

Gloria & Mike Lynch
In Gratitude, Love, and Remembrance

With heavy hearts, the family of Gloria and Mike Lynch shares this remembrance of their lives. Gloria passed away in November 2022, and Mike followed in January 2026.

Gloria and Mike are survived by Gloria's sister, Coke (Colleen) Mulder; their son Cullin Lynch and his wife Kim, and Cullin's daughter McKenzie of Indianapolis, Indiana; and their son Sean Lynch and his wife Kate, and their children Colleen and Patrick of Yarmouth, Maine.

Neither Gloria nor Mike wished for a formal wake or funeral. Instead, they hoped to be remembered through the stories, laughter, and shared moments that filled their lives with family and friends.

Gloria Jean Chevalier was born on January 30, 1943, to Agnes and Lawrence Chevalier of Willmar, Minnesota. She spent her childhood in Willmar growing up alongside her lifelong best friend and sister, Coke (Colleen Mulder). Gloria graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Arts in Education. She enjoyed teaching young children with special needs.

Gloria and Mike met while attending a wedding of mutual friends. After a brief courtship, they married in 1965. Gloria continued teaching and eventually shifted to a role as a substitute teacher as she dedicated the next chapter of her life to raising their two sons, Cullin and Sean.

With her quiet strength and loving heart, Gloria was the matriarch of the Lynch family. Gloria loved celebrating Christmas and, for many years, made her home warm and welcoming for all of us. She cared lovingly for Mike's parents, Honey (Sybil) and Bud (Edward) Lynch, hosting them and their friends for numerous brunches and deck parties. Gloria enjoyed the companionship of many beloved dogs throughout her life. She took great care in grooming them to look sharp. She was also a talented cross-stitcher, showing her love for family and friends by creating numerous treasures for them. Gloria's heart lit up when she became a grandmother. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, Colleen, McKenzie, and Patrick.

Michael Edward Lynch was born on December 14, 1942, to Sybil and Edward Lynch of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mike grew up in Lyndon, Kentucky, before moving to

Minnesota for his senior year in high school. He attended Bemidji State College in Minnesota, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts.

Professionally, as a young man, Mike held an engineering license and pilot's license. He flew commercially for Northwest Airlines. He then founded Controls and Meters, Incorporated, a company he ran for nearly fifty years, one of the nation's leading suppliers of industrial flow instrumentation. After their sons graduated from high school, Gloria joined Mike at the CMI office.

Mike enjoyed numerous interests that brought him joy, fostered friendships, and served his community. During his college years, he spent several summers as a canoe guide in northern Minnesota in the Quetico-Superior region. He enjoyed a lifelong passion for hunting with family and friends. Mike was a gunsmith and skilled trap shooter. Mike earned his Eagle Scout award in Lyndon, Kentucky, and later he volunteered a tremendous amount of time as a scoutmaster, leading Cullin's and Sean's troops through Sean's senior year of high school. He and Gloria were active members of both the Jaguar Club and the Austin Healey Club of Minnesota. Through these groups, they enjoyed friendships through car club trips and hosted numerous events at their home. Along with Gloria, Mike loved the companionship of numerous dogs throughout his life.

In addition to being a scoutmaster for nearly fifteen years, Mike served on the Chanhassen Parks and Recreation Commission, working on the development of neighborhood park systems for his town. He also enjoyed a commitment to the Center for Irish Music, where he and Gloria spent a great deal of time volunteering. Mike was one of the founding members of this wonderful music school in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was a member of the board of directors from 2007 to 2025, including six years as board president. Mike believed deeply in the power of music education for young people. He took great pride in contributing to the growth of this school. A student of music himself, he also played the bodhrán, the Irish drum, which he learned later in life. He played in sessions around the Twin Cities, as well as in the Boston area when visiting his son Sean's family. Mike also spent many years volunteering as a barkeep during events at the Center. In that role, he got to know many people at the Center and enjoyed conversations with all who stepped up to the bar. In addition, Mike and Gloria loved gardening and entertaining. Together, they hosted innumerable gatherings for friends and family at their home, including a ritual Sunday brunch that continued for many years.

Gloria and Mike cherished time with their three grandchildren, Colleen, McKenzie, and Patrick. Gloria loved spoiling her grandchildren, especially when they were younger. During visits, she could be found at one of her son's kitchen tables, sharing her secret stash of Dum-Dum lollipops while teaching the kids to cross-stitch. She also enjoyed playing card games and working on crafts with them. In recent years, Mike enjoyed sharing his passion for hunting on several trips with Patrick, Sean, and Cullin. He also shared his passion for cooking with his grandchildren as often as he could, such as making crepes during a holiday visit on a weekend morning.

Gloria and Mike are beloved by all who knew them. They leave behind a beautiful legacy of devotion to family, steadfast friendship, service to their community, and generous hospitality.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in their memory to the Center for Irish Music in St. Paul ([Donate here](#)).

A celebration in Gloria and Mike's honor will be held at the Center for Irish Music at the Celtic Junction Arts Center in St. Paul on June 19, 2026, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. All friends and family are warmly invited to attend. An Evite will be sent at a later time.