



## Carolyn Sue Meyer (Ellwood)

October 31, 1940 - December 23, 2020

Carolyn Sue Meyer (Ellwood) passed away peacefully surrounded by her three children on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 in Saratoga Springs, NY, at the age of 80 years, from Lewy Body Dementia. Sue was born on Halloween, 1940 in Washington, PA to the late Bill and Florence Ellwood.

The Ellwood family relocated to Harborcreek, PA, early on in Sue's life, where she grew up and went to same high school where her father, Bill, coached the football team and taught agriculture. Sue attended Penn State University.

Sue was a fun-loving, charming, extrovert who can most readily be understood through her profound love of and commitment to family and friends. This started in her early years growing up as the oldest of 8 children, where 4 girls were followed by 4 boys in birth order. Sue and her 3 sisters formed close bonds that survived until her passing. Susie and her sisters often cared for and helped raise her younger siblings in their large family.

Sue met Robert (Bob) Meyer following her time in college, while they both worked at Hammermill Paper Company in Erie, PA. Sue and Bob married not too long after. Together, they had three children, Kirsten the eldest, Bob the middle and Karyn the youngest. Over their time together they moved a number of times due to Bob's career progression. The Meyer family made homes in Lockhaven, PA, Oswego, NY, Aberdeen, WA, Erie, PA, and Mercer

Island, WA. Sue's family life centered around supporting her husband's career and her children's athletic pursuits by travelling to swim meets, softball games, basketball games, baseball games, tennis matches and rowing regattas to cheer on her kids. Bob often coached the children's teams and Sue would be the team mother and seamstress sometimes making the team's uniforms. Sue and Bob also regularly attended high school, college and professional sports games in all the towns for which they lived. They had season tickets and were dedicated fans of the Seattle Seahawks and Super Sonics. Sue loved to listen to sports radio and to keep up with the latest in the sports world, along with shows like Dancing with the Stars and the Bachelor.

Sue remained actively physically and always maintained a large social circle. She enjoyed walking with friends, playing tennis, and bridge. Sue was always involved with her community, often through the local Presbyterian Church and local PEO chapter. She volunteered to build homes in other countries through Habitat for Humanity and served as a church Deacon. Her outgoing nature led her to make friends wherever she would go. Her children often joked that if you have 10 minutes, our mom will tell you her life story and get you started telling yours. Her children also noted that she not only kept tabs on their lives, but also remained current on the lives of her children's friends, grandchildren, grandchildren's friends, her friends' children, and friends of friends. Later in life, Sue maintained a close circle of friends on Mercer Island that she referred to as her Ya-Ya sisters after the popular book. She also made a number of close friends at both the Mercer Island Presbyterian Church and in her apartment complex. Sue helped all three of her children with the raising of her grandchildren and was very present in all of their lives from very early on.

Sue is survived by her three children, Kirsten (Steven) Ott, Bob (Miranda) Meyer and Karyn (Tony) Johnson; also surviving her grandchildren Max, Ellie and Sam (Kirsten); Zella and Rosie (Bob); Taylor and Payton (Karyn). Sue is also survived by her siblings Judy Ellwood, Charlotte Reid, Cindy Ellwood,

David Ellwood, Ed Ellwood and Scott Ellwood and all of their children, and their children's children. Her oldest brother, Bobby, passed away early in Sue's adult life while he was just in high school.

Memorial services will be held on Mercer Island, WA and in Erie, PA, where she will be laid to rest beside her husband, Bob, at a time when it is again safe to gather again. Details will be made broadly available once they can be appropriately planned. Donations on Sue's behalf can be made to Lewy Body Dementia Association Inc., 912 Killian Hill Road S.W., Lilburn, GA 30047 or Community Hospice of Saratoga Springs NY, 179 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Funeral arrangements under the direction of Amico Funeral Home, Gloversville, NY 12078. Online condolences to the family may be sent to [www.amicofuneralhome.com](http://www.amicofuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to learn of Sue's passing. I always enjoyed her friendly spirit and zeal for life. She was fun to play tennis with, and I fondly remember our times together at church over the years. I will miss her. May you find comfort in your memories of your dear mother and grandmother. God bless you all.



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**Susan Stanley** - January 18, 2021 at 01:52 AM

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*Thank you Susan. She indeed had a zest for life!*

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**kirsten ott** - January 20, 2021 at 07:49 AM