



## Lesya Blanchard

August 4, 2016

Lesya Blanchard (nee Bohdanivna Gritsina) of Manheim passed away unexpectedly at age 39 on 04 August 2016 in rural Pennsylvania. She was born near the steppes in Skalat, Ukraine to Bohdan and Oksana Gritsina. In 1991 Oksana and Lesya came to America. Here the mother remarried to become Oksana Kerod.

A graduate of Manheim Township High School, Lesya became a devoted wife, a no-nonsense mother and a disciple of the lyric Muse. Lesya and Kevin Blanchard became a family team through the fifteen years' discoveries of their marriage. They suffered the slings, arrows and frustrations of the New World in a constant pendulum with the infant joys of parenthood's lullabies. Team Blanchard journeyed epically from the Atlantic States through Appalachia into the Deep South and unto the formidable Rockies. There they enjoyed hiking, orienteering and rock-climbing. Lesya took much solace from playing the domra and reading; her most memorable book was Quo Vadis.

As their discoveries grew, so did their family. In addition to her parents she is survived by her: four sons Nazarii, Jullian and the bonus twins Bailey and Bohdon, grandmother Yaroslawa Vasylyshyn, step-father Adrian Kerod, her brothers Andrii Gritsina and Oleksander Kerod, brother in law Scott Blanchard and many other family members in the United States and the Ukraine. She was preceded in death by her husband Kevin Blanchard.

We, as Lesya's family, would like to thank all the friends and professional providers on whose prayers and guidance she could rely for her body and soul through thick and thin.

Friends and family are respectfully invited to attend Lesya's Memorial Service at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 West Orange Street, (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts), Lancaster, PA 17603 on Friday, August 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. Andriy Raby of St. Andrew Ukrainian Catholic Church officiating. The family will greet friends from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers a Memorial Fund for Lesya's children has been established at Lanco Federal Credit Union, 349 W. Roseville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601.

# Cemetery Details

## Mellinger Mennonite Cemetery

Lincoln Hwy East  
Greenfield Road  
Lancaster, PA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**AUG 12.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lesya Blanchard*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I just found out today, Lesya I love you. Boys ALL of you know I'm here foR YOU ALWAYS AND ANYTIME FOREVER LITTLE BROTHERS*

Ashley Byrd - April 25, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ *To Lesya' s family,  
My sincerest condolences on the passing of Lesya. I was a classmate of hers from MTHS and I had many classes with her. I remember well when she first came to the US and we were in Middle School together. She played the doma so beautifully! We are praying for all of you and especially her children. God Bless!*

Missy Snoko Landis - August 16, 2016 at 08:10 PM



“ *Dear Oksana,  
Please accept our deepest and most sincere condolences. It is with great sadness that we learned the news about Lesya. May you and your family have great strength during this difficult time. Our thoughts are with you and we send you much love. Vichnaya pam'yat'.  
Asya z rodynoyu.*

Ivanna Reed - August 12, 2016 at 01:57 PM

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“ Oksana,  
We are so sorry to learn of the passing of your lovely daughter and we wish to extend our sympathy to you and your family. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.  
Robin and Hib Robertson

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**John Robertson** - August 12, 2016 at 09:03 AM

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“ Oksana,  
David, Alex, Carly and I are devastated for you. We have your entire family in our thoughts and prayers and are here to help in any way we can.  
Love  
The Woods

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**Lisa Wood** - August 11, 2016 at 02:14 PM

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Dear Oksana,  
We were very saddened to hear about the passing of your daughter, Lesya. Please accept our deepest condolences. May God give you strength during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.  
Vichnaya pamyat.  
Oksana, Taras and Ksenia Kulynych

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**Oksana Kulynych** - August 14, 2016 at 10:09 AM