



Marilyn M. Mercein

January 30, 2026

Marilyn M. (Lynn) Mercein, 83, of Lancaster, PA passed away peacefully on Friday, January 30, 2026. She was surrounded by family. Lynn was born in Evanston, IL and raised in Winnetka, IL. She was predeceased by her parents Richard Dean Mason and Alice (Eckman) Mason.

Lynn graduated from New Trier H.S. and earned her bachelor's degree in mathematics from Smith College. She was married for 22 years to Chuck Mercein, her high school sweetheart. Together they raised their four children in Scarsdale, New York. She was a beloved math teacher at the Ursuline School in New Rochelle, NY. Lynn was a great athlete, playing tennis and softball in addition to a lifetime love of golf. She was a perennial semi-finalist in the Women's golf championship at the Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck.

After 27 years in Scarsdale, Lynn moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to be closer to her daughter K. Kay and her family. She showed remarkable resilience, restarting her life and enjoying a successful second career in retail, rising to a manager of the Gap Outlet store and at Ralph Lauren. Lynn loved her volunteer work at the Overlook Golf Course as a Course Marshall and as a tutor for Milagro House in Lancaster.

Lynn's greatest joy was cheering for her grandchildren. Her passion was

evident in the stands of their many sporting events and other activities. She loved brain teaser games such as Wordle, Sudoku, Words with Friends and Scrabble. She was a big fan of Barry Manilow, Bud Light, peanut butter and bacon.

Lynn is survived by her children, Tommy Mercein (Lynne) of Darien, CT, K. Kay Mercein Mann (Arthur) of Lancaster, Suzanne M. Walters (Brian) of Pittsburgh and Jenny Mercein (Ryder Thornton) of New Orleans. She is also survived by her sister, Patricia Schultz (Charles) of Mahtomedi, MN and her grandchildren, Kasey Mann, Emily Mann (Colin Derdeyn), Carolyn Mann, Tommy Mann, Ben Mann, Charlie Mercein, Andrew Mercein, Elise Mercein, Michael Mercein, Sarah Walters, Tim Walters, J.P. Walters, Katherine Walters and Eliza Thornton, and her great grandchild, C.J. Derdeyn.

The family will have a celebration of Lynn's life in the spring.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Milagro House at www.milagrohouse.org/donate or mailed to 941 Wheatland Avenue, Suite 205, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Tribute Wall

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“Lynn was one of those rare people who leaves a permanent mark on your life without even trying. She was my manager at Gap Outlet and Banana Republic Factory Store, and she shaped me in ways I still see every day — including teaching me how to calculate percentages in my head faster than I thought possible. Yay math!

She was caring, steady, and an incredible listener. If someone was struggling or down on their luck, Lynn was the person who showed up. She helped more people than most of us will ever know. She had a deep empathy that made you feel seen and understood.

We shared a love for The West Wing, and I'll always smile thinking about the watch parties we went to together. She adored her kids and told the best stories about them — always with pride, always with joy.

There was something magnetic about Lynn. She made people better just by being herself. I think of her often, and I know she will be deeply missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her.

Angie Lewandowski - February 11 at 09:21 PM

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Guenna - February 13 at 07:07 PM

GW

“ I worked with Lynn at Gap Outlet for many years. She was truly an amazing woman, and treated all of us like family. Lynn was a cheerleader for everyone, but wasn't afraid to hand out some tough love when we needed it. She hosted great parties with plenty of Bud Light and sausage & green peppers. Peace and love to Lynn's family, all of whom she loved more than anything.

Guenna Wright - February 10 at 05:19 PM

LM

“ I worked with Lynn at the Gap Outlet. While she was technically my boss, she was my friend. She was always someone you could count on to listen, support, give advice, and make you laugh. Lynn loved her family more than anything and we loved hearing stories about them. She was one of the best and will be greatly missed.

Lindsay McElhenny - February 09 at 08:45 AM

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Guenna Wright - February 10 at 05:19 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers to Lynn's family. She was a very dear friend and I have many fond memories of our times at OLGA!

Her love and pride of her grandchildren was amazing
Lynn is now at peace and her eternal light will shine forever.

marge trout - February 08 at 08:57 AM

DM

“ Lynn and I played in the Overlook golf league and marshalled together at Overlook. We always laughed and discussed what was going on at the time. Never a dull moment with her. I will miss her friendship and humor. There is no one else like her. Lynn will be loved and remembered always. Deb May

Debra May - February 05 at 10:08 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn M. Mercein.



February 03 at 10:32 AM

BM

“ The Mitchell family treasures the very BEST memories. On or off our tennis court. In Florida, or Scarsdale. Super Bowl gathering. Lynne was the brightest light, full of fun and laughter and kindness. Our hearts are with her family, may your memories be such a blessing, may her great joy continue to live on in you. Hugs and love, from Bonnie

Bonnie Brooke Mitchell - February 02 at 08:23 PM

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Lynn şçiñçewill be mimssed she was a friend since high-school I have special memories of my time with her...she always beat me at Golf. Hugs for Lynn.

Lawrence Struggles - February 05 at 08:26 PM

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Lynn was such a kind and friendly person. Playing golf at Overlook was special because of her. Sharing times at Penn State playing golf with Lynn and others was the best! My condolences to her family. Please know that she loved and cherished each of you.

Marsha Fisher - February 08 at 12:41 PM