



Elizabeth Lynne Theuerkauf

May 25, 2026

Elizabeth Lynne Theuerkauf, 83, of Tenafly, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on May 25, 2026. Born on August 15, 1942, in Montgomery, Alabama, she was the beloved daughter of the late Lucile and Douglas Meredith.

Known affectionately to family and friends as Lynne, she was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, Rolf Theuerkauf of Demarest, New Jersey.

Lynne is survived by her loving sons and daughters-in-law: Scott and Barbara Theuerkauf of Batavia, Illinois; Jeff and Michele Theuerkauf of Glen Rock, New Jersey; and Mike and Judy Theuerkauf of Tenafly, New Jersey. She was the cherished “Choo-Choo” to her grandchildren Blaire (and her husband Eric), Haleigh, Madison, Chris, Peter, Matthew, Dane, and Rylie, and to her great-grandson, Jayden. She is also survived by her dear brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bruce and Christine Theuerkauf of Chatham, New Jersey, and their family, all of whom she loved deeply.

Lynne will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, and selfless spirit. Family was always at the center of her life, and she lived by the simple but meaningful belief “Be Kind” and “Everyone Needs a Hug.” With her colorful vests, radiant smile, and warm heart, she had a remarkable way of making everyone she met feel special, welcomed, and uplifted.

For more than 25 years, Lynne was a respected antique and estate jewelry dealer, proudly owning and operating her shop at the Clinton Inn in Tenafly, New Jersey. She treasured evenings spent dining with friends and family, always accompanied by good conversation and a glass of wine. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading, walking, and connecting with people from all walks of life.

Over the years, Lynne was involved in the Demarest community through her work with the PTA, the Library Bazaar, a liaison with the police department, and the United Methodist Church of Demarest, NJ. Her caring nature and willingness to help others left a lasting impact on many lives.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Barrett Leber Funeral Home on Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with a service from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, Lynne's family asks that you honor her memory by paying it forward through an act of kindness — treat someone to dinner, offer a helping hand, or give an unsolicited hug to someone who may need one.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 30. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home

148 Dean Dr

Tenafly, NJ 07670

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<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Lynne’s love of life was a force of nature, bonding friends and family, and bringing joy to all. We are particularly grateful for her long friendship with our mother (Gloria Abramonte). Love to all her family and all who will miss her. Frank Abramonte*

Abramonte - May 30 at 04:22 PM

TW

“ *Lynne was one of the first guests who I knew by name when I first started working at Brasserie Memere. Seeing her and her many friends walk in for happy hour, we always knew it was going to be a good day. Her personality lit up the space and her hugs could turn around any bad day around. Between life advice and a caring smile she was a true legend. She will be greatly missed, and I will be raising a scoop of blueberry ice cream in her honor tonight.*

Theresa Wickersheim - May 29 at 11:33 PM

AP

“ *It is with great sadness and admiration that our Axia Family says farewell to one of our national treasures. Lynn was a huge personality who defined class, with her maternal nature and hospitable personality towards all that she met. She brought many of her friends and family in her life to Axia, and celebrated in joy and sorrow. Our staff will be forever grateful for her consideration and love. Her life advice will resonate with me for years to come. May her memory be eternal!*

The Axia Family

Alex Parlamis - May 28 at 10:39 PM

GB

“ *It was always fun and a treat to work with Lynne on Demarest Recreation over the years. Enjoyed a glass of wine with her too. My condolences to her family*

Ginny Bargisen - May 28 at 08:58 PM

PK

“ *Dear Theuerkauf Family,*

Mrs. Theuerkauf's memory brings me back to the warmth and closeness of those Demarest days that feel as vivid now as they did in the 1970s. I can still picture the old Van Horn Street neighborhood before they moved across town—those were such special times, filled with laughter, friendship, and the simple joy of being young and playing with the Theurekauf kids. Many of my fondest memories are tied to visiting their home or at NVRHS football games especially during Scott and Eric's unforgettable 1980 football season. There was such energy and excitement in the air, and Mrs. Theuerkauf was always right there at the heart of it, welcoming everyone with kindness and a genuine smile. I'm very grateful for those memories and for having known her. She was truly a special part of a very special time, and she will be remembered with deep appreciation and affection. My condolences to the Theuerkauf family, I hope the happy memories can help during this difficult time.

Paul Kohlsaat

paul kohlsaat - May 26 at 05:29 PM