in her home in the local paper in my hometown of Albany. She warmly greeted my mother, (whom, as a shy person, I had brought along for moral support), and me. She sat in her rocking chair nursing Meg, which shocked my mother as Meg was a toddler. (Lyn was active in La Leche League. I later did the same thing with my daughter.) I vividly remember her rocking back and forth telling me the claims of Bahá'u'lláh. I kept saying, "He was?" "He did?" and asking my mother if she heard what Lyn was saying. Her matter of fact logic (and Lyn was very logical) was clear and concise. She gave me my first book to read, "Foundations of World Unity," which was just the right book for me to start with. After that marvelous and astounding evening, she invited friends from Corvallis to come to her fireside, enabling me to become friends with the Baha'i youth and adults there. She started me on a marvelous journey and I love her very much.

Barbara - September 26, 2021 at 12:17 AM