



## Sheila Kinsella Wander

November 6, 2021

Wander, Sheila (nee Kinsella) of Englewood, NJ (formerly of West Islip, NY and Charlestown, MA) passed away peacefully on November 6, 2021 after a short illness. Beloved wife of the late Phillip Wander (2021). Caring stepmother of Bob and David Wander. Loving grandmother of Jonah, Aaron and Drew Wander. Dear Aunt of Scott Kinsella, Colleen Kinsella Crane, Christine Kinsella, Leigh Kinsella and Dana Kinsella. Also survived by numerous great nieces and nephews, her sisters in law Janice Kinsella and Nancy Kinsella, and her cousins Judith and Mary Brennan. Predeceased by her parents Michael Leo and Helene (Eileen) Kinsella, and her brothers Michael and Kevin Kinsella. Sheila was an English Teacher at West Islip High School for many years. She loved reading, the theater and exercising. Sheila was known for being an excellent cook and hostess. Whether it was her students, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, or Philip, she was a natural caretaker. Philip would often say, "Everyone needs a Sheila, even Sheila". She will be dearly missed. Memorial services will be held Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 11 AM at Barrett Leber Funeral Home, 148 Dean Dr. Tenafly, NJ 07670. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the ALS Foundation ([www.als.org](http://www.als.org)).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home

148 Dean Dr

Tenafly, NJ 07670

(201) 568-8043

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sheila Kinsella Wander.*



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November 11, 2021 at 06:19 PM



“ *i was honored to have been Phil's doctor for over 20 years. It was always a delight to see them, and watched how they lovingly interacted. As i told her many times, it was her loving care that kept him going.*

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**harvey goldberg** - November 10, 2021 at 01:31 PM



“ *I met Sheila when my family and I moved into Towne Centre 3 years ago. I had noticed this lovely woman with beautiful red hair, welcoming smile and wearing a long green coat and I just remember thinking back to myself, “Wow, stunning!” She was a beautiful woman with a beautiful soul. I will miss our little hallway conversations but I was blessed to have met her. Rest In Peace my friend. 🙏❤️*

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**Tracey Schettino** - November 08, 2021 at 07:23 PM

LM

“ Sheila was one of my all time great literary buddies. Whenever I’m enjoying a terrific read, I always think of her. Tell Sheila about this one. I don’t think I’ll be able to stop that reoccurring, pleasantly obtrusive thought. The last one we shared was A GENTLEMAN IN MOSCOW by Amor Towles. I will miss her for that. Liz Wagner Maio

Liz Wagner Maio - November 08, 2021 at 11:59 AM

SW

“ Shelia was the sweetest person in the world I work with Shelia for four months and it was like 4 years Sheila I miss you very much but god loves you more he sees you pain and look around and see his garden empty so he rap his arms around her and said come my child and now his garden is fill with a beautiful flowers no more pain Sheila ,my heart is full to have lost you but sleep on Sheila you will never forgotten by me as you aide I say R I P sheila (Bela) 100 100 ❤️  
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sharon watt - November 08, 2021 at 10:16 AM

JL

“ Sheila always carried herself in a most elegant manner. She was so attractive, always well dressed and took such pride in her appearance. She was an excellent histess. We met at the Summer House that went on literally forever in Hampton Bays. I always enjoyed our conversations. She was the real deal. I will miss her.  
Joan E. Lappin

Joan E Lappin - November 08, 2021 at 09:14 AM

JH

“ *Rest in peace Dear Sheila. Always so kind and inclusive. With love from Dubai. Jillian, Darren, Cáel and Rúan*



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**jillian hayes** - November 07, 2021 at 10:43 PM

NA

*Sheila I can't believe you're gone. You had such vibrancy life and deep interest. Philip was your focus and now you both have left us. May you rest in peace. Love Nancy*

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**nankahn** - November 12, 2021 at 08:30 AM

SB

“ *We met Sheila when we moved to The Town Centre in Englewood about 6 years ago. And we are so glad we did! She was a caring, thoughtful friend and a wonderful storyteller. We happily spent many Sunday afternoons visiting with her. She was valiant in the face of her illness and we will miss her so much, but we are glad she is suffering no longer. Sue and Richard Bloomenstein*

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**Susan and Richard Bloomenstein** - November 07, 2021 at 01:53 PM

JR

*Like Sue and Richard, we moved in about the same time and I marveled at her weekly excursions into the city, usually for something off Broadway, and her articulate, animated conversation about what she saw. She joined us for Scrabble, Book Club (when she could), and contributed the most artistic, delicious desserts to our occasional Pot Luck dinner gatherings.*

*What a role model! Sheila made every effort to join any gatherings for as long as she could . . . We will miss her warmth, determination, literary contributions, and incredible courage and positive . . .  
Joan and Norm Rosen*

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**Joan and Norm Rosen** - November 07, 2021 at 03:41 PM

MD

“ *Sheila was one of my first really good friends in Towne Centre. I always enjoyed being with her. She would come to my ap't. for coffee many afternoons. She also went with me to the ballet- always a lovely day together. I am so sad that she is no longer with us yet glad that her suffering has ended.*

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**Marilyn Deitchman** - November 07, 2021 at 12:47 PM

JS

*I met Sheila at my very first book club meeting in the library at Towne Center. She was so impressive in her ability to bring the particular selection to life. I learned that she had been a high school English teacher. Lucky students! From that time on, I enjoyed her company at numerous get togethers. Alfred joins me in sending our condolences.  
Jo Ellen Snowman*

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**Jo Ellen Snowman** - November 07, 2021 at 02:14 PM

SC

*There was no question that Sheila was a teacher. During our book club meetings, she was so wonderfully insightful. Her warmth was felt by all, including by my cavapoo, Bentley, whom she welcomed with open arms into her apartment. Sheila was a model to us all, elegant and lovely. She will be sorely missed.*

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**Sue Cohen** - November 08, 2021 at 03:59 PM

PB

*Dear sheila,  
Although we no longer have your physical presence, we will remember your brilliance and your bravery, your inner and outer beauty. Those of us whose lives you touched so deeply were enriched and will miss you. We will always treasure your essence and your grace.  
Sleep well, dear Sheila*

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**phyllis Bogen** - November 08, 2021 at 06:36 PM

JO

*In the early 90s Sheila, Phil, my husband Gene & I met at a B&B in Key West. Coincidence or destiny? We discovered we had apartments a couple of blocks apart in NYC & homes on LI about 10 minutes apart! We became instant friends.*

*We had so many good times together. I will miss her smile & wonderful attitude about life. We were able to meet for lunch in August. When we said goodbye we both knew it was probably the last time we would see each other. She left us way too soon.*

*The world is a lesser place without Sheila.*

*Joyce Siegel & Gene Miritello*

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**JOYCE** - November 09, 2021 at 09:22 PM