



Lindsay J. Josephs

April 5, 1947 - June 13, 2017

Rye - Lindsay Josephs, 70, of Rye, born Linda Jean Stoecker on April 5, 1947, died too soon of cancer on June 13, 2017, surrounded by her family.

Lindsay grew up in Basking Ridge, New Jersey; received her R.N. degree from Westbrook College in Portland, Maine; and practiced nursing in Boston and San Francisco before moving to Rye, New Hampshire where she and her family lived for more than 35 years next to Parson's Field. Throughout those years, Lindsay made a tremendous difference in the lives of her family, her many friends, her colleagues, and her community.

Lindsay focused much of her energy and extraordinary skills on the vulnerable and underserved. She helped start the Portsmouth Prenatal Clinic for pregnant teenagers and indigent women and served for five years as its Executive Director. Lindsay's passion and vision transformed this small clinic with three part-time staff members, volunteer physicians, and hand-me-down equipment into the now comprehensive community health center, Families First, where she remained on the Advisory Board until her death. She also worked as Executive Director of the Bi-State Primary Care Association and as a consultant to various non-profits, before spending the last decade of her career as Program Director at the Endowment for Health in Concord. During her tenure at the Endowment, Lindsay's thoughtful leadership and careful grant funding decisions laid the groundwork for changes in oral health policy—

not only in New Hampshire, but nationally. In addition, she volunteered her time, expertise and compassion as an active board member of the Seacoast Mental Health Center, the Seacoast Consumer Alliance, New Heights, and Webster at Rye. Lindsay was also active in town politics and a passionate proponent of preserving the historic nature of Rye Center and expanding the Rye town forest, including donating several acres of her own property.

Even more central to Lindsay than her many professional accomplishments, though, were her personal connections and her unconditional love for her family and friends. To her husband, Mark, she was a true partner, providing love and laughter, wise counsel, and the glue that kept their lives together. Lindsay was an exceptional mother- she gave her daughters a strong moral compass, unwavering emotional support, and an appreciation for whimsy and joy. She often said the highlight of her life was being a grandmother and she was the best “Mimi” imaginable. She endured months of chemotherapy so she could live to see the birth of Lucas, named in her honor, and to squeeze in a few more popsicles in bed with Benjamin and cuddles with Caroline. She would do anything for her family and loved her sisters fiercely. She was also the kind of friend and neighbor everyone wanted: warm, thoughtful, fun, and dependable. She was an avid reader and book club participant, loved rock and roll, and made a mean roast chicken. She believed in the magic of Santa Claus and the Tooth Fairy, always remembered to stop and admire the changing moon, and had an eye for finding just the right purse at Marshalls. She was breathtakingly levelheaded, nurtured friendships for decades, and managed to get more done in a day than most accomplished in a month. She knew what mattered in life. She was never afraid to stand up for what was right. She was simply the best.

Lindsay is survived by her husband of 40 years, Mark Josephs; her daughters, Abigail Law and Rachel Josephs; their husbands, Jason Law and Gaston Romero Guevara; and their children, Benjamin (5) and Caroline (1) Law, and

Lucas Romero Josephs (3 weeks). Lindsay also leaves her sisters, Laurie Spigener and Leigh Stoecker; their husbands, John Victor Spigener and Douglas Sector; and her nieces and nephew, Kelly Lowe, and Daniel and Emma Sector. She was also cherished by the extended Josephs, Blum, and Burris families.

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Allen and Helen Stoecker.

A memorial service for Lindsay will be held in Rye Center, at the Rye Congregational Church, on Saturday, August 12 at 2pm, with a reception to follow in her backyard. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Families First Health & Support Center, at 100 Campus Drive, Portsmouth, NH 03801 or www.FamiliesFirstSeacoast.org.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Rye Congregational Church
580 Washington Rd
Rye, NH 03870
(603) 964-4061

Tribute Wall



“ *Lindsay J. Josephs*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Phyllis Pownall lit a candle in memory of Lindsay J. Josephs*



Phyllis Pownall - July 14, 2020 at 01:22 AM



“ *Cheeseboard Complete was purchased for the family of Lindsay J. Josephs.*



August 09, 2017 at 08:54 AM



“ *Lindsay was such a wonderful friend and colleague. Almost 24 years ago she interviewed and hired me into an organization that I have grown with and am still with to this day. I will always appreciate her dedication to the underserved and her warm and caring ways. My thoughts are with her family as they go through this difficult time.*
Stephanie Pagliuca

Stephanie Pagliuca - June 21, 2017 at 09:03 AM

JP

“ Dear Mark, What a woman, such a loss -- not only for your family, but for our whole community. Holding you in our hearts, Janet Prince and Peter Bergh

Janet Prince - June 19, 2017 at 06:07 PM

DA

“ Mark,
We remain grateful for the kindness that you and Lindsay gave us when we first arrived in Portsmouth. The Seacoast of NH has been blessed to have had the benefit of Lindsay's many energetic contributions to the healthcare and well-being of this community, including the pre-natal beginnings to the great institution it has now become, the Community Campus. We will not forget her.
Don & Judy Albertson

don albertson - June 17, 2017 at 02:04 PM

PW

“ I met Lindsay when the Portsmouth Prenatal Clinic was new and they were seeing patients in an old office on the Route 1 bypass. She was so kind and giving to me. She is the reason I became a nurse. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you and I am deeply sorry for your loss. Paula Welde

Paula Welde - June 16, 2017 at 06:23 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lindsay J. Josephs.



June 16, 2017 at 12:45 PM

RC

“ *It's hard to believe Lindsay is gone. She was larger than life. Her intelligent, ironic, dead-on truthful way of viewing the world will be sorely missed. Love to Abby and Rachel. I loved watching you kids grow up. Your mom was such a great, no-nonsense role model with her acerbic wit and heart of gold. Mark, my heart goes out to you. I know Lindsay always said you needed her to find your socks in the morning but we know, no joke, what a rock of Gibraltar she was for you and your family. I can't imagine the pain you are all going through. Lee, you and your sister were blessed with twin voices, so it will be wonderful to hear her spirit in your words. I'm so sorry for the pain of her loss. Lindsay was a beautiful human being and we will all miss her deeply.*

Rita Cary

RITA CARY - June 15, 2017 at 09:03 PM

TH

“ *I remember Lindsay from a time when she and a group of likeminded people were working with a group of dentists to create ways for folks who had no traditional ways to access dental care to receive care. She was collaborative, focused, and dogged-- as well as generous-hearted. Blessings to you, Mark, as you grieve your special wife. Peter A Thomas, DMD*

Thomas - June 15, 2017 at 05:29 PM

JH

“ *Mark, Abby and Rachael,*

My heart goes out to all of you during this very difficult time. Lindsay was and always be a remarkable woman in my eyes. Her commitment and dedication to not only her community, but her family as well was amazing. Just keeping Dr Josephs in line was a full time job in itself :) and she managed to do that extremely well and oh so much more.

She raised two strong, independent, intelligent women whom she was so proud of.

I will keep you in my thoughts,

Jill Hewett

Jill Hewett - June 15, 2017 at 03:07 PM

SH

Mark,

I am so sorry for your loss and I hope you can find comfort in the memory of Lindsay's great spirit and of your loving bond. My heartfelt condolences to you, Rachel and Abby. You are in my thoughts.

Sue Husson

Sue Husson - June 22, 2017 at 07:58 AM