



Lynn Marshall Loomis

February 25, 1954 - July 15, 2024

Lynn Marshall Loomis, age 70, of Loudon, TN, left this world for his heavenly home on 7/15/24. He was born on 2/25/54 and was the son of Catherine Anne Loomis (d) and Joseph West Loomis Sr. (d) of Sweetwater, TN. In his earlier years, Lynn worked as a pig farmer for the family business, Loomis Packing Co. (Granny Loomis Sausage). In his late 20s, Lynn attended Hiwassee College, where he developed an interest in writing and won a poetry award for a published poem he wrote. However, his primary passion he discovered in college was ballet. Lynn studied dance initially under the tutelage of Elaine Armfield of Armfield Dance Academy and then at the Tennessee Festival Ballet (directed by Anna-Marie and David Holmes). After studying, he began a career as a traveling freelance dancer, which led him to Houston, Texas, where he lived for some time. He also danced in The Nutcracker in Atlanta, GA and spent a summer performing in Italy as well. Other major roles include Snow King and Prince Cavalier in The Nutcracker, the La Sylphide Pas de Deux from Graduation Ball, and Franz in a Coppelia choreographed by his instructor, Ms. Armfield. His primary dance partners were Kim Allen, Missy Howe, and Barbara LeGault (Texas). Lynn often expressed how grateful he was to have had a successful career in ballet considering that he began dancing later in life than most dancers. Upon his retirement as a professional dancer, Lynn taught dance for many years locally and cultivated an impressive movie collection, inspired by his love of B horror movies, science fiction, and creature features. Lynn loved and was beloved by his God-given family, his

dance family, friends, students, and his cats, who he loved like his own children. He was predeceased by his parents (aforementioned) and brother Edward Thomas Loomis. He is survived by brother, Joseph West Loomis Jr and wife Earla Loomis, niece Jennifer Cooper (husband, Robert Cooper), and nephews: Matthew Trenton Loomis (wife, Kayce Loomis), Joseph West Loomis, III (wife, Stephanie Loomis), and Benjamin Thomas Loomis (wife, Carol Loomis), and the children of niece and nephews. Please contact the family for service information.

“You have turned my mourning into joyful dancing. You have taken away my clothes of mourning and clothed me with joy.” -Psalm 30:11

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Loomis was the first male dance instructor I had. Being a boy, I never knew dance was something to excel at until I saw him demonstrate amazing technique. He has inspired me to never give up and be always learning to learn.*

Andrew Kirkland - July 25, 2024 at 08:10 PM

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“ *I remember as a young high school dancer stepping on the bus to the regional dance festival and hearing that our lead, a beautiful dancer who had been a professional, was not able to attend and that I was going to step in to her place. Lynn was her partner in the piece and he was so supportive and helpful as I tried so hard to fill shoes that were much too big for me. I am a strong attorney today and I credit moments like this and supportive people in my life like Lynn. He had a huge heart and I know he is lighting up the heavens with his kind spirit and smile.*

Brenna Nava - July 23, 2024 at 09:05 PM

MM

“ *Lynn was a very kind and polite person who was very talented.*



Michael Marshall - July 21, 2024 at 04:52 AM

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“ Nancy Millsaps lit a candle in memory of Lynn Marshall Loomis



Nancy Millsaps - July 20, 2024 at 04:58 PM

CM

“ I was ‘always’ with Michelle Howe Johns when she traveled with the ballet BUT I knew that Lynn Loomis was ALWAYS her protector every minute that I was not physically by her side! What a precious sweet kind young man that I am forever grateful to have as our friend and protector.

cheryl (Howe) Lee mother of Michl - July 20, 2024 at 02:06 PM

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“ I will always remember Lynn as such a hard-working, dedicated dancer/friend/partner. It was a joy to introduce Lynn to the world of dance. He truly loved ballet. He always arrived in class with a smile. Lynn was an excellent partner, always taking good care of his ballerina and showing her off to the best viewpoint. His legacy at Armfield Dance Academy lives on with the ballet roles which were created for him.

Elaine Armfield - July 20, 2024 at 01:20 PM

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“ Lynn and I were students at the Armfield Dance Academy in the 1970’s. I’ll always remember him fondly for his love of ballet, his dedication to mastering its technique, and the joy I experienced studying and performing with him.

Bookie Reynolds

Bookie Reynolds - July 19, 2024 at 07:07 PM