



## Sheila Kay Lenz

April 28, 1952 - April 12, 2023

Sheila Kay Lenz, 70, of Summerville, SC, passed away on April 12, 2023 at her home in Summerville, SC.

Sheila was born on April 28, 1952 to Ralph and Dolores (Taylor) Jones of Kershaw, SC. She attended Kershaw High School and studied English at the University of South Carolina followed by her Master's degree from The Citadel later in life. She had a life-long love for literature, particularly Middle Age English and Southern Gothic. Sheila taught high school English then transitioned to guidance counseling over her forty year career with Dorchester District Two. She had a passion for advising students and helping them meet their goals. An accomplished educator, Sheila also served on the Board of Directors at Pinewood Preparatory school during her career.

On November 12, 1983 she married Thomas Wilbur Lenz II. Sheila and Tom lived in Summerville, South Carolina.

She loved traveling and enjoyed visiting Europe and the Caribbean throughout her life. Sheila enjoyed the arts, and always loved attending rock shows with friends and the theater. She was happiest gathering with those she loved, particularly oyster roasts at her home. She was known for being a very caring, quick-witted, strong woman by her friends and family who will miss her.

Sheila is survived by her loving spouse of 39 years Tom; son, Thomas Wilbur

Lenz, III of Greenville, SC; daughter, Shannon (Peach) Shelton of Kershaw, SC; grandchildren, Sydney Shelton, Thomas Wilbur Lenz IV, and William Ayers Lenz. She was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Jones, Jr .

The funeral arrangements are being coordinated by James A. Dyal Funeral Home, Summerville, South Carolina. There will be a private ceremony honoring Sheila's life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to the Spina Bifida Association ([give.sbaa.org](http://give.sbaa.org)) in honor of her granddaughter, Sydney Shelton.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am sending my condolences to the Lenz family. I am an old friend of Tom's going back to kindergarten in Moon Township, PA. Tom and I grew up together and played golf at Montour Heights. Although we lost touch with each other, I have fond memories of our days together! I know how hard it is to lose a spouse as I lost my wife Susan of 40 years in 2016. My best to the family and especially Tom. George Gamble

George Gamble - May 18, 2024 at 03:46 PM

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“ Beautiful and her life tells the story!!Beautiful family, major accomplishments and fighting to the finish..Much love and sympathy to her parents, family and friends..She was a bright light that will continue to shine in our memories!!!

Penny Hunter - April 18, 2023 at 09:14 PM

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“ Carlette R. Van Kampen lit a candle in memory of Sheila Kay Lenz



Carlette R. van Kampen - April 16, 2023 at 11:13 AM

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*I am sending lots of love 💕 to your family, Sheila and know how much you are missed already.  
Your kind, caring, loving, sweet Southern Charm will always be with/within your beloveds.  
I am so thrilled we reconnected after decades and our country connection will always Bee 🐝 strong.  
A poet, artist and funny lady.  
Warmly,  
Always 🌷🌷🌷*

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**Carlette R. van Kampen** - April 16, 2023 at 11:18 AM

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*Love lives within always.*

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**Carlette R. van Kampen** - April 20, 2023 at 04:34 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sheila Kay Lenz.*



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April 15, 2023 at 01:07 PM