



Top: *Lynne, Julianna, Joanna and Jack in Mexico, 2015*
Below: *Peter and Lynne with penguins in Antartica, 2007*

MEETING FOR WORSHIP
CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Lynne Ann Tillman Bird D'Angelo



Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church
Clayton, California

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Strawberry Creek Quaker Meeting

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

Lynne Ann Tillman Bird D'Angelo

March 30, 1945 – May 20, 2021

A Quaker Memorial Meeting

... follows the same form as a Meeting for Worship, which is the core of Quaker Practice. As a community who knew Lynne D'Angelo, today we gather in silence to remember and celebrate her life. We come in both sadness and thanksgiving to share our memories, thoughts and feelings. Friends believe that there is that of God in everyone. We seek to mark that of God that lived in Lynne and to affirm those things we now carry with us.

☞ If you have arrived early, please help us prepare the room for worship by remaining silent. The responsibility for the spiritual depth of the meeting rests with each attendee. Those who keep silence as well as those who give a vocal message do their part when they yield their minds and hearts to the guidance of the Spirit.

☞ As we sit in expectant quiet, we may be moved by the Spirit to share a message. Please do so without undue length, being mindful that others may be so moved. Everyone participates equally and all are welcome to speak. You may be moved to share prayers, poems, anecdotes or song. Please allow a few moments to hear and reflect on each message before offering yours.

☞ We will worship together for about an hour. The clerk will close our time of worship by exchanging a gesture with those next to her; a signal to all of us to greet those nearby with a gesture.

AFTERWARD WE WILL JOIN IN FELLOWSHIP ON THE PATIO

LYNNE WAS BORN in San Jose, California, the oldest child of six born to Henry (Tillie) and Ruth Tillman. She grew up on the east side of San Jose where her father built two houses on the three acres her parents owned. The first house was a one bedroom apartment over a garage where she lived from age 2 until age 9 with her parents and her brother Doug (1947-1984). The family moved next door to a more spacious home where Lynne's four sisters, Jean, Ellen, Laurie and Carol were born.

Lynne's father grew a wide variety of fruit and nut trees and other food items: Almond, apple, apricot, cherry, fig, peach, plum, walnut and persimmon trees, berries, corn, beans, broccoli, cabbage, onions, zucchini, rabbits, and chickens. Part of the land was open field which frequently caught fire in the summer. Lynne and Doug raised 4-H sheep in the field for two years and showed them at the Santa Clara County fair. Eventually the back part of the field was sold and houses replaced the open space.

Lynne went to Pala School for kindergarten and first grade, then to Linda Vista second grade through sixth, then back to Pala which had become just 7th & 8th grade. She graduated from James Lick High in 1963. She attended San Jose State for one year, transferring to UC Davis to major in Nutrition and Dietetics.

Lynne had an interest in Foods and Nutrition at an early age. One of her favorite pictures shows her spoon-feeding her brother Doug (next page). In sixth grade she worked in the school cafeteria and after lunch, washed the teachers' dishes. Lynne also took Home Economics in both junior high and high

school, and learned cooking and sewing in 4-H. She kept her Betty Crocker Cookbook from high school and used it occasionally in later years. Before her freshman and sophomore



years in college, Lynne worked as a kitchen helper at the Methodist summer camp Skylandia, at Lake Tahoe (now a park outside Tahoe City in Lake Forest). She also spent one summer as a Junior Cook, working at the Rising Sun Inn in Glacier National Park and hiking the many trails.

After writing a paper on nutrition in her freshman science class, she decided to be a dietitian. She wavered on this decision twice. She was unhappy with the courses offered at San Jose State. As an intern at Oregon State Medical School she discovered the food service was serving *eggs that had turned black in the warmers* to new mothers! No one shared her outrage, and she wasn't sure she wanted to be like those other dietitians. Fortunately, after a Fellowship in Child and Maternal Nutrition at the University of Washington in Seattle, she changed her mind and she enjoyed her forty-year career as a dietitian.

In 1967 following her UC Davis graduation, Lynne married John Bird in San Jose Friends Meeting. Joanna was born a few years later. Although she had known John and his family from the Methodist church and they attended the same high school, it was a difficult marriage for Lynne. After many years of trying to make it work, they were divorced in 1988.

Lynne went back to school and received her Masters Degree in Nutrition from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. During that time she also hosted Language Studies Students from a variety of countries while juggling a variety of jobs consulting, working at a dialysis unit and at Kaiser. She worked more than twenty years as a Nutrition Educator at Kaiser, providing both individual and group classes, and more than thirty years as a Consultant Dietitian at various convalescent and psychiatric hospitals. She retired in 2007.



LYNNE MARRIED Peter D'Angelo in 1997 in the Strawberry Creek Meeting. Peter came with two boys, Alex and Mark. Lynne found her life greatly enriched by the two boys now in her family. Peter and Lynne enjoyed folk dancing, hiking, back-

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Packing and adventure travel together. They visited 79 countries together and survived the sinking of their ship *Explorer*, in Antarctic waters. They were members of the Berkeley Folk Dancers for 24 years. With a Quaker group, The Friendly Folk

Dancers, that used dance as a form of peace ministry, they traveled and danced in countries where tourists seldom go, including visits with Quakers in Africa.

Lynne started attending Quaker Meeting as a student at UC Davis. After her first marriage in San Jose meeting, Lynne attended a number of meetings over the years: Multnomah in Portland, University in Seattle, San Francisco Meeting, and Berkeley Meeting which she joined after the birth of her

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daughter. She was an active and valued part of Strawberry Creek Meeting from the time it started as a worship group until the time of her death. She served as clerk of the worship group, later as alternate clerk and clerk of the meeting, transferring her membership from Berkeley Meeting when Strawberry Creek became an independent Meeting. Her committee service included Worship and Ministry, Mutual Care, Oversight, Care of the Meeting, and Retreat.



ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2008, Lynne and Peter helped when Joanna gave birth to Julianna and Johnathaniel (Jack). Joanna and the twins came to stay with Lynne and Peter. When Joanna went back to work three days a week in 2008, Lynne and Peter took care of the twins. They continued to stay with Lynne and Peter until 2014, when Lynne and Peter helped Joanna buy a house down the street.

Lynne enjoyed the adventure of travel, from camping trips with her own family as a child, to world travel as an adult. Jack and Julianna went on their first camping trip with Joanna, Lynne, and Peter. At that time, Lynne thought it might be her last camping trip because she was getting old. But with an upgraded tent and air mattress, she continued camping every year, visiting many National Parks including Death Valley and the Grand Canyon. On the last camping trip in 2019, she took Jack and Julianna to see her favorite spots in Glacier National Park, as well as Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park.



AFTER RETURNING from a trip to Mongolia, Lynne experienced stomach pains and in December 2019 was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. In January 2020 she started chemotherapy, but late in the year, the cancer metastasized. She continued chemotherapy, hoping to join a clinical trial, but was unable to do so. Her health declined and she entered hospice care on May 10. She died peacefully at home about 11:00 on the night of May 20, 2021. Besides Peter, Joanna, Jack and Julianna and stepsons Alex and Mark, Lynne is survived by her father and sisters, their children and grandchildren.

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Lynne looked at life as an adventure, especially since the sinking of the *Explorer*. She was able to face her cancer as yet another adventure. In the end, it was important to her that we all keep a sense of humor. We celebrate her life and how she touched ours.