

Lynda Rathbone

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Lynda Rathbone, citizen of the world, died at her home in Ibiza, Spain on February 26, 2026. She was 58.

Lynda was born in 1968 to Don and Lynne (Jordan) Rathbone, and spent the majority of her youth in Manhattan, KS, graduating from Manhattan High School in 1986. Debate and golf kept her busy - she was part of the State Champion MHS Women's Golf Team in - but left time for co-founding and performing in the band Damage from Bob.

Following graduation, Lynda attended Kansas State University, during which time she spent a year studying abroad in France. After graduation from KSU, Lynda moved to Washington, DC, where she worked in the office of Congressman Dan Glickman. During that time, she was tapped to work on the transition team for the new Bill Clinton administration, and then went on to work in the Clinton White House. She made history by setting up the first-ever email to the White House for President Clinton and Vice resident Al Gore, as well as launching the first White House website.

Following her government tenure, Lynda went on to work for several corporate entities including MCI, working in e-commerce and internet consulting. From DC she moved to New York City, and then to London, England where she worked for News International, creating the first e-commerce platform for all of News International's major titles, including The Times and The News of the World. Moving on from the corporate world, Lynda founded and ran her own web services consultancy, also writing for several business publications and touring as a regular speaker on web technology in locations all over the world.

Music had an early hold on Lynda and never let go. Eventually she started working as a club DJ under the name Miss Cupcake. These DJ gigs allowed her to perform in major clubs all over the world, including with major events promoter Elrow. One of her proudest moments was DJing in front of a crowd of one million partiers at Brussels Pride in Belgium. In 2013 Lynda moved from London to Ibiza, where she bought a home on the beach and started living the life. Continuing her work as a DJ on the party island and in Europe, she also had many other ventures, including warehouse and furniture rental and designing and creating props and decor for clubs and resorts.

She also enjoyed participating in the Save the Citrus charity, which collected fallen fruit from local trees to donate to the needy. Trips back to London allowed her to perform in an event called You Me Bum Bum Train - which quite honestly none of her Kansas friends ever really understood! She enjoyed it and participated several times.

Lynda loved to travel and entertain her friends wherever she was living. From her time in Washington, DC through NYC, London, and Ibiza, the invitation was always open. She returned to Kansas many times while her parents were living and always made the most of her time in Manhattan. She delighted in finding the weirdest foods and snacks that Wal-Mart and the grocery stores had to offer, and no trip was complete without at least one visit to Taco Bell. Of course, a new flavor of Absolut Vodka was always a treat to be added to her collection. Day of the Dead celebrations in Mexico City were the reason for one of her last trips back to North America.

Lynda's Facebook page is full of photos of meals with friends, days on her boat, trips to see live theater, Oktoberfest in Munich, and many, many other celebrations.

Both of Lynda's parents preceded her in death. She is survived by her much loved fur kids Chupita and Konza, and hundreds of friends around the world. A Celebration of her Life will be held on Sunday, September 6, from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Manhattan Country Club. Glamorous and colorful dress is encouraged but not required.

Donations may be made to Purple PAWS rescue, Flint Hills Breadbasket, or First Tee in Lynda's memory.