



## Marilyn "Lyn" Laurine Burleson

December 29, 1930 - July 10, 2021

Marilyn "Lyn" Laurine Burleson, 90, of Bloomington, passed away on Saturday, July 10, 2021, at Gentry Park Health Pavilion. She was born on December 29, 1930 in Seattle, Washington; the daughter of Leslie W. and Anna Marie (Lindberg) Johnson.

Lyn married Derek Lee Burleson at University Temple in Seattle on July 31, 1955. She graduated from the University of Washington and taught in public schools in Washington state. Lyn continued her education at Teacher's College at Columbia University, New York City where she obtained a Master's Degree in Education. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and PEO honorary societies.

After living in New York for 20 years, Lyn and Derek moved to Bloomington in 1977. She was an administrator at Indiana University in the School of Education until retiring in 1993. Lyn was a member of First United Methodist Church and a 39-year member of the church choir.

Lyn and Derek traveled extensively in the US and to countries on six continents. She had a love of music and thoroughly enjoyed the musical opportunities at IU and in Bloomington. Her hobbies included knitting, reading, baking and crossword puzzles.

Lyn is survived by her sons, Scott (Linda) Burleson, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Wayne (special friend, Annette) of Amherst, Massachusetts; along with four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Keith, and husband, Derek Burleson.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10th, 2021 at First United Methodist Church, 219 E. 4th St. Bloomington. Family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made in Lyn's memory to the Shalom Center.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **10**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
219 E 4th St  
Bloomington, IN 47408-3503  
(812) 332-6396

## Memorial Service

AUG **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Family of Lyn Burleson,  
Dear Scott and Wayne and Family,  
When we moved to Bloomington in 2004 to begin our retirement,  
your mother was the first person to reach out to us. She invited us  
to their lovely home for one of her delicious dinners—the first of  
many! Not long afterwards she orchestrated a grand picnic in Brown  
County State Park. We’re so glad you both mentioned her baking in  
your loving comments on August 10. Your mother even reached out  
to an Australian doctoral student in music composition who was  
living with us and invited her to one of her lovely dinners. They even  
came to her doctoral recital.  
We’re sending you a photo taken at our house with a group of their  
Methodist friends (all gone now). In that picture you’ll see your  
parents, Dan Osen, Jo Ellen’s father Dick Forkner, Doc and Jo  
Peithman.  
Your parents were faithful and generous supporters of The Society  
of the Friends of Music. They always came to our fundraisers and  
special events to support IU’s excellent music students.  
On one occasion we hosted them and their dear friends from the  
northern suburbs for dinner at our Chicago condo before they all  
went to a performance at Lyric Opera.  
When they were moving to Meadowood, they gave us an  
abundance of kids’ things for our grandchildren to enjoy. These  
include a student desk with a green chalkboard top, a small chair  
and rocking chair—freshly painted in bright blue by your dad—and a  
complete set of Winnie the Pooh hand puppets, beautifully sewn by  
your mom. I’m sure you remember these things, and we want you to  
know how much they have been enjoyed by Stella and Charlie Ham  
through the years.  
We didn’t introduce ourselves at the memorial service since we are  
keeping a very low profile in these times, but we want you to know  
how much we value your parents’ friendship and will continue to  
cherish their memories in the years ahead. Deepest condolences to  
you all.*

*Steve and Jo Ellen Ham*

**Steve and Jo Ellen Ham** - August 31, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ *With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Marilyn "Lyn" Laurine Burleson.*



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August 20, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Marilyn "Lyn" Laurine Burleson.*



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August 06, 2021 at 06:39 PM

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“ Scott and Wayne,

*We were so saddened to read that your mom had recently passed away -- and your dad before her.*

*Our mom recently passed also, and we have been reminiscing about time our family spent at the Rye Methodist church which led us to think of your family. We had your mom's email address; we sent an email to your mom a couple of months ago to let her know our mom had passed. In looking her up again, we then found the news about her passing.*

*We will always remember the wonderful Christmas concerts when she and Mr. Burleson sang so beautifully together. What a wonderful choir that was!*

*We also have such fond memories of your mom inviting us to swim in your pool when we were very young, and taking us to the Rye library with you after piano lessons and teaching us how to find the books we wanted.*

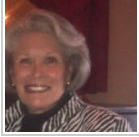
*She was such a lovely and accomplished person and we are so sorry to hear of her loss.*

*Our warmest regards and sympathies to all your family at this difficult time,*

*Kathy (Passeri) Renna and Karen (Passeri) Polito*

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**Kathy (Passeri) Renna** - July 29, 2021 at 11:09 PM



“ *Billie Spellman lit a candle in memory of Marilyn "Lyn" Laurine Burleson*



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**Billie Spellman** - July 29, 2021 at 12:18 PM

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“ *My husband Wade and I met Lyn and Derek about 4 1/2 years ago, when we moved to Meadowood Retirement Community. The first week after we moved, Meadowood held their Holiday Gala, and Lyn and Derek were our "hosts" for the event, introducing us to others in attendance. Through the years, we enjoyed eating in the dining room with them. Lyn was especially insightful in her remarks.*

*I remember the last time I saw Lyn, which might have been during summer 2020. She said she wanted to live to the November election (so she could cast her vote). She got her wish!*

*We send our sympathy to the family in your loss of both Lyn and Derek.*

*Carol and Wade Peacock*

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**Carol Peacock** - July 24, 2021 at 02:37 PM