



## Cynthia "Cyn" Ferguson

November 7, 1956 - December 1, 2020

Cynthia (Cyn) Ferguson, 64, passed away on December 1, 2020 with her loving daughter Jill, by her side. Raised in Crawfordsville, Cyn made her home in Bloomington where she found her community and friends to call family. Upon relocating to Bloomington in the 1990's Cyn took pride in her work with the woman's music scene, the LGBTQ+ community, and Middle Way House. Cyn believed in the power of one's "village" and was grateful to the Harmony School and Lothlorien Nature Sanctuary for being a part of her village and holding her daughter, Jill in their continued care. With younger hands, Cyn was a seamstress and a needlepoint artist who had one-time had a beloved in-home business which included costume making for the drag community she loved. Cyn had a love of nature, quick to pull over to pick especially beautiful wildflowers. Cyn enjoyed regular trips to Monroe Lake where she could disappear in the water, like a mermaid and taught her daughters to thank the lake by cleaning up the beach before leaving. Cyn was a spiritual person, who believed in the sacred healing powers of nature and community. She never felt whole without a dog in her home and by her side, having loved many in her lifetime. She was a charitable person, regularly donating any small amount she had to nonprofits working to keep animals, women and their children, and the environment safe. Cyn always had room in her home and heart for those in need of family connection.

Cyn was lucky to spend the last two years of her life residing with her youngest daughter Jill, as well as Jill's partner Jared and three of her

grandchildren, Zan, Jax, and Laurelin. Cyn took great pride in being a daily grandparent and lived her final years purely to love them and watch them grow.

Cyn is preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Jacqueline Tulley. Cyn is survived by her three daughters: Jacqueline Morris (St. Augustine, FL), Amanda Wyatt (Seattle, WA), and Jill Kleinpeter (Bloomington, IN), seven grandchildren, three siblings, several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and her Bloomington community. Cyn's love and support will be missed by her chosen children, Eva, Lily, Carrie, Ian, Katie, Erika and many other Harmony and Land Children.

A celebration of her life and community will be held when it is safe to gather again.

"Instead of being overwhelmed by the bad news everywhere that we become passive. Act now to wrest some positive out of the chaos." May Sarton

In Lieu of flowers, please make donations to Middle Way House.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements.

Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at

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# Tribute Wall

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“ My memory is of Jill's mom being so proud of Jill who learned to style hair (I'll never forget her determination to finish beauty school) and then made enough money to go to nursing school. Quite an accomplishment, and Cyn was as happy as she could be. I remember when she moved back to Bloomington to be close to Jill. What a gift that they could share Cyn's last years. I'm guessing that Cyn got the best care and support that anyone could get.

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**Barb Backler** - December 08, 2020 at 03:26 PM

“ Cyn Ferguson was like another mother to me. I spent so much time at her house as a child that it was like a second home.

Her daughter Jill and I became friends when Jill was my secret someone in 3rd grade and ate the lifesavers candy she was supposed to put in my cubby. Cyn made her apologize to me, and from that point on we were the best of friends and have continued to be so for more than 27 years. Cyn was the catalyst for a lifetime friendship.

I can't think of just one memory.... There are so many that have been popping into my head over the past couple of days. She introduced me to Rally's french fries-- she used to take us through the drive thru and order us a fry to share. For the longest time she drove this light blue hatchback and I can remember listening to her Melissa Ethridge tape a lot. She loved dogs and over the years she had several well loved pups. She helped organize the harmony school extravaganza for many years and did a great job at keeping everything on track. One year for my Birthday she bought me 6 bottles of Hershey's mint chocolate syrup because she knew I liked it.

She was one of the first women in my life to teach me that getting your moon was powerful and not just a biological experience, but a spiritual one. I remember her throwing Jill a party when she started hers.

Every summer she would take us to the beach-- she loved to swim. Her one rule was that we had to pick up several pieces of trash before we left-- that way we were leaving it cleaner than we found it. That is a lesson I have tried to instill in my own children.

Cyn was a seamstress and had mad sewing skills. Over the years I saw her create some works of threaded art that were not only beautiful but heartfelt.

She was so good with her grandbabies and you could tell they loved her so much. She had her health struggles, but she tried really hard to be there for them and spend time as much time together as she was able.

I'm sure that more memories will come to me over time, but these are the clear ones that have come to me so far.

*Cyn taught me about magic, womanhood and loving the earth. I am forever grateful for her love and influence and I will miss her presence.*

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**Eva Luttrell** - December 04, 2020 at 11:01 PM

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“*My first favorite memory is when my mom still lived in Indianapolis, and my dad took me to the restaurant she was serving tables at. Every time she walked by our table she would tussle my hair or rub my back. Made me feel so special. I have many memories of singing in the car together. She has a beautiful voice.*”

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**Amanda** - December 04, 2020 at 10:39 PM