



Joy E. Long

October 8, 2022

Joy E. Long, 43, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Saturday, October 8th, 2022, into the loving arms of our savior, Jesus Christ. She was the daughter of the late Woody Long and Lynn Hertz Long.

Joy graduated from Penn Manor High School and continued her studies at LGH Nursing Program, where she graduated as a Registered Nurse then went on to Millersville University, where she graduated with honors, with a Bachelor of Science in nursing. Over the past 20 years, Joy worked in various jobs in nursing. Her most current job was at United Healthcare, where she considered many of her coworkers her extended family.

Joy was a headstrong and motivated woman with a keen sense of humor and a contagious laugh. She loved her family and friends and all animals, especially her two dogs, Sheriff and Minnie, who were her constant companions and she enjoyed going on walks with them.

She could speak and write in French and enjoyed reading, playing games, spending time, and sharing meals with loved ones, and learning about mostly anything. She also enjoyed taking martial art classes, traveling, and the beach. She was dearly loved and will be missed each day by all of us.

She is survived by Fawn A. and Lisa D. of Delaware. Tanya C., of Lancaster,

and Sandy J., of Lancaster, Also, a nephew, Andrew, a niece, Anna, and uncles, aunts and cousins.

Words cannot express how much the family truly appreciates all your prayers and kind thoughts and words.

In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the SPCA, your local women's shelter, or a volunteer fire company.

There will be no services at this time.

Tribute Wall

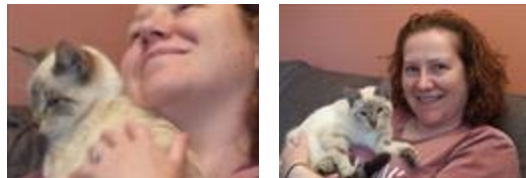
JM

“ I'm Jo Murphy. Joy was my best friend back in the day. We would go to Jack's in Millersville, PA. She and I would get into trouble. We'd never get caught. I was showing Joy how to sneak up on someone at Walmart. I was in the ARMY. I took a box of condoms and snuck it in the basket of a girl in the Lancaster Catholic high school uniform. I put it in the basket and her mom was wondering where that came from. We'd laugh around the corner. We would put m&m candy on layaway. I'll miss you Joy, but I share these stories with my wife and son here in North Carolina.

Joann Marie Murphy - February 20, 2025 at 01:02 PM

RS

“ Some pictures I have of Joy with Chowder; the cat she helped me acquire.



Robin Shilkret - July 03, 2024 at 03:55 PM

RS

“ I was a partner to Joy for a couple years (2015-2016) She was extremely loving, caring and fun!
I am so sad to hear of her passing. She was extremely intelligent and well read. I will always value the time we spent together. I wish I could give her family members a big hug. Please accept my condolences.

Robin Shilkret - June 20, 2024 at 08:18 AM



“ Joy E. Long

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ I am devastated..I just found out about this. I doubt Lyn and the sisters remember me but Joy was my first serious relationship back in 95 an 96 school year. She was a beautiful old soul that loved her family and friends. She had a great sense of humor and loved helping and making people laugh. My condolences to the whole family. I'm sure she's watching over all of us. Shaun Fisher

shaun Fisher - January 23, 2023 at 07:12 AM



“ To my sweet sister and her beautiful daughters- The loss of Joy overpowers my heart. You raised the most kind, sincere women now. I will remember them together--giggling, laughing at everything as secrets they only shared. I love you all dearly- Aunt Jean.

Jean M Targett - October 28, 2022 at 08:43 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Joy was a wonderful part of our work family; she was an amazing mentor always willing to help! I really enjoyed her stories of her fur family, she always made me laugh. She is missed daily and will remain in my thoughts forever.

Kayleen

Kayleen Pettee - October 25, 2022 at 08:15 AM

DG

“ Dear Lynn and girls, my deepest sympathy to you , my heart is breaking for all of you.
Prayers and peace
Dawn Gallagher(Hertz)

Dawn Gallagher - October 19, 2022 at 01:45 PM

LL

“ I remember when Joy wanted to start school so badly, she wasn't old enough but insisted we wait for the school bus. She was mad when the driver didn't stop. She was so happy on her first day of kindergarten, and she could go to school.

Lynn Long - October 18, 2022 at 08:43 PM

ME

Joy was my best friend and work mate for the past 7 years. She was the most caring, sweet and funny woman I have ever met. She knew when I was stressed at work and would ask if she could send me some funnies to make me laugh. She would send funny cartoons via our cell phones. I still go back thru them, and they still make me laugh. She sent me a special blanket when I was off work having hip surgery. Written on the blanket were all positives including family, happiness, sweet dreams, blessings and be yourself. I cherish that blanket. Over the years she would send me things and I her things. One time I wanted to send her some meat. I got it ready to send overnight frozen to her. It did arrive shortly, but it was thawed, but quite cold. Joy had to cook it all up at once.

Another time she sent me a plaque that said, "good morning, let the stress begin" and I hung it in front of my desk. Joy said she had a similar one in her kitchen.

She loved her dogs and sent me pics of them. Sheriff was the sweetest boy and had a great temperament, thanks to Joy raising him. She nursed her "torty" (tortoise shell color) cat to a ripe old age. I also have a torty cat and we shared conversation on our pets. Joy said she would dry some seeds from her yard to send me so I could plant them in my yard.

I planted 2 trees in my yard, one to commemorate Joy and one for me in the last 2 weeks. As she was my "wing man" and I was hers at work. Joy was fiercely protective of the people she loved.

When we figured out a case one of us would always say "two heads are better than one."

I sent her pics of making potato salad for my grandkid's grad party this past year. I way over made salad and we laughed about what to do with 50 lbs of potato salad!

I loved her dearly. I will never forget her and think of her every day. She was the best teammate anyone could have. I know she is finally free.

Mary Eder, her Wisconsin friend.

Mary Eder - October 30, 2022 at 04:14 PM

KP

I can not believe it has been over a year, we still think of you every day! I miss talking with you and I miss your laughter my friend!

Kayleen Pettee - October 26, 2023 at 11:20 AM