



## Letha Lydia Schramm

December 11, 1947 - September 12, 2018

It is with a conflicted sorrow that Letha Lydia (Gillespie) Schramm's family announces that on 9/12/2018, Lydia escaped the pain of her cancer, leaving a great hole in the family. She fought bravely and strongly to heal and continue her third bout with cancer; cancer won. Lydia was born on December 11, 1947 in Highland, Illinois to her parents: Noah William Gillespie and Letha Lydia (Barnes) Gillespie. She grew up in Pocahontas, Illinois. She received a Bachelor degree from Illinois State University, in Normal, Illinois in 1970. In 1987, following 3 years of study, she received a certificate in Radiography from the Bloomington/Normal School of Radiography.

She worked for several years at Admiral Corporation in Bloomington, Illinois. Starting as a line worker she became a manager. This was interrupted by her radiography study. After graduation she worked as a radiography technologist at Newberg hospital transitioning to Providence Newberg hospital from 1987 until she retired in 2013.

She is survived by her husband Larry Edward Schramm, and by her daughters Beth Ellen Waller, Lydia Marie Schramm (David Rightmire), her brother Gary Gillespie and her sister Linda Capello as well as by 3 grandchildren: Nicholas, James, and Ella, and two great grandchildren Zoey and Juno.

Enjoying the out of doors, arts and crafts, and the love of her family, hers was the rich life of a capable, courageous, and honest person. She is deeply loved and will be sorely missed.

Memorial services are tentatively planned both here and in her ancestral home in October. Should people wish to honor her memory with financial donation, they may donate to the life affirming and progressive cause of their choice, a donation to an organization that is working with cancer research seems particularly apt.

# Comments

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“ My heartfelt condolences on the loss of your mother. She will always be with you in spirit. "Remembering is another way to love."

**Nancy Davis** - September 17, 2018 at 11:33 AM

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“ I was sorry to hear that Lydia died; she fought a valiant fight against her cancers. She and I swam together in the mornings at the aquatic center and I always enjoyed visiting with her. We were both cancer survivors and shared some stories of our experiences. She was delightful and will be missed by many. My sympathy to all of you.

**Maureen McShane**

**Maureen McShane** - September 16, 2018 at 08:58 PM



“ To Larry & Family  
Our condolences... thank you for sharing Lydia with us. As we have shared loving her.. we now share grieving her.  
She will be missed.  
LARRY, Barth and I are holding your hearts tenderly.  
We love you dear dear friend.  
If you have need, we are here. We want you to know though have many many friends & you are not alone in this journey.  
LYDIA .. your eyes were windows and you shared love through them. You brightened my life with your kind words if comfort at time when i was beside myself with worry over my grandson. Thank you for that...

**Cynthia DeFay** - September 17, 2018 at 10:48 AM



“ Lydia was a very private person and once you began a conversation with her, she endeared herself in such a quiet, calm manner. Walking in the pool with her was a calming influence on me. I wish I had talked more with her; as her name "Letha" is a strong part of my family line. Prayers and sympathy for all of her family members. And thank you for coming to the pool and letting me know she had passed. That was such a kind, thoughtful action. And it was another evidence of how caring she was.  
Marye Steckley

**Marye Steckley** - September 18, 2018 at 07:43 PM



“ I send my deepest sympathies to your family. I had known from Beth's information a number of weeks ago that Lydia was in her last stages. Still, when I got the news that she was gone, it was a head snap. I have been amazed since then the number of times I have been in tears about this, even now as I write this. That surprises me a bit because I hadn't seen Lydia for at least 40 years. My connection with Lydia is one of those that, if we are lucky, we will find during our lives, a connection so strong and trusting that you can pick up in conversation right where you left off some time ago. Words that come to mind as I think of her are common sense, humor, grit, and integrity. There really are no words I can offer to attempt to soften your grief. I can only offer you my tears.

**Ron** - September 19, 2018 at 11:10 AM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Lydia's health struggles and passing. We attended and graduated from Bond County Unit 2 High School in Greenville (IL) in 1965. Ours was a fairly large class but we were in some of the same classes. I remember her as being quiet but when she did speak it was always with kindness toward her fellow students.

**Nancy D Marti** - September 24, 2018 at 02:50 PM