



Lucy Ann Sawyer

October 9, 1936 - February 21, 2025

Lucy Ann (Ayer) Sawyer 88, of New Kent Virginia, went to her next great adventure on February 21, 2025.

She is survived by her husband Edward Sawyer; their children, Carol (Ted), Cindy (Dan), Don (Yong Mi), Elinda (Jason). She also leaves behind 10 grandchildren: Kendall, Taylor, Danny, Katie, Patrick, Lisa, Kevin, Brandon, Brian and Joshua, as well as 7 great grandchildren: Hazel, Matthew, Sloane, Kai, Brooks, Bo, and Korra. She is also survived by her brother Bill (Sherry).

She was preceded in death by her daughter Christine Marie Sawyer, and her brothers Freddie and Dick.

Lucy was born in Lewiston Maine on October 9, 1936, to Fred and Marie Ayer. As a child she was known to tap dance on the roof and paint on her bedroom walls. She married Ed Sawyer in 1959, together they had 5 children. They spent 23 years travelling across the country while Ed was in the Air Force. Lucy was a self-taught artist and painted using numerous mediums including oils, acrylic, watercolors, silk dyes.

She and Ed moved to New Kent, Virginia in 1994, where they opened the Sawyer Studio. She taught art classes for many years; Lucy brought a bright light to her studio and her students that she adored and loved very much. She

was a prolific painter, and her artwork can be found throughout the county, country and world including the New Kent County Courthouse, Chickahominy Family Practice facilities and the Vincent Funeral Home. In addition to painting, Lucy was a talented beautician, entrepreneur, gardener, cook and cake decorator. She also spent many years working with children at Stokes elementary school in Rome, NY.

One of Lucy's favorite activities was giving, which included her time, her artistic knowledge, her artwork, recipes, sage advice, and anything she thought would bring joy to others. In light of this, donations would be appreciated in lieu of flowers. Her favorite charities included Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, Tunnel to Towers, and her local county animal shelter.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry. Cindy. Our Mother is the special light of our life. Fortunately you will see her again. Love you always. Linda.

Linda Fleming Banker. - March 02, 2025 at 02:29 PM

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“ I met Lucy in 2020 when her daughter Carol brought her parents to work during the pandemic. No, really! The whole world was locked down for the pandemic, but we still had to work of course, just remotely. Lucy and Ed were the special guests at our department's online staff meeting one week, which naturally rendered all discussion of business irrelevant in comparison to their excellent company. Observant and wry, Lucy had us all smiling in no time, which was so very welcome after weeks of isolation and handwringing. And then of course there were the delightful paintings that Lucy created for each of us over the years. I myself am the fortunate recipient of several of them, which grace my home in their fine frames and serve as constant and beautiful reminders to live a little better by giving a little more to people I may never meet in person for the sole purpose of “just because.” What a legacy!

Kimberly - February 26, 2025 at 11:30 AM

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When I think of Lucy what comes first to mind is her generosity. For years every Wednesday afternoon Lucy and Eddie made their studio available as a special place for me to paint. What made it was special for me was their wonderful friendship. And, of course, being in the presence of a highly imaginative painter and a very skilled framer helped me to grow as an artist and a person. Yes, what a legacy of talent and friendship they leave for all of us who knew them!

Hal Wallof - March 02, 2025 at 12:13 PM

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“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - February 26, 2025 at 07:49 AM

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“ *Lucy was one of the most caring, giving people I have ever known. She was talented, generous and always had great stories to tell. Her life influenced so many people in such a wonderful way and I will miss her a lot, but I know she is free from pain and happy in heaven now. She has a very special family, and I wish them peace and healing.*

Sally Ogle - February 25, 2025 at 07:58 AM