



Dr. Marilyn L. "Lyn" Baker Alarie

April 13, 1948 - August 19, 2020

Dr. Marilyn L. "Lyn" Baker Alarie, 72, of Lancaster, passed away on August 19 after a more than twenty-year courageous journey with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She was a daughter of the late James R. and Hazel Hershey (McElroy) Baker and wife of Ronald E. Alarie.

Surviving Lyn, in addition to her husband, are sisters Karen M. Sullivan (Marietta); Lauralee B. Baker (Marietta); Hollis D. Baker (Charles Kauffman) (Atglen); and brother James R. Jr. (Carol) Baker (Monument, CO). Surviving niece and nephews include Amy (Glenn) Scott and CH (Debbie) Showalter III; Scott (Angie) and Sean (Mandy) Sullivan; Nicholas and Alexander Baker; great niece Callie Lynn Showalter and great nephew Rohan Sullivan. Sadly, Lyn was predeceased by her beloved sister Sharon Baker (Dick) Showalter (Lititz) only four weeks ago.

Born and raised in Marietta, Lyn was a 1966 graduate of Donegal High School. She earned a B.S. in Education from Millersville University, followed by a secondary Principal's certification and Superintendent's Letter from Temple University. In addition, she received both a Masters and Doctoral degree in Educational Administration from Temple University. Her 30-year career in public education was served in the Elizabethtown Area School District in the capacities of secondary teacher, work study coordinator, Middle School Principal and Assistant Superintendent, retiring from this position in

2001.

Lyn was a dynamic, multi-faceted person with many interests. She enjoyed meeting new people and learning about their traditions and customs, which she did extensively through local and international travel, meeting her goal of reaching all seven continents. She also had a great love of quilting, reading, gardening, and collecting the works of Lancaster County artists.

Lyn spent many hours researching the McElroy/Hershey and Baker genealogies, successfully tracing each family heritage back to the early eighteenth century. Locally, Lyn will probably be best remembered for her 2012 publication of *The Scoop on Marietta*, a 1000 page book that compiles the history of the town of Marietta and includes over sixty interviews of native Mariettians.

Above all, though, Lyn was deeply committed to her family and friends, with whom she always kept in close contact. She touched the lives of many throughout her life and will be deeply missed by all those who knew her.

A private graveside service will be conducted at the convenience of the family at the Silver Springs Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, kindly remember Lyn with a contribution to the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602.

Tribute Wall

SB

“ I knew Lyn from Marietta, and school. She was a great person, and many have benefitted from knowing her. She is remembered by me for her smile, and encouragement to strive to do your best! It is sad to have her gone from this world, but she is free of all worldly stressors! Prayers for her family members, some of which I knew, and for those I have never met, I wish you peaceful acceptance of your loss!

Sherril {Gutshall} Beaston - August 30, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ I knew Marilyn , and Sharon as well, since I was raised in Marietta and was a classmate of Karen. I have fond memories. Sincere condolences to the entire family. Rest in peace.

Dr. Kathleen Goodall Assar - August 27, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Ron, Lyn was a class act! I enjoyed our chats many years ago about our love of flowers and books. Paul and I send our sympathy and caring thoughts and Ron, you were with her all the way with love and care over these many years. Take care of yourself. Sincerely, Paul and Delphine Heimer

Delphine and Paul Heimer - August 26, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Ron and Baker family. We send out deepest sympathy on the passing of Lyn. Having been a former resident of Marietta, I got to know Lyn quite well. She was an amazing woman. Her compiling *The Scoop of Marietta* was a real labor of love and is a treasured history of Marietta and the many people she interviewed. Our sincere condolences, Jim and Sally Vanderslice McMorris

Jim and Sally Vanderslice McMorris - August 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I'm sorry for your loss. I know Lyn battled for a long time and never let on or dwelled on it. I worked for her for many years at Elizabethtown. RIP

Mike Sernoffsky - August 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Our condolences to the Alarie and Baker families. I got to know Lyn a little through an interview for her "*Marietta book*". Bill and Cindy Libhart

Bill Libhart - August 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Dear Ron, I remember "Lyn" as always being upbeat and positive. She would ALWAYS come over to see us at the breakfasts/luncheons at Centerville School. I wish you our love at this time. She will be fondly remembered. Respectfully, Kurt & Lyn Paddock”

Kurt & Lyn Paddock - August 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Dear Ron,Bob and I are so saddened by Lyn's passing. She was my gardening buddy. We spent many a time discussing gardening and all the ups and downs of it. She was my hero in how she handled Non- Hodgkin's - so strong and never complaining - always looking forward. She will be in my heart forever and I will never go out in my garden without thinking about her. She will be so very missed by all who knew her.With Love,Linda and Bob Macina

Linda Macina - August 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Dear Ron,I am so sorry to hear of your loss.I only met Lyn once,but felt like I knew her from the wonderful book she wrote.I so appreciated that you were such a good friend to Jess.He thought so much of you ,and enjoyed your visits so much.Thanks so much for your friendship.

Marcia Brallier - August 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ My condolences to the family. I remember Mrs. Baker as my principal.

Tonya Bailey - August 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Ron, Kay and I are sad to learn of Lyn's passing. Sending our best wishes

Dick Norford - August 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM