



Veeta April Kleehammer

April 14, 1946 - July 23, 2023

Veeta April Kleehammer of Huntington, NY, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, July 23, 2023, surrounded by family, after a battle with lung cancer. Veeta was born in Bournemouth, England, on April 14, 1946, and grew up in Queens, New York. She attended SUNY New Paltz and received both Bachelor's and Master's degrees. She later moved to Manhattan where she worked for TIAA. Veeta married Robert Kleehammer on August 10, 1973, and they settled in Huntington in 1977 where they started a family. Veeta worked for Geico in customer service and as a claims adjuster for over 30 years until retirement. Veeta enjoyed many activities, including travel, gardening, cross stitch, the Sunday Times crossword puzzle, and playing cards. She was proud to be a Life Master in contract bridge and cherished the lifelong friends she made through this pursuit. Veeta is survived by her husband of 50 years, Robert Kleehammer, daughters Michelle Kleehammer and Alyssa Nicholas, and son-in-law Michael Nicholas. She is also survived by her sister Marian Derasmo, brother-in-law Rocky Derasmo, nephews Christopher, David, Jake, and Stephen, and niece Jennifer. At her request, a private family memorial service was held at A. L. Jacobsen Funeral Home in Huntington Station on Friday, July 28, 2023. In lieu of flowers or gifts, if you are inclined, please consider making a donation on behalf of Veeta to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (<https://www.nationalmssociety.org/Donate>), which she regularly supported. Also, memorial contributions could be made in Veeta's name to the Visiting

Nurse Service & Hospice of Suffolk County, who were instrumental to her comfort and care during her final weeks (<https://visitingnurseservice.org/>). We encourage you to leave a comment in the tribute section below to share your stories, memories, and sentiments among her family and friends, whom she valued so dearly.

Tribute Wall

AG

“ *For Veeta, a poem about the invisible guidance of my beloved Matron of Honor*

The Shape of Blue

*Blue bunting birds in the sky
Navigate by the sun and stars
Their feathers are blue or red
Depending on the light
That shines upon them
A rare event like a blue Super Moon
Or a cardinal in July.*

Anne Giroux - August 07, 2023 at 11:11 AM

MA

“ *Marian lit a candle in memory of Veeta April Kleehammer*



Marian - August 03, 2023 at 06:31 PM

AN

“ *Alyssa Nicholas lit a candle in memory of Veeta April Kleehammer*



Alyssa Nicholas - August 02, 2023 at 01:09 PM

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“ The family had a private service, which was lovely. This tribute page is where we urge you all to leave a memory of Veeta for us to read. Having her live on in our memories with joy in our hearts is something she would have loved. We miss her dearly, and will read every one of your shares. Thank you.

Alyssa Nicholas - August 01, 2023 at 03:14 PM

MA

Veeta I love and miss you very much. Even though we didn't see each other in the past years the memories of all the wonderful times at lent together are very fresh in my mind. I will never forget you. May you rest in peace my dear sweet sister.

Marian - August 03, 2023 at 06:30 PM

KJ

Dear Kleeammers, We are sad for your loss. Veeta was warm and thoughtful. She was delightful to spend time with and the best of all bridge players. She was never impatient, and always helpful teaching you how to get it right. "Always protect the contract" was one montra I will always remember. Grow strong sharing the fond memories you have of her. Karen and Hal. August 8

Karen Johnson - August 08, 2023 at 01:06 PM

MD

People always ask Mac and I how we met. We were born states and worlds apart. The answer is "Icebreakers". The other part of our answer is thanks to you, sweet Veeta, and you, Bob. We have thought about you both for years We may have lost contact but never forgot either of you. Bob we are so sorry to know about Veeta passing. Veeta was a great friend and help when we worked together at TIAA. I remember our Bill and your Michelle walking in the creek behind our house when you visited us years ago in Richmond. It was a great visit and unfortunately the last time we got together. Our love and prayers are with you and your family. Rose Dufilho

Mac and Rose Dufilho - May 15, 2024 at 09:41 AM

AN

Thank you Rose, this is so kind. I'll make sure my father gets your message. With love, Alyssa

Alyssa Nicholas - June 19, 2025 at 04:21 AM