



Ilze K. Bullwinkel

May 22, 1953 - May 15, 2022

Ilze Bullwinkel, May 15, 2022. Unexpectedly, age 68. Predeceased by her parents, Janis & Zelma Karlsons; and her in-laws, Albert Sr. & Betty Bullwinkel.

Ilze was born on May 22, 1953, in Rochester. She grew up in Gates, around the corner from Sky Acres horse farm, where she was often found sitting by the fences. Horses were her life's passion.

Ilze is survived by her husband of 42 years, Albert; children, Emmy (Don) Thevanesan, Marty (Melinda) Bullwinkel & Daina (Mike) Druzynski; grandchildren, Lukas, Lija, Livija, Martin & Thomas; siblings, Maija (James) McLean, Andris (Inta Erenfelds) Karlsons, Velta (David) Huck, Irene (Bryan) Doktor; brothers & sisters-in-law; many nieces and nephews.

Ilze's heart was huge, and simply put, she made life fun. Her family and many friends are devastated to lose her too soon. She will be missed most by Albert, her husband and life partner through three beautiful kids and their spouses, five adored grandchildren, horses, dogs, cats, chickens, parties, boating, bonfires, and cocktails by the picnic table. May we all live a life so full.

Family & friends are invited to call at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home Sunday 11am-3pm. Her funeral will be Monday, May 23, 2022, 11 am, at Atonement Lutheran Church, 1900 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14618. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be made to one of the organizations important to Ilze, the Latvian Lutheran Church of the Cross or the Daugavas Vanagi of Rochester.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAY **22**. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home
2771 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624
(585) 426-7830
beanfuneralhome@rochester.rr.com
<http://www.beanandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Atonement Lutheran Church
1900 Westfall Road
Rochester, NY 14618

Tribute Wall

AS

“ So sorry I could not attend the service for Ilze. Even though it's been many years, I will remember her best for her intelligence, kindness and sense of humor. Godspeed.

Alan Smith - May 26, 2022 at 11:02 PM

SB

“ Dear Al/Emmy/Marty/Daina- just learned of the passing of your wife/mom- She was a wonderful lady and parent to have worked with during my time at Cal-Mum- My deepest condolences- My thoughts and prayers are with her and all of you- Sincerely, Steve Barbeau

Stephen Barbeau - May 25, 2022 at 07:14 AM

AG

“ Ilze was always so kind and helpful to me. We built a horse farm in Scottsville and she was so helpful with advice and getting what we needed. It was a joy talking with her, always smiling and cheerful. She brought joy to every interaction.
I am saddened she's gone but lucky I knew her.
Anna Gunther



Anna Gunther - May 24, 2022 at 09:42 PM

SB

“ *Ilze was such a sweet and delightful person. We are so glad we got to know her through contact with the Hunt and she and her daughter at Stampede Farm. Our sympathies to Dinah and her whole family as you celebrate Ilze's incomparable life. Sarah and Bob Booher.*



Sarah L Booher - May 24, 2022 at 08:46 PM

RS

“ Ilze. Attended a final farewell to her on behalf of my aunt, who wrote a short traditional Latvian eulogy. Essentially I was representing my aunt. A humbling experience. Ilze was part of the local Latvian community with my aunt being the oldest living member, going back to 1952. She says that she sat next to Ilzes mother, *zilā tautas tērpā, kad viņa bija pregnant ar Ilzi. Vecā baznīcā.* So, my aunt may have known Ilze the longest ! Ilze always visited my aunt, whenever she was in the area, she did not give a hoot that the house looked like a hospital supply room. My aunt admits to apparently persuading her to take the role over from Vilka Kundzes as Head of the Latvian local school. She thought that Ilze would be a perfect match in that role. And she was. She would come in laughing, smiling, ready to chat with my aunt, whether it be about local *latviešu* events, language interpretation, *gramatika*, history of the community, and the latest marriage. Lately, she had many questions about the older generation, of her parents, *kas darīja ko un kā ?* Wanting to learn more. Of course, there would be discussion of who had the thinnest hair between them, of dietary issues, reassurances would be exchanged. And then there were talks of horses, riding, dogs, and chickens. A definite passion for horses. An avid equestrian. Somehow she had heard me mention that I was looking for a Palomino. She took it upon herself to begin looking for one. Looking at costs, she tried to persuade me to downgrade to a simple chestnut !

Ilze was more comfortable wearing paddock boots, and clothing straight out of Dover's Saddlery Catalog.

Her laugh, zest of life, her love for her husband and three children, her kindness and sincerity are to be embraced. Just as she embraced living to the fullest each day. Her death was sudden, but her life was not faint. Her memory will always be with us, her legacy will continue through her children, grandchildren. It certainly has been a long day, a celebration of Ilze. Paldies Karlsons and Bullwinkle family for sharing Ilze with all of us.

Paldies, paldies. 🇱🇻

ReBeka Serdāns, RN, MS


Aina Serdans

ReBecca Serdans - May 24, 2022 at 01:18 AM

KG

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. May your memories of a beautiful life lived serve as a comfort to you at this very difficult time. Sending my thoughts and prayers to your entire family and many friends. Kathy Gallucci*

Kathy Gallucci - May 23, 2022 at 04:17 PM

 Robert Emens

“ *I met Ilze while working at Rochester Products. She and Al moved to Clifton soon after and have been part of the large family of Clifton ever since. Ilze you will be missed so much forever. Love you. Bob*

Robert Emens - May 22, 2022 at 10:47 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



May 22, 2022 at 10:45 AM

RW

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Al and the entire Bullwinkel family. Ilze was one of many big personalities and wonderful people that made growing up in Clifton great. I will never forget her smile, laugh, and how through my entire adult life she only referred to me as Robby Walker. She was a caring and kind person that will be missed by many.*

Rob Walker - May 22, 2022 at 09:47 AM

MM

Stopped for the calling hours this morning... HAPPY BIRTHDAY ILZE! Didn't realize it until I read her card... RIP. Heartfelt prayers for Al and the family 🙏

Mary Kay Masters - May 22, 2022 at 12:27 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



May 20, 2022 at 09:32 PM



“ *Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



May 20, 2022 at 09:30 PM

TF

“ *Very sorry to her about Ilze, Al. Your fond memories of her will bring smiles and tears to you and your family from this day forward. Thoughts and prayers Tom and Carol Farrell*

tom Farrell - May 20, 2022 at 05:38 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



May 20, 2022 at 02:28 PM



“ *Cousin Gail McHugh purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



Cousin Gail McHugh - May 19, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ *A wonderful person, gone way too soon. Never saw a moment when she wasn't kind, cheerful and helpful to all around her. So much knowledge of horses, chickens and so much more. She will be terribly missed by our whole community.*

Maggie Huff - May 19, 2022 at 03:28 PM



“ *Maris, Joanne and Lilita purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



Maris, Joanne and Lilita - May 19, 2022 at 03:09 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



May 19, 2022 at 02:50 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



May 19, 2022 at 01:55 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



May 19, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



May 19, 2022 at 01:10 PM

DI

“ I met Izle at Higbies years ago while purchasing chicks. Every year we would talk about chickens, horses, 4h, and life. She was such a sweet, kind, lady who would make me laugh at everything and the stories she would share. We are so sad to hear of her passing and our thoughts are with you at this time.

Diane and Tom Farrell

Diane - May 19, 2022 at 12:55 PM

EC

“ So sorry for the Bullwinkels' loss. I always enjoyed seeing Ilze, especially around Christmas and she will be greatly missed.

*Love,
Eliza and Sam Calvin (Madhu)*

Eliza Calvin - May 19, 2022 at 12:21 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.



May 19, 2022 at 12:11 PM

CW

“ I first met Ilze at Higby's after moving to Scottsville and buying a horse. She was the first person to give me advice and help me out as a new horse owner. Her enthusiasm and love of life were an inspiration to me. I loved her and will always miss her. Carolyn Wagner



Carolyn Wagner - May 19, 2022 at 10:57 AM

CS

“ Carolyn Wagner & Savannah purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.



Carolyn Wagner & Savannah - May 19, 2022 at 10:40 AM

RF

“ Rick & Francsca purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.



Rick & Francsca - May 19, 2022 at 10:19 AM

NF

“ Nothnagle Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.



Nothnagle Family - May 19, 2022 at 09:41 AM

 Jill
Fornarola

“ *I am very sorry for her family and our community. She was a caring and compassionate person. She volunteered for many events and organizations in the community and her presence will be missed very much. My condolences to her family. Jill Fornarola*



Jill Fornarola - May 19, 2022 at 09:18 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



May 19, 2022 at 08:56 AM

JS

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of this wonderful lady. Loved to talk with her every time I saw her at Higbie's. She was so full of life and always happy and knew every product they sold. I am so sorry for your loss Albert and Family. Words don't do Justice. There is a huge hole in my heart !!!!! Love and Prayers and Blessings for her life. Janet Sheflin*

janet Sheflin - May 19, 2022 at 08:55 AM

LS

“ *First memory from 40+ years ago: "Whose the crazier dancer at Across the Tracks?"
Fond & very sweet memories! Our love, hearts & prayers go out to you all!*

Lorna & Andy

Lorna Snow - May 19, 2022 at 06:43 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



May 18, 2022 at 10:42 PM

PC

“ *Beautiful soul, beautiful person, good friend. Such a huge loss... there are just no words. Billy & Pat*

Patricia Carpenter - May 18, 2022 at 04:07 PM

KA

“ 1st memory of Ilze
*Riding my horse King Arthur down Clifton rd and her chasing after me to tell me she moved in and was getting a horse and wanted to be friends....and she was so happy I lived across the street...my horse (King Arthur) went to live at her barn with Judge Roy Bean and we were "horse girls" and pals after that....thank you Ilze for inviting me into your life and family
Thank you for the parades..*

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KathyCorey - May 18, 2022 at 03:41 PM

DC

Love this❤️ I can just picture her doing that too!! Thanks for sharing

Denise Cordello - May 18, 2022 at 10:17 PM

AJ

“ We were all so lucky to know her beautiful soul. I am so devastated and sorry. Sending you all love, Abby Jones

Abby Jones - May 18, 2022 at 03:15 PM

SB

“ I'll never forget a horse show Ilze and I did together, a local show 3 phase event in Churchville, NY. I'll always remember our horse girls get togethers and just chatting about horses, kids, grand kids and husbands.

Also her smile every time I'd pop in at Higbe's. She'll be greatly missed. She's riding the trails in Heaven on Queeny.



Sue Bleier - May 18, 2022 at 03:13 PM

CC

“ *She led such a full life.....never a day wasted. She was generous and kind, full of spirit, grace and wit. It is hard to imagine the Hamlet of Clifton without her. We are all devastated. The Clancys*

Cathy Clancy - May 18, 2022 at 02:54 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



May 18, 2022 at 02:47 PM

DA

“ *Albert and Family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Silvia and Ed Dauenheimer*

Dauenheimer - May 18, 2022 at 02:44 PM

SD

My last memory of ILZE was watching her leading the children in games at last year's Janja celebration. So full of life! So glad we got to know her. Silvia.

Silvia Dauenheimer - May 18, 2022 at 03:29 PM

MF

Our thoughts and prayer's are with you all. We are so sorry. We all loved her!

MB and Brian Fisher - May 18, 2022 at 04:37 PM

AY

Ilze was a wonderful woman! She was so gracious and will be very missed.

Annete Young - May 19, 2022 at 06:47 AM

LW

Ilze lit up everyone else with just a conversation. I will never forget her smile, spirit and genuine warmth. I was truly blessed to know her as family.

Linda Weeks - May 19, 2022 at 08:48 AM

LL

Ilze lived life to the fullest. When I was a newcomer at a party at her home, she went out of her way to make me feel welcome. That kind of inclusion seemed to come naturally to her. A beautiful woman, her smile was always engaging and warm. Heaven has been made more interesting by her presence. Viņai pietrūks. Lynne (Lynette) Loomis

Lynette Loomis - May 19, 2022 at 09:50 AM

EP

So sad to hear of Ilze passing! She was the kind of person who the moment you met her, she was your friend.

Elaine Parizek - May 23, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



May 18, 2022 at 01:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



May 18, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ilze K. Bullwinkel.*



May 18, 2022 at 11:25 AM