



Synda Slegeski Buhacevich

February 6, 1948 - August 16, 2020

Synda Ann Slegeski Buhacevich, age 72 of Sarasota Florida formerly of Otterberg Germany and Columbus Ohio passed away at her home the afternoon of August 16, 2020 after a courageous second battle with breast cancer.

Synda was born on February 6, 1948 in Springfield, Ohio. The daughter of Walter Stewart and Alice Ann (Karns) Stewart.

Synda graduated from Springfield South (Ohio) High School and The Ohio State University.

She then worked for Columbus City Schools for twenty-seven years where she was a READING RECOVERY teacher leader. Her dedication to Reading Recovery positively impacted generations of school children, teachers and faculty alike.

Upon retirement she continued teaching taking a job with Department of Defense Education as a READING RECOVERY Teacher Leader/Literacy coach where she traveled the world enriching the lives of teachers and the children of US Military personnel in Iceland, the Azores, England, Germany and the Middle East. She lived in England for 5 years and Germany for 10 years.

With a second occurrence of breast cancer in May of 2018, Synda retired from the Department of Defense and returned to the US with her husband John to seek advanced treatment and spend time with her: 6 grandchildren (Jade, Grant, Paige and MJ, Finn and Fitz); Sons Devin (Jennifer) and PJ, daughter

Kristen (Michael); brother Scott (Ginny) and sister in-law Jenny; and other loved family members. With true dedication and passion, she continued her Reading Recovery work as a Teacher Leader with Sarasota County Schools until she was no longer able.

For Synda, every day was a beautiful adventure. She had a sincere appreciation for every moment. Enjoying every flower along the way, Synda made many friends and helped children unlock the treasures that come with literacy gained through READING RECOVERY.

She fought a brave fight and continued on to another adventure on August 16, 2020.

Synda was preceded in death by Mother Alice Ann and Father Walter.

In-lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be offered to SARASOTA SCHOOL READING RECOVERY VIA THE BELOW LISTED WEBSITE AND DIRECTIONS.

- 1.) Website address: <https://www.gulfcoastcf.org/give-fund>
- 2.) Donate to drop down: Reading Recovery Fund – Sarasota County
- 3.) Gift Details: Yes, my gift is in memory of someone. Type in Synda Buhacevich

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **30**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Sarasota Garden Club
1131 Boulevard of the Arts
Sarasota, FL 34236

Tribute Wall

CL

“ *Cindy Van De Linde lit a candle in memory of
Synda Slegeski Buhacevich*



Cindy Van De Linde - August 30, 2020 at 07:12 PM

MW

“ *My condolences to Synda's family. I had the immense pleasure of working as a Reading Recovery Teacher Leader with Synda in Europe. She was so much fun and so tall and elegant! We worked hard at some pretty stressful jobs and then enjoyed dining and shopping after work wherever we were gathered for a meeting in Europe. Those were wonderful times. Synda was razor sharp and a great Teacher Leader. I am blessed to have known her.*

Mary Jo Williams - August 30, 2020 at 01:18 PM

DK

“*Synda and I met in Columbus, Ohio while walking our sons home from kindergarten at Clinton Elementary. Our friend, Joanna, her twins and some other neighbors formed quite a crew. We spent quite a bit of time with this group of kids for many early school years.*

Synda was a bright light and a good friend, as we added scouts, swimming, and other activities to our agenda while Synda returned to teaching. Devin was her gift.

I haven't seen her since the wedding of one of the twins, before she left Columbus. I am joyful she had many years with a loving husband and growing family. She had a talent for loving well, working hard, and extending great kindness. Her light and talents made the world a better place.

You who are dear to her know such a loss. God bless you all. A great light has risen from this world. I won't forget.

*Sincerely,
Deb Kaufman*

Deborah Kaufman - August 27, 2020 at 05:10 PM

JH

“*I am deeply saddened by the news of the passing of Synda. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to her husband, family and friends. I worked with Synda when we were Reading Recovery teacher leaders in Germany. She was always very professional and dedicated to her job. I will always be grateful to her for introducing me to Reading Recovery in Columbus, Ohio. I am also very appreciative for the opportunity to learn and work with Synda as we shared professional goals to support the literacy of children with qualified Reading Recovery teachers in The Department of Defense Dependents Schools. Synda will be remembered as she touched the lives of so many.*


Janice Hines - August 23, 2020 at 05:44 PM

PC

“ *R.I.P Synda we will never forget you, your friends and neighbors Petra and Tino*



petra corrado-fini - August 19, 2020 at 09:46 AM


Kristina
Kla

“ *Kristina Kla lit a candle in memory of Synda Slegeski Buhacevich*



Kristina Kla - August 19, 2020 at 06:09 AM


Kristina
Kla

“ *To the Skegeski - Buhacevich - Family, especially to John,*

We, Ralf and Kristina were very lucky to be able to live next to you and Synda in Otterberg and to get to know you as wonderful neighbors and fantastic people. We still miss you guys.

The news of Synda's death greatly saddened us. We are very sorry for your loss. We are thinking about you and wishing you comfort and peace.

*With our deepest condolences,
Ralf & Kristina*

Kristina Kla - August 19, 2020 at 04:12 AM