



Lisa M. Cimbala

December 1, 1958 - February 26, 2025

Lisa M. Cimbala, 66, of Irwin, died Wednesday, February 26, 2025, after a battle with cancer. She was born December 1, 1958 in Pittsburgh, a daughter of the late John and Julia (Jullock) Cimbala. Lisa worked as a mortgage processor for Parkvale Bank for 38 years prior to retiring in 2012. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Church, Irwin where she enjoyed serving on the landscape committee. She was a co-founder and treasurer of Pet Friends, Inc. for over 20 years and was a member of the Yough Sports People Association. Lisa enjoyed running, biking, hiking, swimming, kayaking, and pulling tires and trash out of the Yough River. Lisa was an avid runner, running in 69 marathons in 27 states plus the country of Ireland. Four of these marathons were part of 50 mile races, one was part of a 100 mile race, and four others were part of Ironman triathlon competitions. She especially enjoyed being a part of Happy Dog Running Co., where she and her husband ran with many wonderful dogs and made great friendships with their owners. Lisa was a bird lover. Her life loves included a beautiful yellow peach-faced love bird named Sunny and three green winged macaws, Zeus, Hera, and Diesel. She is survived by her husband Alan W. Hill and siblings, Helen Dickie (Tom) of Reston, VA, Julie Boyette (Joe) of St. Augustine, FL, John Cimbala (Suzanne) of State College, and Matt Cimbala (Roxanne) of Saxonburg; also nieces and nephews. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main Street, Irwin. Parting prayers will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday March 3, in the funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Immaculate Conception Church. Interment will follow in Immaculate Conception Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a contribution can be made to Pet Friends Inc., at www.petfriendsinc.com. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cemetery Details

Immaculate Conception Cemetery

431 Bridge Street
Irwin, PA 15642

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
(724) 863-1200
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

MAR 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Parting Prayers

MAR 3. 9:30 AM - 9:35 AM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.
521 Main Street
Irwin, PA 15642
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Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 3. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Church of the Immaculate Conception
308 2nd street
Irwin, PA 15642

Tribute Wall

MF

“ I met Lisa in January 2004 and ran many long Sunday morning runs with her and Alan over the next five or six years, as well as a few races and even the Frederick Marathon. She was always encouraging and supportive, even when she was passing me late in a race. My deepest sympathy to Alan as well as Lisa's family. I hope the wonderful memories of her will help ease the pain of this loss.

Michael Fallon - March 06, 2025 at 03:33 PM

JO

“ My heartfelt prayers are with all of Lisa's family and friends. I pledge charity in her merit.



Julia O'Sullivan - March 04, 2025 at 06:55 AM

SG

“ Stephanie and Janet Gonzales planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lisa M. Cimballa.

Stephanie and Janet Gonzales - March 03, 2025 at 08:44 AM

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“ Stephanie and Janet Gonzales purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Lisa M. Cimballa.



Stephanie and Janet Gonzales - March 03, 2025 at 08:44 AM

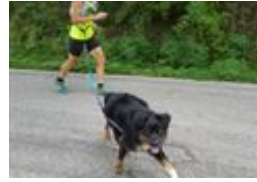


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March 02, 2025 at 10:53 PM



“ 211 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



William Snyder Funeral Home - March 02, 2025 at 12:00 PM

BS

“ *I did not personally know Lisa, but I felt like I knew her from the very many stories her sister Julie (a great long time friend of mine for many years), shared with me about their visits and the many marathons they participated in together. Lisa indeed enjoyed the outdoor lifestyle and had a great love for animals. Knowing that God received another Angel in his Kingdom can hopefully give comfort to the Family at this difficult time. God Bless the Entire Family. Bonnie Stuart*

Bonnie Stuart - March 02, 2025 at 11:29 AM

JB

“ *I met Lisa Cimbala almost 30 years ago. My wife Julie is her sister. I remember meeting her at Lisa's and Julie's parents house on Cherry Lane in Irwin and I was impressed that she drove up with a Camaro - sporty! Apparently she always liked a fast car through the years and she drove in a brisk manner. She was fast in other ways too because she seemed to often take first second or third in any running road race that she entered. A local running store that she worked displayed many of her metals won over the years. Did I mention that she liked fast cars? Well she had a Mustang, several Camaros, a Subaru Outback and most recently a Mazda Miata sports car that she stole from her husband. Apparently her need for speed extended to horseback riding as well, as we have reports of several excursions in exotic locations with Alan in Costa Rica's mountain terrain and with Julie in Florida on the beach. Oh yes, that's not forget roller coasters! At Kennywood of course. And just in the last year or so, while she was in between chemo treatments she ran a marathon and took a ride in a WW2 B29 Bomber. She and Alan enjoyed kayaking and hauled their kayaks on top of their car to many places. There is more along this vein, but you get the picture. Lisa lived an active life well lived, and is an inspiration to all who knew her.*

Joseph Harold Boyette - March 02, 2025 at 07:18 AM

BP

“ I met Lisa at the track and ask if she ran 5Ks two weeks later she ran with in my first 5K we ran together for 20year. I will miss her so very much! I thank so very much she was a part of life. Bill Plues

Bill plues - March 01, 2025 at 09:07 PM

MB

“ I met Lisa when I began to volunteer on the Landscape committee at Immaculate Conception. We partnered up to work together.
The beginning of our friendship.
Lisa was an amazing worker, motivator and leader. Lisa never asked anyone to do a project that she wouldn't offer to be a part of also. She even volunteered Alan!
She did so much for our church grounds and neighboring churches also. She couldn't walk past a flowerbed if it needed weeded.
She helped a friend landscape his yard because he needed help and she was knowledgeable.
Coffee shared with Lisa and Alan at their office in Dunkin Donuts was always fun.
Lisa was a caring friend and I am blessed to have known her.
Some of Lisa's beauty, talents and work is left at Immaculate Conception and we'll see it every spring.
I'll sure miss my work partner.
Thoughts and prayers to Alan and Lisa's family and friends.
Mike Butler

Mike Butler - March 01, 2025 at 04:54 PM

AQ

“ In the 1990s, my husband and I first met Lisa on the Norwin High School campus where we would walk—not run. At some point, she told us about Zeus, her macaw. Since I was teaching seventh-grade life science at Queen of Angels School, I asked Lisa if she would be willing to be a guest speaker in my class to share her knowledge of macaws. Being Lisa, she went one better and brought Zeus into the classroom! Soon after, she also brought Hera and it became an annual event. After our students created a butterfly garden, Lisa helped us maintain it. The Earth just lost one of its fiercest caregivers. However, the angels just gained another helper who takes care of all creatures with wings!

My sympathy to her family. May happy memories bring you peace.

Audrey Quinlan

Audrey Quinlan - March 01, 2025 at 11:21 AM

AB

“ I can't count the number of races I ran that Lisa was there too. But it was the first race that I saw her that I remember most. I didn't even know her, but she was making her way closer to the start line. She turned to me, gave me a big smile and said "After the race you ran at the Steeler 5k, what are you doing all the way back here. Come on!" And she grabbed my arm and started pulling me along toward the front. I was so intimidated being that close to the start line!! She talked to me about the benefits of not having to weave through so many people, etc. She stayed ahead of me the entire race, but I never lost sight of her. And when I crossed the finish line, she said was there waiting for me and said, "See, I told you!" It was my fastest half marathon! After that, every time I saw her in a race, she'd make a joke about "run with faster runners and you'll run faster!"

Lisa was always so positive and had that bright smile! At every race, she will be in my thoughts as I make my way to the start line!

Audrey Burgoon - February 28, 2025 at 09:04 PM



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William Snyder Funeral Home - February 28, 2025 at 01:17 PM

EP

“ Everyone at ProBikeRun purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Lisa M. Cimbala.



Everyone at ProBikeRun - February 28, 2025 at 12:28 PM

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Everyone at ProBikeRun - February 28, 2025 at 12:28 PM

KM

“ I'm at Lisa while starting my first job at Parkvale savings many years ago. She was in mortgage and I was in accounting and our paths often crossed. She was so energetic with everything she did and always had a smile on her face when I left Parkvale I really didn't keep in touch with anyone which was a downfall on my part. Lisa seems to have accomplished so much in her life and I'm happy for all that she had accomplished. I pray that the memories that you have of Lisa, will help with the pain of her passing. It sounds like she had a great life, positive attitude and was a beautiful person all the way around. To have known such a great person is special, to never have known her as a loss. May she rest in peace and I pray for her family that they receive comfort in knowing she's in a better place now.

Kathy Shushereba Matson - February 27, 2025 at 01:00 PM

KB

“ At my first job at Dunkin Donuts Lisa and Alan were two of my favorite customers. So kind and such a bright spot to my day. I was so happy to see them again at Parkside Perk a few months ago when we all happened to be visiting at the same time. My prayers and sympathy go to her family and all who knew her. Sending strength and peace to Alan.

Kailey Brady - February 27, 2025 at 11:24 AM

BD

“ In November of 1975 I took a ride on a Lincoln Coach bus from Irwin to Oakland, PA. to start a new job at Parkvale Savings. When I disembarked the bus, I was behind another young woman who I ended up following into the Parkvale building. Feeling my following her might be a bit unnerving, I explained I was there to begin a new job. It was then that I learned the young woman's name, Lisa Cimbala, and she took me to the person I was to see. From that point on, Lisa and I spent many, many morning and evening hours waiting for and riding the bus to and from work, standing in pleasant and adverse weather waiting for those buses! Then sweet relief, Lisa bought her first car, we began to carpool together, then upon purchasing my first car we began to share driving duties. Over the years we added a few more people to our happy family, and kept driving.

The years separated us a bit as I left Parkvale for another employer, but we were still in touch now and then, until more years passed and we fell out of touch. In 2021 I read an article concerning Lisa and Alan's efforts in cleaning the Youghiogheny River, that prompted me to send her a note of appreciation for their work. We were able to be in touch periodically from that point. When we met for dinner after reuniting, we both commented how easy it was to slip back into our friendship, getting caught up on family and our lives.

Lisa was impressive, she chose to adventure and live life fully, helping those people and places she encountered along her journey.

To Alan and Lisa's family, my deepest condolences. We've all lost a good person with Lisa's passing. Praying that the Lord will flood you with His peace, strength and comfort during this time.

Barb Drop - February 27, 2025 at 10:15 AM

MK

“ My deepest sympathy to Alan and Lisa's family and friends. I had the pleasure of sharing runs with Lisa and Norwin runners in the Irwin area a few years back, and continued to see her and Alan at many area races. I remember seeing her at the Pittsburgh 10 Miler in November 2023 where she ran an incredible time and won her age group. I appreciate her friendship, encouragement, and always-positive outlook on life.

"That they have hope in the Lord will renew their strength, they will soar as with eagles wings; They will run and not grow weary, walk and not grow faint."

Marty Klanchar

Marty Klanchar - February 27, 2025 at 08:06 AM

NC

“ I met Lisa through my mom, and through Lisa, I met so many other amazing people. We would meet to run the streets of North Huntingdon, and I have such amazing memories of Lisa and Allen - running, their encouragement, and listening to so many great stories. They are both such beautiful people, and I am forever grateful that I had people like them in my life.

Natalie Carpenter - February 26, 2025 at 09:50 PM



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“ Most of my cherished memories are of Lisa and Alan running with me. Lisa was my younger sister but she (and Alan) gave me so much needed advice. She took care of me by bringing extra clothing for me for after our runs, anticipating that I wouldn't think of it. She watched out for me when we would do runs along the highway in Irwin so I wouldn't get hit by a car. She and Alan paid for my first half-marathon! She ran slow in some runs just to stay with me and surprised me by running some runs with me (like the Donna marathon here in Jacksonville), and also my first run (the River Run). She ran with me in my first marathon in Disney and her compliments to me a few days after the run (and video) meant so much to me. She surprised Joe and me a few times with special running gear in the mail, and gave me a pair of green St. Patty's Day running shoes...I think of her every St. Patty's Day. Joe and I always enjoyed traveling and meeting up with her and Alan and having coffee together, among other things we would do together and places we would go together. When we would visit Lisa, I really enjoyed walking in Irwin with her so she could pass out treats to the neighbors' dogs, and enjoyed the few times I ran/walked with her and Alan during their dog runs. She nicely fixed up the upstairs of her home so Joe and I would have a place to stay, which was so very nice of her to do.

She was busy but found time to do many things for others, like making beautiful wedding cakes and bridesmaids dresses, and probably other things I don't know about, and also doing things for her church, like helping put up Christmas lights. I remember walking in Irwin and she pulled out some weeds from another nearby church's outside area. And she was the one we would ask questions to when it came to family history, relatives, etc. She and Alan helped our mom and dad and looked out for them and then helped Mom after Dad passed...that was a lot to do, and then she took care of the financial part after Mom died. She loved the little creatures (dogs, cats, birds) and helped take care of them and was the head of an organization that helped pets who didn't have a home.

She truly had a good heart.

When we were growing up, I remember her and I playing barbie dolls together and when we were older, I remember she and I took a bus to a downtown concert. I think it was Glen Campbell. I think she went with me because I wanted someone to go with me, not because she necessarily wanted to go, and that was so sweet of her.

She visited me in Panama, the Keys, Florida, and Texas. She visited me after the birth of my sons and tried to lend a helping hand and support. When I was going through a divorce, she sent me five signed blank checks in case I needed the money...such a thoughtful thing to do.

I will always remember the things she did for me and others. She will always be in my heart and I will miss her very much. I am blessed to have had her for a sister. I love you Lisa. ❤️

Julie

KB

“ My husband and I have known Lisa for close to 30 years. We met at Norwin High School which was her running group starting point. We spent endless years doing local races, traveling to races, and eating. Lots of eating! Lots of laughter. I most admired Lisa after her diagnosis. She never missed a beat. She ran, walked, biked until she couldn't. She powered through and fought. She was amazing. I believe she's with her mom and dad again. I believe she's healed.

Kathy Bierbower - February 26, 2025 at 05:45 PM