



Amy Lynn Cunningham

April 29, 1945 - September 11, 2018

Amy Lynn (Lindsey) Cunningham died peacefully on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. She was at home surrounded by family and her well loved cat, Scarlet. Amy is survived by Scarlet, whom she often described as her favorite child. She is also survived by her devoted husband, Joe Cunningham, of the home. Amy deeply loved and was adored by her grandchildren, Benjamin, Parker and Ryan Rahman, Kirstin and Megan Cunningham, Chris and Marla Felts. She also leaves behind one brother, Bill Lindsey and is mourned by her children, Holly Chance, Brad and Robert Hudson; stepchildren, Joey Cunningham and Mitzi Elliot. Amy also will be profoundly missed by her devoted caregiver, Stephanie DeWitt, as well as a host of other close friends and family.

Amy Lynn Lindsey Cunningham was born April 29, 1945 in Calico Rock, Arkansas to Helen Margaret Caple and James Lindsey. As a youth Amy was well known for her athletic ability and was one of very few basketball guards to be named "most athletic". Amy was married at the age of 19 to Robert Hudson and it was this union which produced her three biological children. This marriage would end in divorce after 8 years. Amy, then aged 28, moved with her three very young children from Mississippi to Arkansas, where she took her very first job outside the home while she simultaneously raised her children as a single parent. Within two years Amy met Joe Cunningham who described her as "the most beautiful women he had ever seen". Joe (soon to be known as Peep, after being named that by his grandson, Ben) adored Amy

and always treated her as the most beautiful woman in the world for the entirety of their 45 year marriage.

On October 20, 1994 Amy was the victim of a hit and run driver and was left a quadriplegic. She was supported and cared for by a host of friends and family, but her primary caregiver for the rest of her life would be her adoring husband, Joe Cunningham-Peep.

Amy loved her friends tremendously and was known among her friends and colleagues as a fun, feisty, sassy friend, who was also generous, giving, and compassionate. She was blessed with numerous close friendships which endured throughout her life.

Amy's primary focus was her grandchildren. She was supremely close to each of them and worked, with Peep's loving help, to maintain strong and bonded relationships with them. In spite of the enormous difficulty she had with travel, she (Nana) and Peep made the trip to Springfield, Missouri approximately every 3-4 weeks to visit her grandsons. Being a Nana was the center of her life and she was, without exception, the best Nana in the world. She will be deeply missed by so many friends and family but her loss will profoundly affect her grandchildren . They adored their Nana and she will continue to live her life shining on through each of them.

There will be a visitation held at Powell Funeral Home Friday evening from 6-8pm. Amy's Memorial Service will also be at Powell Funeral Home on Saturday, September 15 at 10:00am. A private graveside service for close family and friends only will be held in Calico Rock, Arkansas, Saturday at 2:00pm.

Arrangements by Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **14.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Homes - Searcy
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-7220

Funeral Service

SEP **15.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

“ My mother died a year ago today, following a lengthy battle fought valiantly against complications of her nearly-24 years of quadriplegia. I'm tremendously relieved that Mom is no longer in pain and discomfort, and that she is no longer forced to endure the daily frustrations and indignities associated with her condition. She was "fortunate" to have been given attentive, kind, and knowledgeable care for the years following her accident. Joe Cunningham, her selfless and loving husband, and Stephanie DeWitt, her loyal caregiver who went above and beyond at every opportunity, provided Mom with the best healthcare possible. Their love and dedication for Mom continues to amaze me and I will always regard their treatment of Mom as one of the most profound life lessons I've ever received; I'll remember their loyalty, love, and generosity as long as I'm blessed to have life.

I, personally, have endured one of the worse years of my life. I think that's probably typical following the death of close family members, regardless of the complexity of the relationship. I miss my Mom for reasons and with a depth I had no idea how to handle. I made mistakes, some of which appear to be unforgivable to the people I regrettably hurt. I apologize for all of those mistakes. Mostly, though, I miss my mother. I miss talking to her about my children.... our boys were our greatest bond and we could spend hours dissecting every minute segment of their lives. Mom: Ben graduated and landed a remarkable, highly competitive job and he gets to stay (right down the street from me) in KC. You would be crazy proud of him. Parker is doing very well and is a senior, conducting his very own complicated biochem research project. You would want to hear every word about it. And Ryan is in the process of applying and hearing back from medical schools... such an exciting time for him! He's still in a serious relationship and oh how I wish I could share all of that with you.

I'm doing very well and I've made exponential strides in re-establishing my career following raising my kids and handling less exciting set backs. I think you would be proud of me.

I love you. I miss you. I've learned so much about both of us this past year. You were the best mom to me that you ever could have

been. I'm grateful it was you. Love, Holly

Holly Chance - September 11, 2019 at 03:51 PM

BR

Holly: Your devotion to your mother is marvelously transparent. She loves knowing about how well her grandsons, your sons, are doing. She appreciates your honesty and your candor. She loves you. She loves your boys. She loves her grand daughters. She loves Joe. Your loving husband shares these thoughts.

Brad - September 14, 2019 at 07:32 PM

SE

“ Joe, I just found out that your precious Amy passed away. I always said a prayer for both of you when I drove by your house. You have been an amazing husband and caregiver and God will have your reward when you see Amy again in Heaven. Love and deep sympathy to you and your family.

*Sincerely,
Sue Ekdahl*

Sue Ekdalh - September 16, 2018 at 09:46 AM

KW

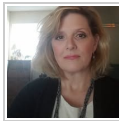
“ The most sweetest teacher. I remember her beautiful smile and kindness.

Kathy Williams - September 15, 2018 at 07:03 PM

RK

“ I was so sorry to hear of Amy Lynn's passing. We grew up together in Calico Rock; played together as children. One day we decided we wanted some ice cream & we were going to make our own money to buy it. (cost probably .05 cents at that time). So we hiked all over the rocks & picked poke greens, (you could, of course, go out your back door & pick them), then we went door to door (at that time 10 year olds could go all over town w/o fear), selling it. We made enough for an ice cream bar for each of us & decided that was enough. Had many good times together, & although we lost touch after we both married & moved away from Calico I always considered her a dear friend. My prayers go out to her family for peace & comfort. Remember the good times. Rebecca Kerr Kemp

Rebecca Kerr Kemp - September 15, 2018 at 10:18 AM



Thank you. The memory you shared sounds exactly like my mom ❤️
Holly

Holly Chance - January 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Amy Lynn Cunningham.



September 14, 2018 at 01:58 PM

SF

“ Sawyer and The Kling Family purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of Amy Lynn Cunningham.



Sawyer and The Kling Family - September 14, 2018 at 11:16 AM

RR

“ Amy was an amazing woman and a huge inspiration to everyone who knew her. She didnt let anything stop her from doing what she wanted to do. She made you want to be a better person. She will be greatly missed. Prayers for her family!



Rebecca Harvey, RN - September 14, 2018 at 10:20 AM

JB

Joe, your steadfast love and care for Amy is amazing and rare. So is Amy, who was a woman who could inspire such deep and abiding devotion. Yours is a genuine love story.

Judy Bishop - September 18, 2018 at 12:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Amy Lynn Cunningham.



September 13, 2018 at 04:08 PM

MS

“ *Marquita Schneider lit a candle in memory of Amy Lynn Cunningham*



Marquita Schneider - September 13, 2018 at 04:01 PM

LP

“ *Lynn Van Patten lit a candle in memory of Amy Lynn Cunningham*



Lynn Van Patten - September 13, 2018 at 02:46 PM

RR

“ *Rose Bailey, RN lit a candle in memory of Amy Lynn Cunningham*



Rose Bailey, RN - September 13, 2018 at 01:16 PM

MM

“ *Was a wonderful teacher. Loved her*

Mary (Williams) McGowan - September 13, 2018 at 12:12 PM

DO

“ *I met Amy when we worked at Pangburn School. She was a sweet lady and always smiling when I saw her. Praying for all of you.*

Donna Odum - September 13, 2018 at 09:47 AM

CJ

“ I met Amy right after she moved to Searcy. She was a wonderful loving lady. Thank you Joe for the love and care you gave her. She has left a beautiful legacy.

Connie Ennis Johnston - September 12, 2018 at 05:49 PM

BE

“ Mrs. Cunningham was the senior sponsor of my graduating class of 1973. She was a wonderful teacher and a friend to all of us. Rest in peace.
Bobbie (Barger)Evans



Bobbie Evans - September 12, 2018 at 05:38 PM



“ When I was a kid, Amy was married to my older brother. I was in love with her. She was very kind to me. My memories of her her are of laughter and beauty.

David Hudson - September 12, 2018 at 04:35 PM

DC

I always remember Amy with a smile on her face, no matter what. Joe is a saint for all the love and care her for so long. God bless this family.

Dawn Jennings Cox - September 12, 2018 at 07:49 PM