



Lynda Johndrow Percy

November 11, 1947 - April 2, 2025

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It is with heavy hearts—and a few laughs through the tears—that we share the passing of our beloved Lynda Percy on April 2, 2025, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. If anyone could have beaten it with sheer willpower, it would have been her. But true to form, she faced every challenge with strength, grace, and that unmistakable sparkle in her eye.

Born in West Carthage, NY to Paul Johndrow and Pauline (Sochia) Johndrow, Lynda was a small-town girl with a big personality. She was the cherished wife of Douglas Percy of Black River, NY—her high school sweetheart, with whom she spent 52 years of marriage. They tied the knot in the summer of '69 and together, they created a life full of love, laughter, and just enough mischief to keep things interesting.

Lynda was a devoted wife, a fiercely loving mother, a proud mother-in-law to Jennifer Percy, and a grandmother who was adored by her two grandsons, Grant and Jack Percy. The boys lovingly called her "Elly," and whether they were in her arms or running circles around her, her warm presence and playful nature made her the heart of every gathering. She also had an uncanny ability to make sure no one left her house hungry—especially if it involved sharing a glass of red wine or prosecco.

She is also survived by her brother, Doug Johndrow, who, like the rest of the family, will remember her with love and fondness.

A lifelong educator, Lynda earned her bachelor's degree from SUNY Potsdam and her master's from Manhattan College. She taught math across New York State and later took her talents to The Hague, Netherlands, teaching at an American school there. She proved you could be a math whiz and a world traveler—but don't ask her about the metric system—she never quite got the hang of that; kidding! love you mom :)

Lynda and Doug lived in many places throughout their life together—White Plains, NY; Annapolis, MD; Wheaton, IL; and Topsfield, MA—before finally settling in Andover, MA, where they spent nearly 30 years surrounded by close friends and family. In 2023, Lynda made one final move with Adam and Jen to Suwanee, GA, where she was able to enjoy her time with them and be closer to her family during her final years.

Lynda loved life, whether it was playing golf and racquet sports, challenging her family to Scrabble, or just laughing at the beautiful chaos of it all. Her humor, grace, and the way she could make everyone around her feel welcomed will never be forgotten.

We will miss her more than words can express, but we are so grateful for the time we had, the love she gave, and the lessons she left us—especially her reminder to never take life too seriously. Lynda's spirit, laughter, and love will live on in our hearts and memories forever.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Lynda's name may be made to Massachusetts General Hospital at <https://giving.massgeneral.org/donate>.

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Lynda treated me like her little sister the moment I met her some 60 years ago.
I was thrilled that my big brother, Doug, was dating someone so nice, so smart and so pretty!
I followed her lead from then on in so many areas including food, fashion, decorating, entertaining and sports.
Lynda made sure that I kept up my relationship with my older brother by providing me with lots of opportunities to visit them and spend time with them every summer.
I'll miss her. ❤️

Donna Calabrese - April 18, 2025 at 01:09 PM

KV

“ My condolences to Lynda's family. She was a joy to coach tennis to, and a fierce competitor.

Kathy Varone - April 18, 2025 at 07:50 AM

DP

“ Lynda was a sweet person with a warm smile and vibrant personality. I shared countless memories with her over the years. She was the perfect counterpart to my brother Doug for 52 years of marriage. She leaves behind a wonderful legacy in Adam, Jennifer ,Grant and Jack. Celia and I will remember her always.

Daniel Percy - April 17, 2025 at 10:54 AM

JT

Adam and family,

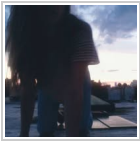
We are deeply saddened by the news of Lynda's passing. Our friendship spanned over 50 years beginning as college roommates. When Stu and Doug met at our graduation (we had separately advised them to "behave") it began a lifelong span of rollicking fun and adventures together. Lynda had such positive attitude about life and a charming sense of humor.

We are blessed to have so many wonderful memories.

May you be comforted by the outpouring of sentiments extended by your family and many friends.

Love, Stu and Bunny

Janine Toepp - April 19, 2025 at 11:03 AM



“*Lynda was always such a loving Aunt to me. Trips to see her, Doug, and Adam for Easter are among my most memorable and favorite family trips growing up. I was always in awe of her as a hostess, her amazing taste in food and wine. Such an active, strong woman, we liked to talk Pilates when she started taking reformer classes. What I'll miss the most is playing phone tag with her and then having our little catch ups on the phone where she would ask the hard hitting questions about my love life. I will look up to you and miss you always, Aunt Lynda.*”

Nicole Calabrese - April 16, 2025 at 09:25 AM

NB

“*I'll never forget all of the Easters, the laughs, the egg hunts, the amazing dinners and all of the family and love that she brought around her. One of my most seminal memories is when Aunt Lynda taught me and Adam how to clean between all of our toes when we were little kids. I have her to thank for clean feet to this day. She was such a loving Aunt, so vibrant and strong. I will remember her always.*”

Nephew Bill - April 15, 2025 at 06:20 PM

FP

“ My deepest sympathies to Lynda’s family! I got to know Lynda through pickleball and she was so much fun to play with- and competitive! She surprised me with some of her sly and well placed shots. I will miss her energy both on and off the court.

Faith Pescatore - April 14, 2025 at 03:50 PM

LF

“ Though Lynda was fairly new to the neighborhood, she quickly got involved in the many activities here. I was fortunate to get to know her and spend time with her playing golf, discussing books in Book Club and just having fun at Bunco. She lived her life to the fullest and will be missed.

Linda Ferrin - April 14, 2025 at 03:25 PM