



Lynette Bryant

July 19, 1933 - March 24, 2020

OBITUARY – LYNETTE BRYANT, Chautauqua, IL

After a life devoted to family and theater, Lynette Bryant, 86, passed away Tuesday morning, March 24, 2020, from natural causes. Born in Belleville, IL, Lyn graduated from Belleville Township High School in 1951. She then went on to graduate from the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley where she was active in theater including writing/producing recruiting shows for the university. She was also honored in “Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.”

In 1958, she married Don Bryant (Belleville, IL) and began teaching speech and drama at BTHS. In 1962, they moved to Godfrey where Don went into business as a realtor with Lyn providing creative support to the business. In addition to raising three children, Lyn’s community involvement included being President and member of Godfrey Women’s Club, performing with the Alton Children’s Theater and Alton Little Theater as well as directing productions at Alton High School. In 1978, she founded the Chautauqua Teen Theater Program in Chautauqua, IL, where she continued to inspire teens by introducing them to the art of theater.

While Lyn’s love of theater and teaching shaped her life and influenced the lives of many others, she always viewed her relationship to her children--and their relationship to each other--as her greatest accomplishment. This June, she and Don would have celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Lyn is survived by her husband Don Bryant of Chautauqua, IL, daughter Donna (Gary) Wilson, Maryville, IL, daughter Sally Voorhees, Edwardsville, IL, and son Chuck (Jill) Bryant, St. Louis, Mo and grandchildren Katlyn Minard, Los Angeles, CA, Connor Bryant, Arlington, VA, Austin Crick, Edwardsville, IL and Mattilyn Bryant, St. Louis, MO. Lyn was preceded in death by her parents as well as two sisters and a brother. Services will be private.

Comments



“ Donna and Sally, I am sorry to hear of the loss of your mom-Sue Cobb had it on facebook. May her memory be a blessing to you all.

Sally Hanson - April 01, 2020 at 10:23 AM



“ I can't believe it's been 40 years since I first met the Bryants. Who said acting and real estate don't mix. The lights in Chautauqua have dimmed, but only till the next production. May Lynne rest in peace, surrounded by her loving family.

Kerry Miller - March 31, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Donna's mom, Lyn. I have very fond memories of spending time at the Bryant household both in Godfrey and in Chautauqua when Donna and I were in grade school and Jr. High School. Both Donna's parents were fun to be around- I remember a birthday surprise, singing, and lots of joking around. I want to express my very sincerest sympathy to Mr. Bryant, Donna, Sally, Chuckie, and their families. Mrs. Bryant- rest in peace- may perpetual light shine upon you.

Cathy (Goeken) Droste - March 27, 2020 at 05:36 PM