



Lindsey Hodge Penn

October 6, 1981 - April 21, 2026

Lindsey Hodge Penn (affectionately known as “Sixtwo”) passed away peacefully on April 21, 2026 surrounded by her family at the age of 44. Lindsey was born on October 6, 1981 in Raleigh, NC, a daughter of Donald R. and Katherine P. Hodge of Summerville, SC.

Lindsey and her family moved to Summerville in 1996 and she began attending Summerville High School. She played basketball and volleyball for SHS earning All Region and playing in All State games throughout her high school for both basketball and volleyball. She was recruited by several colleges, but the challenge of The Citadel Military College won her over. She played volleyball all four years and graduated in 2004. She was the first woman from Summerville to attend and graduate from the Citadel, marking a historic milestone as one of the first 60 women to ever be in the Corp of Cadets. During her senior season at the Citadel, she was ranked 4th Nationally in NCAA Division 1 Volleyball service aces. She holds the volleyball record for most aces served at the Citadel. She later returned to volleyball coaching B team volleyball at SHS. Lindsey was inducted into the Summerville Hall of Fame in 2022.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree, She joined Dorchester County EMS and soon became a Paramedic and Crew Chief. It was there she met her best friend and love of her life, Billy Penn. Together they built a life of

service, love and dedication to the community and each other. They often worked out together, competed in firefighter challenges together as a team and sometimes traveling for competitions.

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She valued her loved ones, even while facing her own challenges, she stayed deeply connected to those around her, leaving a lasting mark on her family and the community she served alongside her husband.

Lindsey is survived by her loving husband William (Billy) Penn, their children, Ava, Morgan and Divinity. Her parents, Don and Kathy Hodge, a sister Katie Hodge Myers, a brother in law Jay Myers, Mother in law Lessie Penn, father in law William Penn and step mother in law Donna. Numerous Aunts, Uncles, and cousins who will forever hold her memory close.

Celebration of life service will be on May 3, 2026 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Dorchester Boat Club 148 Old Dorchester Trail, Dorchester Trail, Summerville, SC 29485. If possible, please wear purple, as that was Lindsey's favorite color.

In lieu of flowers, Lindsey asked that any memorial contributions be made to: MUSC Hollings Cancer Center, 86 Jonathan Lucas Street Charleston, SC 29425, 843-792-9300.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dorchester Boat Club
148 Old Dorchester Trail, Dorchester Trail
Summerville, SC 29485

Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Touchberry Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lindsey Hodge Penn.*



The Touchberry Family - May 02 at 04:10 PM

TF

“ *The Kahelski and Ziehl families purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Lindsey Hodge Penn.*



The Kahelski and Ziehl families - May 01 at 11:53 AM

WA

“ A lot of people may not know this about my kid, but we always called you “6’2” — not just for your height, but for the presence you carried every time you stepped onto the court or in anything you did. You stood tall in every sense: as a competitor, as a teammate, and as a cornerstone of something bigger than all of us.

When we were building the volleyball program at The Citadel, there were no guarantees, no clear path, just belief, grit, and a handful of awesome players willing to give everything they had. You were at the heart of that. A fierce server, a relentless player, and someone who never backed down from the challenge of helping create something from the ground up.

But what mattered most wasn’t just how you played, it was how deeply you cared. You loved your volleyball family, and it showed in the way you supported your teammates, the energy you brought to every practice and match, and the pride you carried for being part of this program. You helped shape the culture, the identity, and the spirit that still lives on today in what we started at The Citadel.

I’ve always said my players are my kids, and that doesn’t end with time or distance. It doesn’t end now. You will always be one of mine. You will always be loved, always be remembered, and always be a part of what we built together.

I will miss you, Lindsay. Thank you for everything you gave—to me, to your teammates, and to this program. Your legacy lives on in all of us. I love you with all my heart, Coach Wendy

Wendy Anderson - April 30 at 09:44 AM

WP

“ William and Donna Penn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lindsey Hodge Penn.

William and Donna Penn - April 29 at 08:05 PM

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“ William and Donna Penn purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Lindsey Hodge Penn.



William and Donna Penn - April 29 at 08:05 PM

“ The first time Uncle Bill met Lindsey, the precocious 3-year-old came galloping out of her parents’ home in Apex, N.C., sporting a red cowboy hat and brandishing a toy gun. It was as if she were ready to ride into life on the back of a buckin’ bronco. She rode that wild horse her entire life. She may have been thrown a few times, but she always climbed back on. Never a quitter.

That’s how her volleyball and basketball coaches described her at Summerville High and the Citadel. Lindsey was strong – mentally, emotionally and physically. When on duty as a paramedic, Lindsey wore an invisible shield that protected her emotions as she responded to one emergency after another. But at home and among friends, Lindsey quietly revealed her sensitive side, including the time her Mom texted her at 4 in the morning to say her dear grandmother was in distress. Lindsey came immediately and wiped away tears when she learned her grandmother had died.

But allow us to return for a moment to Lindsey’s childhood. At our wedding in 1986, 4-year-old Lindsey was our flower girl. As she made her way down the long, imposing aisle at Duke Chapel in Durham, Lindsey stopped every few steps to pick up the flowers she had strewn from the flower basket. Guess she didn’t want the wedding guests to trample those pretty petals! Later, at the wedding reception, Lindsey felt obliged to clean up the venue by finishing off the wine left on guest tables.

When the family moved to Midlothian, Virginia, Aunt Debbie and Uncle Bill took her for a walk in her new neighborhood with her younger sister, Katie. Lindsey was always at least 10 strides ahead of us, and she often called back to us: “Come on, Katie; hurry up, Aunt Debbie.” Poor Katie played catch up with her older sister the rest of Lindsey’s short life!

On family vacations to Cherry Grove, S.C., Lindsey was always the first in the ocean and the last one out. It was as if she wanted to tame the crashing surf. Back at the cottage, Lindsey enthusiastically

joined in family games and often scolded the adults if they strayed from the rules. Grandmother and Granddaddy Mid relished Lindsey's unique personality.

In high school, Lindsey developed strong leadership skills and often prodded her teammates to reach for higher levels of performance. Lindsey did not like losing. That competitive drive and her talent earned her a volleyball scholarship at the Citadel, where she continued to excel in the sport.

But athletics were only one part of Lindsey's multifaceted life. She was first and foremost a conscientious daughter, a credit to Kathy and Don, a caring sister to Katie, and a loving wife and mother. Billy was all that Lindsey could hope for in a husband, and more. Lindsey treated her stepchildren as if they were her own. She and Billy were exemplary role models for Ava, Morgan and Divinity.

After being diagnosed with a brain tumor in 2013, Lindsey reluctantly gave up her role as crew chief for the Dorchester County Emergency Medical Service. When she did work, Lindsey deftly took charge at serious auto accidents or in-home medical emergencies. When Lindsey spoke, her crew listened.

Despite a challenging prognosis, Lindsey never complained and never gave up on life. She seized every day and battled recurring physical setbacks. When she found out about the tumor, Lindsey added a tattoo on the inside of her right arm, quoting the author Elizabeth Edwards: "She stood in the storm, and when the wind did not blow her way, she adjusted her sails." That captures Lindsey's resilience. She was our hero, and we will never forget her goodness, kindness and courageous spirit.

*All Our Love,
Aunt Debbie and Uncle Bill*

MF

“ Marcus & Raquel Penn Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lindsey Hodge Penn.

Marcus & Raquel Penn Family - April 28 at 02:41 PM

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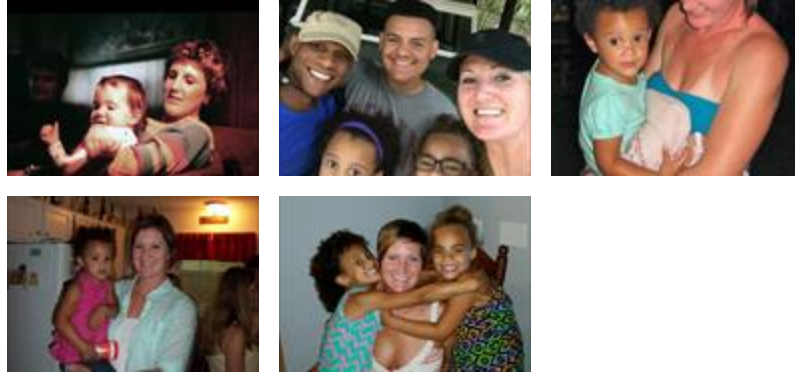
“ Marcus & Raquel Penn Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lindsey Hodge Penn.



Marcus & Raquel Penn Family - April 28 at 02:41 PM

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Deborah Pickett Mills - April 28 at 02:15 PM

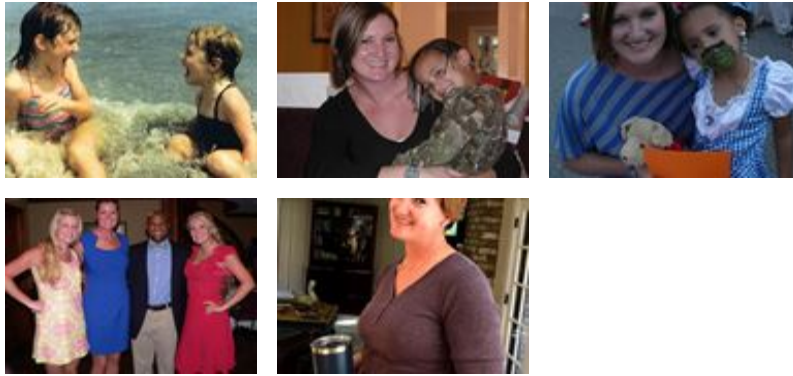
LD

“ *Sending condolences to the Hodge and Penn families. I had the pleasure of working with Lessie Penn and now her granddaughter, Ava Penn. I pray that strength and peace are in abundance for this family and that memories shine through at your darkest moments.-
LaDonna Davis*

LaDonna Davis - April 28 at 01:04 PM



“ *100 files added to the album LifeTributes*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - April 27 at 10:16 AM

OS

“ *OES Faculty and Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lindsey Hodge Penn.*

OES Faculty and Staff - April 26 at 04:56 PM

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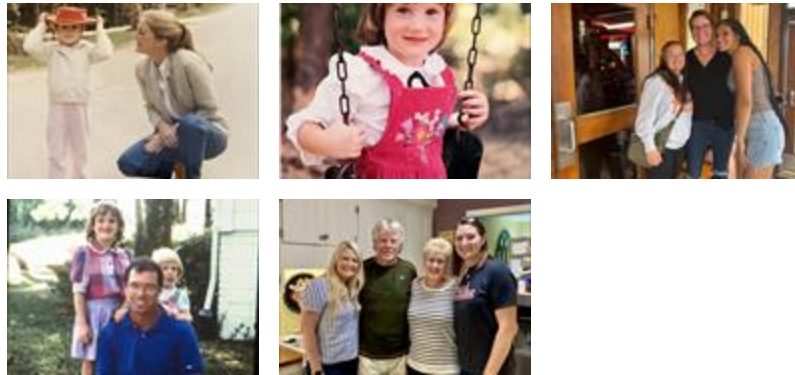
“ OES Faculty and Staff purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lindsey Hodge Penn.



OES Faculty and Staff - April 26 at 04:56 PM

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“ 58 files added to the album Lindsey 1



Deborah Pickett Mills - April 26 at 04:01 PM



“ Forever Casual. Lindsay will be missed by Charlie Company C/O 2004.

Jermaine Dwayne - April 25 at 01:47 PM



“ Sorry for everyone's loss. ☐



Mak Allen - April 24 at 10:40 PM

LP

“ I met 6”2 when she came to Alabama with my first cousin Billy she was so down to earth just joy to be around. When I heard that she had passed that just broke my heart. I will be praying for my cousins and there children’s and the rest of the family, she will truly be missed. I will remember all the good times we had. Linda Penn

Linda Penn - April 24 at 08:30 PM

SD

“ To say that I am shocked is an understatement. My deepest sympathies to the entire family. This is such a loss but definitely a blessing to heaven. God has truly called an angel back to Him. Prayers for peace, comfort and understanding to the family. Much love! Sissy Day

Sissy Day - April 24 at 06:38 PM

TJ

“ Lindsey, your light will continue to shine on. You were truly a beacon of light to all of us your presence, your warmth, your spirit will never be forgotten.



Though you are no longer here with us, your memories will live on in our hearts always.

With love always,
Tomeka and Skye

T. Jones - April 24 at 06:12 PM