



## Lucy Ellen Garrison-Rando

April 24, 1958 - January 21, 2022

Lucy Ellen Garrison-Rando, aka Luce, Lucille, Lusties, passed away January 21, 2022 after a long battle with cancer. Lucy was born to Donald and Catharine (Schwartz) Garrison on April 24, 1958 in Poughkeepsie, NY. After graduating high school from Cambridge, NY, Lucy received degrees in Special Education from Lasell Junior College and SUNY Plattsburgh, and later, while raising three children, earned her RN degree from Berkshire Community College.

“Not all angels have wings. Some have scrubs.” - Unknown

Ever driven by the human psyche and an indomitable work ethic, Lucy cared for patients in mental health facilities and addiction wards for almost forty years. On numerous occasions, Lucy provided refuge and emotional support in her own home for troubled teens throughout her community. Her fearless wit and charisma, not to mention party hat collection, will be missed by all who were lucky enough to call her colleague.

“Some day we’ll look back on this, and it will all seem funny.” - Bruce Springsteen

Lucy's blazing sense of humor carried her through more challenges and upsets than she and her family cared to count. No matter the bump though, Lucy bounced back, finding humor in life's highs and lows, all the while deflecting attention from herself to profusely apologize for sending a birthday card a few days late.

"I just toss seeds on the ground and stomp on them." - Lucy Garrison Rando

Lucy's unpretentious passion for plants and wildlife brought peace and connectivity to her life. She could take any neglected patch and turn it into a floral paradise. Lucy became the consummate solo florist, gifting colorful, exquisitely arranged bouquets to family and friends. Few things brought more pleasure than passing on this love of the outdoors to her granddaughters, Emma and Sophia, with whom she shared a special bond.

"You can keep my things. They've come to take me home." - Peter Gabriel

A lifelong advocate for learning, Lucy was an ardent reader, often diagnosing her family's ailments over the phone. Lucy's final gift was to donate her body to Harvard Medical School to assist students in, one day, discovering a cure for this horrible disease.

Lucy is survived by her mother, Catharine Garrison, siblings Rachel, James, and Johanna Garrison, children Nicholas, Sarah, and Molly Rando, nephews Wesley Roy and Colin Roy, and granddaughters, Sophia and Emma Rando.

Devoted mother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend, you are sorely missed.

The golden evening brightens in the west;

Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;

Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.

Sine Nomine, William W. How

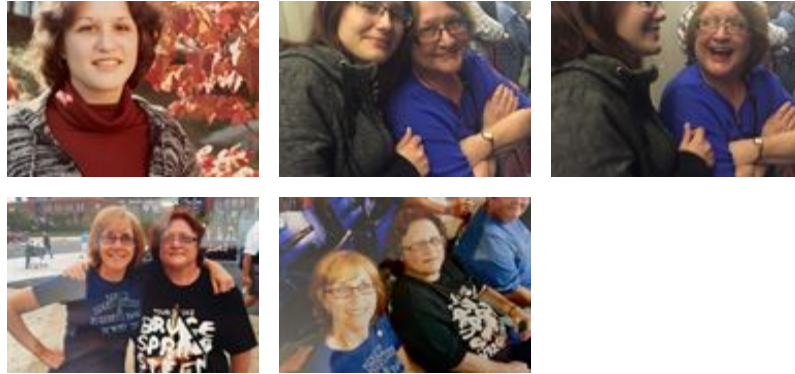
A celebration of Lucy's life will be held at Dwyer-Wellington East Funeral Home in Pittsfield, MA when breezes are warm and flowers are blooming. A second celebration of life will be held locally for friends in the Cambridge, NY area (dates TBD). Note: Per special request by the woman of honor, all who enter must tell a joke at the door.

Profound thanks to Dr. Kyneret Albert and the tireless staff at HospiceCare in the Berkshires, Berkshire Medical Center, and Hillcrest Infusion Center. We are extremely grateful to all of you. Donations can be made to HospiceCare in the Berkshires.

# Tribute Wall



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - June 29, 2022 at 04:17 PM

SS

“ We met Lucy 6years ago,she was the most caring and generous person. Wish we knew her longer. Always up and pleasant no matter how sick she was. She will be missed. My she rest in peace.

WE LOVED LUCY

Sharon, Kris & Kimberly

Sharon Shantz - February 14, 2022 at 04:30 PM

LI

“ Lucy was one the most wonderful,smart,caring ,sweet people I have ever met. She was a great mom,loving grandma,good friend. She will always be missed.i Love you lucy. Thank you for everything you have done for Nick Sophia and Myself.

Love always , Liz

Liz - February 14, 2022 at 01:44 AM

AG

“ I first met Lucy many years ago when we both were young and so foolish...and I was so happy to see her again when I worked as a per diem in the detox unit. She was always so hard working, very smart, loved her family, I enjoyed the shifts we worked together. I am so sorry she is gone, such a good, good person.

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**Amy Prendergast Green** - February 12, 2022 at 11:19 AM

DK

“ Lucy had the greatest sense of humor and I believe her heart was the biggest part of her. I pray you are at peace Lucy and listening to Bruce Springsteen.  
Love and miss you.  
Debi Kendall

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**Debi Kendall** - February 07, 2022 at 09:02 PM

LT

*I'm in shock! My heart goes out to all who loved Lucy. She had been an amazing part of my life while we worked together on McGee unit. Loved her like a sister. She was always Very positive and supportive of her coworkers ..... Continue to make people laugh in Heaven Lucy....  
Love and Peace  
Lynne Tierney*

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**Lynne Tierney** - February 13, 2022 at 08:08 PM



*It was a real pleasure to work with Lucy at the McGee unit with her. My deepest sympathy to all her family!  
Larry Lerner*

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**Larry Lerner** - February 19, 2022 at 05:04 PM