



Lesley Marie Kelling

October 16, 2021

Lesley Marie Kelling peacefully slipped away, surrounded by her beloved family, after an 18-month battle with Mantle Cell Lymphoma, on Saturday, October 16, 2021, at the young age of 56. She was the dear wife of Thomas J. Ochnikowski and the very proud Mother of Rory Kelling (Emily Faer) and Phillip White (Katarina Stanley), and Luke White (Virginia). Lesley was also the beloved middle sister of Lisa Greco (David Kocol) and Maria Kelling. She was the proud Auntie of Jacob Shatto, his wife Summer, and daughter Lily. Her family is especially thankful for the love and support of Aunties and Uncles Joan & Clyde Bingman, Nancy Smith, James & Dianne Farley, and Phillip & Margaret Farley. She will be so missed by a true multitude of cousins, Aunties, Uncles, classmates, co-workers, neighbors, her Milwaukee, Lake Geneva & Chicago Scoot Jockey Gangs, and her University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Family.

A Life Celebration Open House will take place on Saturday, November 6th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Northshore Funeral Services.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a memorial contribution to help support Lesley's family during this difficult time: <https://everloved.com/life-of/lesley-kelling/>

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew her in South Carolina. We quickly became super close friends. She had a great sense of humor. My husband had deployed on the USS Wainwright. We were always hanging out together and some other wives from the boat. We'd play Penny poker just for fun with the other wives. The laughs, tears, and even fears we shared. Fears like Hurricane Hugo. We both (& my daughter) stayed with our ombudsman . She had a basement. Good thing too. Lesley at the time didn't have children. She had 2 dogs. I'm pretty sure they were Chows. So it was our ombudsman, her boys, myself, my daughter Jaclyn, Lesley & her dogs. I especially remember when the washer and dryer started vibrating really hard and the 3 of us women quickly layed ourselves across the children and the dogs. The sounds, the vibrations, trees snapping, ... things that still frighten me to this day. Anything above a Cat 2 I'm elbows and ... ,you know the rest. After the 6 mo. cruise everyone kinda scattered to the winds, people transferred, back to work... then my family transferred to VA. for 1 year and shortly after we got back from there, we transferred to Bermuda for 3 yrs. Saw Lesley once after we returned to SC in 1995. She'd had a beautiful daughter, going through an unfortunate divorce. We visited for a short while that day. And poof... just like that we were out of touch again. My eldest daughter remembers her. All these years, and when I started going through saved Christmas cards from this past decade I came across a photo postcard (she was a wonderful photographer) of her cutie Rachel and that's when today when I finally remembered THAT ex's name I saw Lesley Marie and happily clicked on it.... ran for a refill of coffee imaging all the many stories we'd have to tell. Got back to my phone, saw my gorgeous friend's face, that familiar smile and have not stopped crying since. I hope she thought of me from time to time. I'm truly so happy and thankful she found happiness, had more children.... I hope her sisters, parents, and her spouse and everyone else are doing fine. I'm crushed. Just a mess. I promise to keep her memory in my heart & in all my prayers. Lesley, if you're here with me now, please forgive me for lost years. I 🙏 will never forgot you. I wish so much we'd have met again and pick up right where'd we left off. I miss you dear friend. I truly, truly miss you, but

I'm certain you already knew. One day when we say "see you soon," We will.Until then....Mizpah. Love Always, Lisa Marie Harnois, & (still the Ole ball & chain) Eric

Lisa Marie Harnois - December 08, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“*Dear Lesley, you will be so greatly missed. I regret to say I will be out of town for the service but would most certainly be there to hug you all. I am disbelief that she lost her battle. I was so confident she would pull through. God called her home all too soon. May it bring you all comfort to know she is at peace now.*

Mary Jo Herrick - October 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“*Beth, Jennifer, Joseph, and Jackie sending our sincere condolences. We planted a tree in honor of Lesley. We will miss her bright smile and fun nature!! Sending love and hugs to all family, cousins, friends, and all. God Bless.*

Kelling Beth - October 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“*Lesley was a very special woman, whos light we lost far too soon.I loved that girl like a sister. We had so many good times together over the years.She will be sadly missed, often in my thoughts, and always, always in my heart.My prayer is that Luke, Rory, and Phillip will find peace and comfort in their memories of her - she loved you boys above all else, and was so very proud of all of you! Words can't express how deeply sorry I am for your loss.Tom, Lisa and Maria, Uncle Phil and Aunt Margaret, Uncle Clyde and Aunt Joan - and so many others who loved her and were there for her - you were her pillars of strength!My condolences to all.*

Amy - October 21, 2021 at 12:00 AM