



## Lyn L. Smith-Miller

March 1, 1961 - February 7, 2020

GROTON: Lyn L. Smith-Miller, 58, a resident of Groton for over twenty years and most recently of Tyngsboro, succumbed to cancer Friday, February 7, 2020 at Community Hospice House, Merrimack, NH.

Lyn was born in Newton, Iowa, March 1, 1961, a daughter of the late Hugh C. and Jewel (Deaton) Smith and was a graduate of Newton High School, Newton, Iowa. She continued her education at University of Northern Iowa and was currently enrolled in the Graduate Sports Management program at Northeastern University, Boston.

She leaves her husband of 28 years, E. Geoffrey Miller and her sister, Terri Ann Smith of Washington.

In 2015 she was predeceased by her daughter, Erin C. Smith-Miller of Groton. Lyn spent much of her career working as an Athletic Director. She began in Louisiana before moving to Massachusetts where she worked in that capacity at Dedham Country Day School and most recently at Nashoba Brooks School in Concord.

She enjoyed the outdoors, especially hiking and mountain climbing in Vermont with her two dogs and was an avid Boston Celtics fan. Lyn was also an avid traveler and enjoyed good food, music, and theatre.

Lyn was passionate about Woman's Rights believing that advocating for change was advocating for humanity. She strived to make the world better than she found it.

Following the death of her daughter, Lyn and her husband became engaged

with the Megan's House, a home for young women recovering from substance abuse and were instrumental in the formation of Erin's Success House, where girls in recovery could live while reentering the workforce and taking the next steps in their path to recovery.

Funeral services for Lyn will be held 11 AM Friday, February 14, 2020 at Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd., (Rte 2A) Ayer. Please see [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com) for additional information or to leave an on line condolence.

Lyn's family will receive family and friends on Friday from 10 AM until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions may be made Erin's Success House, c/o The Megan House Foundation, 100 Merrimack Street Suite 301 D, Lowell, MA 01852.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer  
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A  
Ayer, MA 01432  
(978) 772-2355

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

GE

“ Lyn

*Happy Birthday - I am thinking of you and missing you very much, today and each day but I treasure the memories we shared and the laughter and special times we celebrated each year. This would have been your 59th and I celebrating this day with you in my heart and in spirit. I hope you and Erin are in a special and peaceful place and looking down on me and Terri as we wish you happy birthday. I love you always .*

*Your life partner and husband - Geoff*

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**Geoff** - March 01, 2020 at 12:41 PM

SW

“ Words of sympathy

*February 9, 2020*

*Shauna Thomaswick Wujek wrote a sympathy message*

*“I was the women's swimming coach at the university of northern iowa in the early 80s. Lyn was one of my swimmers. She was a high energy, fun, caring, and sweet individual to coach. I was so very sorry to hear of her passing from her dear friend, cindy, who was another of my swimmers. My deepest sympathies go to her family and friends. May your memories of her bring you comfort and peace in the coming days as you move forward in life without her by your side. Shauna thomaswick wujek”*

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**Shauna Wujek** - February 13, 2020 at 10:59 PM

RV

“ *Lyn and I always shared the craziest comments to each other at school. She gave me a goofy plaque to hang in my office that I looked at every day. She was so loved by her students and several close faculty members, me included. I think of her now and then since I moved to NC in 2018, and now big time! Rachelle Vachon*



Rachelle Vachon - February 13, 2020 at 06:56 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Lyn L. Smith-Miller.*



February 12, 2020 at 07:02 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Lyn L. Smith-Miller.*



February 11, 2020 at 08:27 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Lyn L. Smith-Miller.*



February 11, 2020 at 10:19 AM

MA

“ Mrs. Smith Miller was an amazing role model to me in middle school; she was really funny and always filled with joy. She was one of the first people to encourage me to enjoy running, something I am so passionate about now. She saw potential in others that they did not see it in themselves, and cultivated it. Mrs. Smith Miller I feel so thankful to know have known you <3

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**Maya** - February 11, 2020 at 12:03 AM

 Jacqueline Gottesman

“ Your bright eyes and smile are now lighting up the Heavens alongside your beautiful daughter's. May you rest in peace knowing that you are loved and that you inspired so many of us with your great sense of humor, your down to Earth nature and your unyielding hope for better things to come. Shine on, Lyn. ❤️ Jacky Gottesman

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**Jacqueline Gottesman** - February 10, 2020 at 06:44 PM

KT

“ My heart is broken and there are too many great memories (dating back to 6th grade!) to even begin to share. Lyn - you made the mold, and then you broke it. You taught me to take the bull by the horns and stand up for myself. If I can find any consolation in your leaving, it's only that you'll finally have peace and rest. The candle that burns the brightest burns the fastest.

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**Kelly Anspach Terlouw** - February 10, 2020 at 12:12 PM

FM

“ *From Nashoba Brooks Class of 2010 Moms purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Lyn L. Smith-Miller.*



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**From Nashoba Brooks Class of 2010 Moms** - February 10, 2020 at 11:33 AM

CW

“ *Rest in Peace, Lyn. You were a true partner for the parents of your students at Nashoba Brooks. Anne, Grace, and I will never forget you.*  
*Chris Woodford*

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**Chris Woodford** - February 10, 2020 at 10:37 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Lyn L. Smith-Miller.*



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February 10, 2020 at 08:21 AM

RH

“ *Lyn imparted a sense of hard won accomplishment to my tentative-athlete daughters. She inspired them to strive with awkward tween coordination, and rewarded them with genuine warmth and the great gift of self confidence. She leaves a bit of her best self in each of them . . . and so many like them.*

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**rosa hallowell** - February 10, 2020 at 12:25 AM

AS

“ *Rest In Peace, Lyn. Thank you for all the times you made us laugh and all the times you insisted on the truth.* ”



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**Anne Shaughnessy** - February 09, 2020 at 08:31 PM