



Linda Marie Polkowski

January 16, 1946 - March 4, 2019

Linda M. Polkowski, 73, passed away March 4, 2019 surrounded by her family. She was born January 16, 1946 in Newark, New Jersey. After about with Scarlet Fever at an early age, Linda became determined to be a caretaker. She graduated from Belleville High School in 1964 proceeded to obtain her nursing certification from Mountainside Nursing School in 1967. Over the next 40 years her nursing career included a variety of positions including E.R. Nurse, Hospice Care and Nurse Case Manager. In 2018, she fulfilled a lifelong dream of publishing a book and becoming an author. "Hearts Connected" was well received within her groups and she was proud to announce it won her an award! Linda's family and friends were her heart and she cherished being with the people she loved. By nature, she was optimistic and full of empathy. She was known to be quick with a laugh or willing to lend her ear and offer advice. She was able to lift people's spirits with assurance that troubles would pass and everything would be alright. Linda will be remembered for the kindness in her heart, which she expressed with a smile on her face. Linda is survived by her loving children Nicole Polkowski and Jon Polkowski with his wife An, her sister Jill Kienzlen with her husband Richard, 3 brothers Stephen N. Vogel with his wife Patricia, Kenneth C. Vogel with his wife Margaret, John R. Vogel with his wife Laura, 2 grandchildren Alexander and Jason. Linda was predeceased by her husband Alvin Polkowski who passed away in 2011 and her parents Stephen and Emma Marie Vogel. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the family.

Cemetery Details

Glendale Cemetery

28 Hoover Ave
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 10. 3:00 AM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
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Funeral Service

MAR 11. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Jill, Sending condolences on the passing of your sister. I just learned of her passing.* ”



Joanne (Wehmeyer) Chernoff - June 25, 2022 at 03:52 PM

CG

“ *My friend. I will miss you.* ”



Crystal Gauthier - March 10, 2019 at 07:26 PM

CG

“ *Linda and I met at Imaginarium Book Imajun Convention in Louisville KY. She started talking to me about a book she would like to publish. She even had the hand typed Manuscript with her. I took it typed it up in digital form and told her I would publish it for her. She cried, I cried and now her memory will be honored forever.* ”

Crystal Gauthier - March 10, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Marie Polkowski.* ”



March 10, 2019 at 07:17 PM

DD

“ Linda I am truly going to miss you so much As a I am so sure that your family is too. We related, me being an RN and with my work injury you fought tooth and nail to ensure I was given the BEST and proper treatment if it had not been for you I would not have my leg nor would I have my life. You gave me a friendship I will treasure for the rest of my life you were always just a phone call away or a reach out thru private message on FB I knew I always had a true friend I could rely on when times were tough and that we could each share our sadtimes and one of us would get the other to laugh and then go into to a funny thing that had happened. You are my Hero Linda my one and only true Hero Rest In Peace and Peace May you always now have our Gracious Lord has brought you home where someday we will meet up again and have a BIG HUG

Diane Domey - March 09, 2019 at 10:55 PM

PM

“ Pablo, Stanley, Maureen, & Marlene purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Linda Marie Polkowski.



Pablo, Stanley, Maureen, & Marlene - March 08, 2019 at 03:13 PM

NM

“ The Vogel/Aumann friendship goes back as far as I can remember. Always felt like part of the family. So sorry I cannot be there with you. Wonderful memories and most recently those was on Facebook. So very sorry, Linda, RIP
Nancy Aumann/Martenson

nancy martenson - March 07, 2019 at 09:12 PM

JS

“ *Joan and Al Schmitt purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Linda Marie Polkowski.*



Joan and Al Schmitt - March 07, 2019 at 06:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Marie Polkowski.*



March 07, 2019 at 12:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Marie Polkowski.*



March 07, 2019 at 10:21 AM

GM

“ *Mom, at least thats what I always called you since All was Dad to me. I am so saddened to hear of your passing, but am encouraged to know that you knew Christ snd now sit with him in heaven for eternity. Until we see each other again. Love-George*

George Matheis - March 06, 2019 at 07:47 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Marie Polkowski.*



March 06, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ *I graduated MH School of Nursing with Linda and she and I went to Hawaii together in 1969. What a blast! I will always remember the fun we had together. My sincere condolences to her family, and may she rest in peace..*

*Marlene Nappi
Class of '67*

Marlene Nappi - March 06, 2019 at 10:02 AM



Linda and I were also Mountainside Hospital nursing school buddies. I will be forever grateful for having known her. We had more fun and exciting adventures together. Her wit and sense of humor always kept me laughing. There are many heart warming memories. She has gone too soon but obviously Heaven needed another angel. I am hoping she is resting in peace and serenity. Until we meet again my wonderful friend 🌈. With deepest sympathy to the family. Donna Fream Class of 1967

Donna Fream - March 06, 2019 at 01:11 PM



Linda was my next-door neighbor in Belleville growing up, and I am glad we were able to re-connect, after decades, on Facebook, where we chatted over the last several years. I will treasure her words, thoughts, our laughter and our memories. Godspeed sweet Linda. Lois Rubino Sutton.

Lois - March 07, 2019 at 07:28 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Van Tassel Funeral Home - March 05, 2019 at 03:40 PM

DH

I'm so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. She was a true friend, with the biggest heart . She was the reason I had fallen In love with chocolate labs. I will forever cherish her friendship.

Dawn Harm - March 07, 2019 at 10:24 PM