



## Lynn Ellen Heidinger-Brown

August 29, 1946 - June 1, 2020

Lynn Ellen Heidinger-Brown, passed away on June 1, 2020 at her home in Edwardsville. She was 73. She was born on August 29, 1946 in North Arlington, New Jersey, the daughter of the late Lamont and Lorine (Kroeger) Heidinger.

Ms. Heidinger-Brown graduated from Edwardsville High School in 1964. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in teaching English at University of Illinois in 1967, a Master of Arts at DePaul University in 1970, and earned an Education Specialist degree at Central Missouri State University in 1976.

After returning to Edwardsville in 1976, Ms. Heidinger-Brown started her career at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville as an English teacher. She soon moved into the Department of Continuing Education, where she devoted nearly 30 years to developing innovative programs that served the university's faculty and students and brought it to the broader community. She retired from SIUE in 2007 as the Director of Continuing Education.

Ms. Heidinger-Brown's personal interests ranged widely across literature, classical music, classical guitar, sailing and travel. She was truly a world traveler having visited all seven continents. Her greatest joys were being a partner with Dr. James Brown on the adventure of life, as well as being a mother and grandmother. She was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Edwardsville and a supporter of the St. Louis Guitar Society, St. Louis Symphony and The Muny.

Ms. Heidinger-Brown enjoyed many happy years with her partner and loving spouse, Dr. James Montgomery Brown, who preceded her in death in 2005. She also was married to Dr. Russell Burks Dieterich from 1967 to 1976; he survives and resides in St. Charles, Missouri.

Ms. Heidinger-Brown is survived by her daughter, Kristen Lynn Dieterich and husband, Brian Keith Peterson, granddaughter, Katharine Lynn Peterson and grandson, Grant

Russell Peterson of Edwardsville.

Also surviving are her sister, Sue Deist of Edwardsville; niece, Carrie Beavers and husband Jeff, great niece Allison of Edwardsville; nephew, Steven Deist and wife Molly, great nieces Greta, Hildi, and Margo of Glen Carbon; nephew, Major Eric Deist and wife Catherine, great nieces Naomi and Mia of Joint Base Lewis–McChord in Tacoma, Washington.

She is also survived by four step-children, four step-grandchildren and two step-great grandchildren: step-son Christopher Brown and wife Suzanne Bell of Rochester, New York; step-son Timothy Brown and wife Marion Piller of Boulder, Colorado; step-granddaughter Andrea Kozai and husband Takashi, step-great granddaughters Fiona and Risa of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; step-daughter Amanda Jones and husband Thomas, step-granddaughter Esther Jones of Beaverton, Oregon; step-son Lynn Brown and wife Sandra Brinkert, step-grandson Henry Brown and step-granddaughter Lily Brown of Brooklyn, New York.

There will be a private family graveside service at Sunset Hills Memorial Estates with Rev. Grant Armstrong presiding.

Memorials are suggested to the St. Louis Guitar Society or the American Parkinson Disease Association.

# Cemetery

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## **Sunset Hill Memorial Estates**

50 Fountain Drive

Glen Carbon, IL, 62034

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Weber & Rodney Funeral Homes** - June 02, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ What a loving tribute you've created of your Mother's life journey Kristin. Thank you for this 2020 way of reaching all of us and letting us share and honor our dear friend Lynn. Doesn't she just glow with that adventuresome spirit as she traipsed all over the world both with her beloved Jim and then on her own? She was daunting as she said "yes" to most everything....even in the middle of that awful storm holding you while Jim bailed and bailed and then later when she was given such a difficult diagnosis. Remember the quote Jim and she loved from Shakespeare..."screw your courage to the sticking point?" She was an example to all of us of a life lived doing exactly that, whatever card she was dealt. I'm grateful to have walked beside her and called her friend.

With much affection,  
Judy Murashige

**Judy Murashige** - June 02, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ What a wonderful video , I enjoyed watching and all the family memories. Lynn was a dear friend to me for many years. I will never forget you. Truly, Jan Schlechte

**Janice Schlechte** - June 02, 2020 at 05:30 PM



“ Kristen, you've captured her perfectly. It's good to be reminded of the great joy with which she tore through life. She was fierce, braving all corners of the earth and every challenge life put in her path. Her love for you, your family and Jim shines through all the video. She held her friends close to her heart and I know we are grateful for this beautiful reminder of all the good years. Thank you.

**Christa and John Oxford** - June 02, 2020 at 10:04 PM



“ What a phenomenal remembrance video. I met Lynn on a few occasions. I will always remember her as a strong woman, a dedicated grandmother and a world traveler. Always kind. Always helping. Always smiling.

**Krystle Peterson** - June 04, 2020 at 04:05 PM

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“ Condolences to Lynn's family. Her Knox College classmates have fond memories of Lynn. She supported Knox throughout her life despite only spending a short time there.



**Chip** - July 15 at 05:07 PM

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“ Claudia Gramaglia and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Lynn Ellen Heidinger-Brown.



**Claudia Gramaglia and Family** - June 04, 2020 at 07:21 PM

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“ Lynn was always a loving care-giver who worked hard to keep the family together, especially by passing on news to and about siblings in the Brown family, who were nowhere near as conscientious in communications with each other. She remembered birthdays, sent Christmas presents, and attended events (Like Tim and Rosie's wedding in Boulder). She devoted herself to caring for Jim Brown, through his arduous and long final illness, as well as for her grand-children in Edwardsville. She was smart, considerate, and a fine model for what a woman, wife, and mother should be.  
Chris Brown

**Christopher Brown** - June 04, 2020 at 10:20 AM

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“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Lynn Ellen Heidinger-Brown.



June 04, 2020 at 09:48 AM

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“ Christopher, Timothy, Amanda & Lynn purchased the Island Memories Casket Spray for the family of Lynn Ellen Heidinger-Brown.



**Christopher, Timothy, Amanda & Lynn** - June 04, 2020 at 08:49 AM

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“ Kristen,

My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Lynn was such a great person in so many respects. What I will always appreciate and admire about her most is that she was there as a pillar of support and a source of well-grounded advice for my mom - under any and all circumstances - and she knew what it meant to be a true friend. We're all grateful to have had her in our lives.

-Chris Dykstra & Family

**Chris Dykstra** - June 03, 2020 at 04:01 PM

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“ Shannon, Eliza, Kristie & Courtney purchased the With Sympathy Tazo Tea Basket for the family of Lynn Ellen Heidinger-Brown.



Shannon, Eliza, Kristie & Courtney - June 03, 2020 at 03:32 PM

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“ Precious Lynn was my co-worker at SIUE for several years. She inspired me and encouraged me! I am so grateful I could work with such an intelligent, gentle professional. I will never forget Lynn and her encouragement. I am honored to have known her. - Laurie Meek Watkins

Laurie Meek Watkins - June 03, 2020 at 12:24 AM

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“ In celebration of Lynn it is a pleasure to share fond memories of our time at SIUE. I still remember our first coffee when I joined the SIUE family. Her commitment to SIUE, her wisdom and thoughtful insights of the campus culture and her dedication was, indeed, inspirational. Over time we transitioned from being colleagues to sharing a journey filled with a genuine friendship. She will be remembered fondly for her contributions to SIUE, for enriching our lives and for her sharing her talents and experiences. We celebrate a life well lived, we give thanks for a special friendship and we honor a gentle soul. We hope that you all will find strength in the fond memories and joyous moments during this difficult journey.

Nobby Emmanuel - June 02, 2020 at 05:15 PM

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“ 79 files added to the album LifeTributes



Weber & Rodney Funeral Homes - June 02, 2020 at 11:53 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy to Kristen and the extended family. I had the privilege of being hired by Lynn at SIUE. She was a kind, wise, and generous spirit; a tremendous resource to me when my mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's; and a supportive mentor. I feel blessed to have known and worked with her.

May God bless and comfort you today and every day.

Ann Emmanuel

Ann Emmanuel - June 02, 2020 at 10:05 AM

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“ Having known Lynn since we were both 5 years old, I have too many memories to try to figure out which one I would share. Sunday School for 12 years, MYF, High School at EHS, A Cappella Choir, The Red Mill . . . running into each other around town for another 55 years. The one constant was her beautiful smile, which she took with her everywhere she went.

I'll still be saying "Hi" to Lynn quite often in the future. . . my sweet Yu-Chi is just a few feet away. - Dave Hunter

David Hunter - June 01, 2020 at 09:49 PM

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“ Lynn had a perpetual smile, a welcoming heart, and an adventurous soul. I enjoyed working with her, and my father-in-law also thought highly of Lynn and her dad. Warm regards and condolences to her family and friends.

Dave Heth

Dave Heth - June 01, 2020 at 07:05 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lynn Ellen Heidinger-Brown.



June 01, 2020 at 06:37 PM

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“ I remember Lynn well. We worked together on many continuing education projects and was always very supportive. She was kind and patient with everyone. She exuded warmth. She will be missed. My deepest sympathies to her family.  
Mary Ann Boyd, School of Nursing

**Mary Ann Boyd** - June 01, 2020 at 05:19 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Lynn had a sweet and wonderful spirit. I enjoyed working with her at SIUE. She will be missed.

**Valerie Goldston** - June 01, 2020 at 04:48 PM



“ So sorry you've lost Lynn, Kristen and Sue. She was my oldest friend. We were close playmates and confidantes on Hadley Lane for many years. We were both Girl Scouts, members of St. John's, and editors of the EHS Tiger yearbook.  
I have the fondest memories of Lynn and was so happy to reconnect with her when we were grown up with children.  
Lynn was wise, kind, and compassionate. We will all miss her.

**Mary Jo Hoover Tracy** - June 02, 2020 at 01:42 PM