



Charlann Skaar Schwan

August 19, 1942 - July 24, 2013

Charlann (nee Skaar) Schwan died unexpectedly July 24, in Moscow Russia; she was 70 years old. Born in Chicago to Elling and Jula Skaar, Char grew up in Chicago, graduated from Taft High School and attended Northern Illinois University. She began her career as a stewardess for United Airlines, where she was able to travel the country and while living in San Francisco met her husband of nearly 50 years, Joe Schwan. Char spent most of her life in what she described as the "most rewarding profession ever"- being a mother. She also took great pride in serving her community of Lincolnshire, where she was a Cub Scout den mother, served on the Spring Lake Sports League, Cambridge Forest Association (CFA), Park Board and was a longtime member and former President of the Lincolnshire Garden Club. Char's community service was recognized in 1983 when Lincolnshire named her Citizen of the Year. Char also, served five years an elected Trustee on Lincolnshire's Village Board (1987-1992). Most recently she was elected to the Woods of Ivanhoe Homeowner's Board. Char was also a woman of deep faith and enriched her extended family at Community Christian Church where she was an active member of the congregation for nearly 40 years and served the church in many different capacities including Sunday School teacher, various Board positions, Stephen Minister, regular volunteer at the soup kitchen, and helped run the church's most profitable fundraiser, the annual garage sale. In recent years, Char experienced great joy by traveling with Joe to over thirty countries and continuing to share her wisdom and laughter with

family and friends across the miles. In addition, she and Joe were strong supporters of Culver-Stockton College where in 2012 they dedicated the Joseph and Charlann Schwan Center for Business and Technology. She was an inspiration to all that had a chance to meet and know her- she will be missed by the many that she loved. Char is survived by her husband Joseph, brother Anders Skaar (Kathleen) of Raleigh, NC, cousin Bjarne Trefall (Ingrid), daughter Juliann Larimer (Thomas) of Lake Forest, IL, sons John Eric (Kimberly) of Palo Alto, CA and JV (Julie) Schwan of McLean, VA; and her most treasured grandchildren: Sydney Schwan, Emelia Larimer, Sarah Larimer, Alexandria Schwan, Andrew Schwan, Victor Larimer and Addison Schwan. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, 2013 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home Ltd., 120 W. Park Ave. (Route 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.), Libertyville. Services will be held at 10:00 Saturday August 3rd at Community Christian Church, 1970 Riverwoods Road, Lincolnshire, IL 60069. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Memorial Woods Fund at Community Christian Church. For information, 847-362-3009 or sign the guest book at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

RH

“ Truly a remarkable woman on so many levels. Prayers are with her family and friends.

Ruth Hedberg - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

CE

“ To all of the Schwan and Skaar family members, I send you my deepest sympathy, hearing of Charlann's passing. I felt like I was beginning to know what a lovely lady, Charlann was (inside and out) from my sister Devera Kohm Delaney as she continued to correspond with her over the past so many years. It sounds like you are a very close knit family with lots of love, I see that her most rewarding profession ever as mother and wife, definitely paid off. I truly wish, I could of met her. My prayers have been with all of you and Charlann since hearing of her passing. May we be as fortunate to join her in heaven one day, as we know for sure she is with The Lord, and with knowing that I hope that brings some peace to all of you. Love, Charlene Kohm Eklund

Charlene Kohm Eklund - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

JM

“ What an honor it is to have known Char! And a continued blessing to know her family. Mt prayers are with you and I wish that her humor and memories will comfort you always.
Love,
Judy

Judy Mankus - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

JB

“ My families thoughts and prayers are with you..

Jared Byrd - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

ME

“ I so enjoyed visiting with Char at our Delta Zeta reunion this summer. She was pleased that I was familiar with Invanhoe. Best of all, her pink and green shoes (Delta Zeta colors)were at HIT!My thoughts and prayers are with family and friends.

Maxine Eck - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

DG

“ Ron and I are heartbroken for you and your family. Our love and prayers are with you. She sounds like an amazing woman and Mother. We wish you and your family peace and time together to celebrate her life.

Debbie & Ron Guditus - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

PS

“ Joe and family, Sincere condolences to you all during this time of loss and shock. Char was such a special lady with a great outlook on life. Sincerely, Patricia Smith (Hach Company)

Patricia Smith - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

BM

“ Char was a "gatherer of people" I am so grateful that she opened up her home last summer for our 50th United Air Lines graduation from stewardess school. We sat up until the wee hours of the morning in our PJ's talking about the 1960's as if they were yesterday. Some people leave this earth but their spirit remains in our hearts forever. Char is one of those special people. Much love to Joe and their wonderful family. Bette McGaffin

Bette McGaffin - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

FA

“ We send our deepest sympathies to all of you. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Char was a wonderful wife, mother and friend. We are very thankful that we had the opportunity to spend time in Chicago with her just a few months ago. Love, Frank and Kelly Abagnale

Frank and Kelly Abagnale - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

MS

“ Juliann and Family, Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. With deepest sympathy and love, Mary

Mary Shamie - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

JB

“ Juliann and Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you in this incredible time of loss.

Jen

Jennifer Bullock - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

MP

“ Joe and family: My sincerest condolences. We had such fun building your home in Ivanhoe. Char was such a great lady to deal with. She will be missed.

Mark Perlman - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

EC

“ Dear Joe and family,
We are saddened to know of Char's passing, we have such fond memories of meeting Char when we bought our home on Nottingham. The days of carpooling in preschool to participation in District 103's and Lincolnshire's many and fun activities make us smile. Char will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Your are in our thoughts and prayers. Bob & Eleanor Collins

Eleaor Collins - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

FL

“ Really sorry to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts.

Frank Long - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

JH

“ We send our deepest sympathy. May the love and support that is surrounding your family, provide strength and beautiful memories of your Mom. Janet and Vince Hunter - Dallas

Janet Hunter - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

KW

“ We were shocked and saddened to hear about Char's passing. She was such a beloved person and wonderful church member. We are praying for all of her family during this time. She left a beautiful legacy for us all!

Kory Wilcoxson - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

BC

“ John and Family - So sorry for your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Brian Clark - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

MF

“ JV and family we were so sorry to learn of your mothers unexpected passing.

Mr & Mrs Peter frain and family - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

BC

“ Char's warm friendship has been a special treasure over the years. I'm deeply saddened by her loss.

Bob Case - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Over the years I have heard so many wonderful things about Aunt Char. You are all in my prayers and thoughts.

Love,

Chantel McCollum

Chantel McCollum - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

JM

“ Juliann,

I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. It's truly so sad and there are few words to express my sympathy.

My thoughts are prayers are with you and your family.

With sorrow...

Judy Miller

Judy Miller - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

JF

“ Char and I had such a good time being bridge partners "back in the day"! She was always patient with my "bidding" errors and could figure out a way to play the hand anyway! I still use many of her recipes -- always such a great mom! It was a wonderful thing for our whole family that we lived just down the street.. We will miss her but will always have fond memories! Fondly, Jenn and Bill

Jenn and Bill Fuller - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

MR

“ Our condolences to you and your family. Char was a delight and a wonderful community member.

Merle and Steve Roskam - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

JS

“ To Joe Schwan and his family:
My condolences on your loss. I know how close you and your lovely wife were to each other, and remember your sweet daughter Julie.
Preserve her memory.

Nora and Jay Spak

Jay S. Spak - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

JW

“ Dear Joe & family
Our hearts go out to your entire family with the sudden loss of Char. We have had the pleasure of knowing Char for over 40 years and always marveled at her wonderful enthusiasm and zest for life Like so many others we will miss her greatly.
With love and friendship,
John & Dottie Westerberg

John & Dottie Westerberg - June 29, 2018 at 02:13 PM

RR

“ We are thinking of you all and keeping you in our prayers. We hope memories of the wonderful person Char was can bring comfort.

Randy and Michael Roach - April 27, 2018 at 06:24 AM

FB

“ Dear Joe and family,
You and Char have always had a special place in my heart as you have been so supportive through these many years. Char and I enjoyed our afternoon luncheons, sharing pictures of grandchildren and events concerning children and family.

Floss & Ron Ben - April 27, 2018 at 06:24 AM

BO

“ Dear Joe and family
You are in our thoughts and prayers.
God Bless you all.

Brian and Kim

Brian and Kim Ozzello - April 27, 2018 at 06:24 AM

CC

“ Our deepest sympathy to your entire family.

Carl and Dottie Crowthers - April 27, 2018 at 06:24 AM

JS

“ Goodbye to one of the most caring, intelligent, and funny women I have ever known. I've played across the bridge table from Char for about 35 years and laughed so hard at her quick wit. In contrast, she was always caring and comforting if anything was amiss in your life. I loved her as my friend and will miss her. Jane Scelzo

Jane Scelzo - April 27, 2018 at 06:24 AM

HT

“ We are very sad to hear about Char. Please be assured that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Herb & Betty Troyer - April 27, 2018 at 06:24 AM

HW

“ Char was such a lovely welcoming person when I first joined LGC, new to the area. She had such a zest for life and community. I always looked forward to her hearty hellos, tongue in cheek commentary and no nonsense approach to life. She will be missed.

Hazel Weaver - April 27, 2018 at 06:24 AM



“ Joe and family:Char was a such a wonderful cheerful person to know.She always had a beautiful smile and a fun sense of humor.She was loved by many and will be missed.Mike and Donna Duffy and family

April 27, 2018 at 06:24 AM

DD

“ I never met Charlann in person but was able to speak with her for a long session. What a delight. It was our wish that maybe someday we would meet in person. However, we did communicate through email on all our genealogy information the best we could. I will miss that communication but know that her daughter is to take up that project when she is able to. Please except my condolences. God bless

Devera Delaney - April 27, 2018 at 06:24 AM

RS

“ *The Schwan Family, we are so sorry regarding the loss of Skaar. She was an incredible women who lived a full life. You and your family are in my prayers. The Schueler's*

Richard Schueler - April 27, 2018 at 06:24 AM



“ *I send my deepest sympathy to your family. Char was a delight. We will all remember the good times and memories. God be with you at the very sad time. Sandy Kalas*

July 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Deepest sympathy from your friends at Culver-Stockton College. Mrs. Schwan was such a special person who gave so much of herself for others. We are so proud to have known her and will always remember how devoted she was to her family and church. Her legacy will live forever at Culver-Stockton College.*

Culver-Stockton College - July 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I know Charr mostly through Sandy's eyes. I was honored to have lunch with her at an event we attended in support of Sandy. She was every ounce of sweetness Sandy had described. I remember thinking, "I want to be like her." Vibrant, kind and enjoying life at every turn.

My impression is that Charr was a rock of support, love, acceptance, wisdom, charity and kindness that propelled others to push beyond perceived limitations and achieve their full potential. She has certainly left a legacy of bright, successful, loving family members.

May you be comforted moment by moment.

Blessings,

Dana Frost

friend of Sandy Schwann

Dana Frost - July 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM