



Melinda Scott Krei

June 13, 2019

On Thursday, June 13th, 2019, Melinda Scott Krei passed away after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her husband Ken Krei, their son Andrew Krei, and their daughter-in-law Margaret (Barr) Krei. Born December 28, 1953, Melinda was the only child of Raymond and Hettie Scott of Scotts Hill, Tennessee. On March 23, 1974, Melinda married Ken in Jackson, Tennessee. She resided in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for the past sixteen years, and previously in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and other places around the country. As a lifelong teacher and educator, she was active in education policy development, curriculum issues, and resource allocation in education systems. She received her undergraduate degree from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee, multiple master's degrees from University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, and her Doctor of Philosophy degree from Columbia University, New York. Melinda was an adjunct professor at Union University, teaching classes in education policy, and advising doctoral students on dissertations. She was also a Trustee and Board Chair of McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois, and a past committee member of the City of Milwaukee Charter School Review Committee. Also, she was a member of the President's Council at Teachers College, Columbia University. Her love of travel took her around the globe to many destinations where she observed new cultures and had wonderful experiences. From Europe and Scandinavia, to Africa and Asia, she explored many countries and made friends in most every place. A memorial service for Melinda will be held on

Saturday, June 29th, at 1:30pm, at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee. After the service, everyone is invited to a reception at 3pm, at the Woman's Club of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to Immanuel Presbyterian Church, the Milwaukee Art Museum, or McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Service & Reception Info

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Tribute Wall

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“ Ken I am sure you do not remember me but I recently heard about your wife's passing and I just wanted to express my condolences I met her when I was in employee of M and I and Her and my wife I remember had a conversation about interior designers and I just wanted to express my condolences and obviously she was taken well before her time but I hope you and your son are doing OK and I just wanted to express my sincere condolences Jay Lakritz from formally M and I Corporation

Jay N. Lakritz - July 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Melinda was a Lady. Perfect manners, always looking elegant, even in jeans. A gourmet cook, with hundreds of cookbooks she actually used. A PhD, who was interested in everything, and read continually. She knew so much, but would never make you feel stupid. Most of all, she was a friend, that lit up my life. The world is a darker place without her

Susan Warrington - June 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Oh, Ken, Andrew and Margaret, I am so sad to read of Melinda's death. What a delightful and inspiring colleague she was. I knew she was terribly ill, and suffering, through Lon and Mary. At least that is over for her, but now a new sort of suffering begins for you. My prayers and love to all of you at this sad time. However, as time passes, the joyful memories will surface. They, fortunately, have a wonderful way of doing that. May they return soon. Much love to all three of you, Becky Knack

Rebecca and Wallson Knack - June 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *What a beautiful person she was. So happy to have had her in my life. Will miss her greatly.* ”

Mary - June 21, 2019 at 12:00 AM