



Lucinda "Cindy" Katherine Pritsch Nicholson

November 22, 1955 - November 21, 2021

Lucinda 'Cindy' Katherine Pritsch Nicholson, age 65 of Wheeling, WV passed away Sunday, November 21, 2021 in Pittsburgh, PA following many years of courageously living a full productive life with multiple myeloma.

She was born November 22, 1955 in Glen Dale, WV daughter of the late John and Ruth Duncan Pritsch.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by one son, Jacob Nicholson.

Survivors include her husband of 38 years, Gary Nicholson of Wheeling; sister, Rhonda (Russell) Greer of Naples, FL.; one nephew, Ian Greer of Naples; mother-in-law, Bridget Nicholson and sister-in-law, Doreen Nicholson of Pittsburgh; sons Jonathan Holton of Pittsburgh, Michael Starks of Powhatan Point, OH and Allen Hall of Glen Dale, WV.

Cindy's cherished extended family included her aunt and uncle, Dorothy and Bernie Young; her aunt, Mary Ann Duncan and Elizabeth Yoho of Moundsville; many special cousins, spouses and her lifelong special friends.

Cindy earned a Master's Degree from Marshall University, then extended her studies in education at Ohio State. Her career as an educator and counselor placed her in positions at West Virginia Northern Community College, John Marshall High School, Belmont Career Center and abroad teaching English in Krefeld, Germany at the Inlingua Institute.

Her dedication and passion in life was enhancing the lives of youth in her community. She believed everyone has a gift and strength to pursue a

rewarding life. Cindy and Gary hosted several foster children and all children in need of a “safe place” to be welcomed, loved and encouraged.

She and Patty Holden dedicated countless hours to the administration and direction of the Marshall County Youth Group. To honor Cindy, PLEASE find a youth in the community to say an encouraging word, provide a meal, school tuition or just give a pat on the back.

At this time there will be no visitation.

A celebration/memorial will be held at a later date.

Interment will be held at the privacy of the family.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling.

Tribute Wall

GV

“ GA, I just found out that Cindy passed away. I hope you can understand my english, which is terrible right now. But I had a lot of good memories while I lived with her and spent a few moments with you. Too bad that I lost her contact and when I finally spent time to try to find her on internet, I found this terrible new. Anyway, it was a hounor to spent a year with her, all the time that she brings wine to my room and spent hours talking about my life in Brazil and her life in Germany. I had a hard time in my first months as an exchange student and she made me feel home for my last six months over there. It was really speacial for me, and I hope we can see each other in a better place. I also hope that I can see you again, you were always nice with me. You were living in Neaples, FL, and I guess we only see each other about 3 times, but it was always great. I still remember that I call me a lady man, because I got a GF when I was there and we had a few funny times with Cindy. I hope you are ok, I would love to talk to you again. I will try to find your e-mail or phone number, hopefully it will work. Huge hug for you and you family,

Gui (the exchange student from Brazil)

Gui Velloso - August 24, 2022 at 07:48 PM

JB

“ It has taken me over a week to respond I have lost a strong , powerful woman and not to forget kind , loving and funny friend. I spent the last 3 months helping her the best I knew how and found an unbelievably tough and independent person. We shared many stories , life adventures and fears. She has always been the sister I could talk to. Fly high Cindy and check on us often . Prayers and love to her husband, children and family. I will miss you terribly. But I will someday see you again.

judy barrick - November 30, 2021 at 11:02 PM

DS

“ We are so sadden to hear about Cindy’s passing. We moved to Germany in 1990 and we lived across the street from Cindy and Gary, They made us feel welcome living in a foreign country. Cindy was always considerate of others, loved traveling and enjoyed Life. She will be missed.

David and Debbie Spence

David Spence - November 28, 2021 at 10:13 PM

KC

“ Wow many many memories of fun times with Cindy over many many years. Birthday parties caroling parties. Lots and lots of great parties. Cindy is a great hostess with her co pilot Gary. So many laighs and fun times
So sad for her loss.

Kelly Carter - November 28, 2021 at 07:03 PM

PW

“ Gary, So very sorry for your loss , Prayers for you and your family!
Your old friend Paula Whorton.

paula whorton - November 27, 2021 at 01:56 PM

GH

“ GA and Rhonda, I was so sad to hear of Cindy’s death. I hate I let time and life separate us. We had such great times in high school and after. We shared so much growing up. Cindy was always so solid. Someone I could count on. I loved reading about her life and take great joy in the woman she was. Wow, such a special lady. I grieve that I missed her later years. My favorite memory of Cindy is me being carried on her back out of a concert where I apparently got a little too Lol. I could always count on her. My love and hugs are with you both.

Grace Hoffman - November 26, 2021 at 01:19 PM

JR

“ What a great lady to grow up with. And she always thought I made the best mud pies. She will be missed. Sympathy goes out to her family.

Judy riba - November 25, 2021 at 07:30 PM

RB

“ What a great person and friend. Thoughts and prayers to her loving family and friends.

Rita Berry - November 25, 2021 at 06:57 PM

LM

“ Cindy was an amazing woman with a HUGE heart, I enjoyed working for her the past 3 years. We spent countless hours working in the yard, the house and pool area and we shared plenty of laughs along the way. If I had to describe her it would be easy a TRUE humanitarian !!!!!
My deepest sympathy to GA, Rhonda and all who loved her.

Lisa Montgomery - November 24, 2021 at 01:48 PM

BB

“ GA, Rhonda, and family. I am so saddened to learn of Cindy's passing. It would be hard to share the many wonderful memories we shared from infancy through JMHS, and a few other times after College, when I visited Moundsville. Her visit with GA to Cape Cod years ago was very special to me and my family. Cindy was always there for others and her spirit will always be with us who knew her and shared a part of our life with her.

GA and Rhonda, our heartfelt sympathy with thoughts and prayers are with you and your families

Bo and Elaine Bokanovich

Bo Bokanovich - November 24, 2021 at 12:34 PM

JK

“ So sorry and saddened to open today's paper and see another person who I remember from my youth pass on. While I didn't know Cindy well , it appears she accomplished the goal everyone should have while on this earth. She made it a better place than when she got here. My thoughts and sympathy go out to all of her family, and the many friends I'm sure she made during her "brief" time on this earth.

Jay Knapp - November 24, 2021 at 11:57 AM

MH

“Cindy was my dearest friend. Whenever she would speak of her myeloma (which was rare) she would say, "I can't let that get me. I love life way too much to stop now. There's so much I want to do." And for 20 plus years she did exactly that. It always amazed me how she could work full time while taking chemo and still find time to volunteer for the Youth Center Her summers were spent seeing friends and family and going to concerts.

When she found out she couldn't have children, she fostered Jonathon and Michael. And long before that she and Gary considered Alan a son from the time he was a paper boy to present. She treated his children like grandkids. She took in others after Jonathon and Michael moved out.

Every time I spoke with Cindy she was planning on going someplace to listen to music be it in Wheeling or across the country. I'll never forget the time she and Gary drove from Florida to Wheeling to fly to Kansas City so we could drive to Denver to see a concert in Red Rocks. It was a great concert and we even squeezed in a mountain hike. On the road back we met up with our version of Bullwinkle. And time spent with Cindy was always an adventure full of fun, joy and laughter!

And so my heart is aching today. There's a huge hole in my life that this wonderful woman occupied. But at the same time I know that knowing her was such an incredible gift. She left a wake of joy, kindness, generosity and love everywhere she went. I will treasure her memory to the end of my days .

Gary, Rhonda, Jonathon, Michael, and Alan, you have my love and sympathy. And know you have an entire village that shares in your grief.

Martha Huffman - November 23, 2021 at 11:50 PM

GP

“ Way too many memories. High school and other times. Prayers 🙏 and support to family (Rhonda etc).

Guy Pryor - November 23, 2021 at 10:26 PM

SD

“ Cindy was my college roommate our first year at Marshall in 1974. It's amazing how that bond doesn't break over the years regardless of time, distance, and life's many paths from which to choose. Two years ago my mother passed away shortly before her 90th birthday. I haven't lived in the "panhandle" since 1974. Most of Mom's friends had already passed, but I brought her remains home to Wheeling to be buried beside dad and near her son, her sister, and her brother who were also buried there. I didn't expect anyone to be present at the service except my husband and daughters. As I was waiting at Lawrencefield Chapel near Oglebay for the service to begin, a few folks came. I watched as another car pulled up and there was Cindy and Gary. We hadn't seen each other in many years. Not only did she attend, she immediately invited us to her house nearby for lunch. We spent about two hours visiting with her and Gary. While many might think our college memories would be first in my mind, I can tell you that her genuine, sincere act of kindness will always be the first memory I have of Cindy. She stepped in at a time when I felt so very alone in a place I loved, my home among the hills of West Virginia.

Gary and Rhonda, please except my sincere sympathies on the loss of Cindy.

Sallie Price Dalton

Sallie Price Dalton - November 23, 2021 at 10:08 PM