



Amy Orr Lear

June 19, 1939 - September 27, 2020

Amy Orr Lear, age 81 of Lewes, DE passed away on Sunday, September 27, 2020 at her home from complications of Alzheimer's. She was born in 1939 in Wilmington, DE, daughter of the late William P. and Amy (Kirkpatrick) Orr.

Amy attended school in Buenos Aires, Argentina, the Westover School in Conn., Bradford College, and graduated as a registered nurse from the Wilmington City Hospital School of Nursing. She worked as an oncology nurse, and IV infusion specialist, a hospice nurse, and possibly her favorite, camp nurse for Alford Lake Camp, Hope, Maine. Amy was intensely interested in all aspects of healing.

Amy retired to live in Lewes, DE, home to the Orr family for generations. In Lewes she continued to breed and raise shitzus, spend time on the beach, volunteer at Beebe Hospital, serve on the board of the Irene P. Sorbara Foundation, have coffee regularly with a special group of Lewes friends, and visit her children and grandchildren as often as possible. Amy was a member of St Peter's Episcopal Church, Lewes. She will be remembered as a quiet and gentle person (despite her very dry sense of humor), a good neighbor, a loving mother and grandmother, and devoted partner.

In addition to her parents, Amy was preceded in death by her son, Rob. She is survived by her partner, Diane Dombach; her daughters: Amy Piergiovanni (Joseph) of Havertown, PA, Margi Lear-Greensburg (Jeffrey) of Chicago, IL, and Mary Lear of Seattle, WA; her grandchildren: Joseph, Catherine, and Skyla; her brothers: William Orr of NJ and John Orr of NY; her sister, Perry Drevo of OR; her nephews: Sam and Rich; her nieces: Emily and Sarah; her several cousins; and her partner's family: Ed and Peggy, Pamela, Brett and Samatha, Matt and Dawn, Brian and Mandy, Brandon, Morgan, and Cole Dombach.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, a celebration of Amy's life will be held at a later date (likely at King's Ice Cream).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Amy's memory to Saved Souls

Animal Rescue, c/o Nicole Strike, 91 Bryan Drive, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, or to PayPal at savedsoulsanimalrescue@gmail.com, or to any charity of choice.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

Comments



“ Because of Mary I was lucky enough to meet Amy and Diane back in 1993 when I rode my bike through Lancaster. I just remember how warm and wonderful both of them were & also so welcoming to me in their home. I can't imagine how many patients and their caregiver's lives she touched throughout her nursing career. Extending my deepest sympathy to everyone in the family during this tender time of grief.
What a beautiful woman and spirit. I love the photos you have posted of her. Take good care of yourselves and may memories help comfort you during this difficult time.

Jane Hammett - October 18, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ Memories of Amy go back many years when she lived in School Lane Hills, was supportive to Junior League endeavors and as a most capable player on the tennis courts. I remember her as a very fine person and felt privileged to know her. My heartfelt sympathy to Amy's entire family.

Deborah Benson Everett - October 04, 2020 at 03:33 PM



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Margi - October 03, 2020 at 10:45 AM



“ Diane and family. We are so sorry for your loss. Amy was a dear friend both personally and professionally in Nursing. She always had the utmost care and love for her clients. We fell in love with her Shih tzus and got our Kelsey for our daughter Meghan. Her kind soul and love of life was amazing. She will be missed. Peg, Don and Meghan Jahnke.

Peg/Margaret Jahnke - October 02, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ Dear Family Members

I have many fond memories of Amy when you lived on Wilson Drive and attended Buchanan School. Your Mom was a quiet standout with everyone who knew her. Her friendship and steadfast help with the Fulton Guild was invaluable to me. Ron and I are sorry for your loss. Fondly, Dee and Ron Smith

Dee Smith - October 01, 2020 at 10:49 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Amy for the time she spent doing home care in Lancaster. She was truly a special lady. We not only shared that desire to help others, we also shared the love of Shitzus. Have thought about her often since she retired and always with pleasant thoughts.

Suzanne Hostetter

Suzanne Hostetter - October 01, 2020 at 05:15 PM



“ To Diane, Amy's family, and Diane's family, I am so sad to hear of Amy's passing. May you all find comfort in your memories and the knowledge that there are so many who truly care about you, while keeping you all, and especially Amy, close in our hearts.

Carol Potts

Carol Potts - October 01, 2020 at 04:00 PM



“ Dear Diane. I am so sorry to read of Amy's passing. Although we lost contact over the years, I fondly remember fun times at your home in Millersville, her kind personality and all your adorable Shih Tzus. Sending hugs across the miles along with my deepest sympathy.

Deb Mastros
Newport Beach, California

deb mastros - October 01, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ What a delight it was knowing Amy. She radiated joy and her easy laugh was unforgettable. We'll miss knowing she's "just down the road". Sending you and Amy's family our love and sincere condolences, Diane. May you find peace and comfort in the wonderful memories you all shared with Amy.
Mark and Marilyn Bernheisel

Marilyn and Mark Bernheisel - October 01, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ I am sad to hear of Amy's death. She was a kind and gentle soul. My sympathy to you, Dianne, a strong and caring person. May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Julie Jones, MD

Julie Jones, MD - October 01, 2020 at 12:58 PM



“ We remember the fun of being with Amy and family around PTA activities at Buchanan Elementary. Amy was such a positive person. Our sympathy to Amy's daughters and her partner Diane.

Trudy and Barry Brandt

Trudy and Barry Brandt - October 01, 2020 at 09:29 AM



“ You will be missed my dear friend. We will remember our get together's fondly, we had many laughs. Thanks for the memories
Kathleen McGinn And Paulette Day

Kathleen McGinn - September 30, 2020 at 09:16 PM