



Linda Jo Hastings

July 6, 1942 - April 19, 2021

Linda Jo Hastings, age 78, of Vernon Hills, passed away Monday, April 19, 2021 at her home. She was born in Pittsburgh, PA to Clyde and Louise (McLanahan) Howell.

Linda graduated from Grove City College in Pennsylvania and became a middle and high school teacher for her entire career. Her love of languages and interest in other cultures led her to teach Spanish and German.

She had a lifelong appreciation of travel, literature, film and art, and was a talented amateur painter. Linda loved sunshine, pools and beaches. She remembered fondly the balmy weather and beach days with her young family when she lived in Los Angeles many years ago. Linda loved animals, especially cats. She always adopted them from shelters, which was an example of her soft heart and caring nature.

Linda had a beautiful soul and was exceptionally kind and charitable. She had a small family, but many friends, whom she loved like family. She had a fine sense of humor and an infectious laugh. We all adored her.

A loving sister and daughter her whole life, Linda kept in close contact with her mother and brothers, visiting frequently, and was attentive whether they were happy, ill or needed help. Most of all, Linda loved her two sons and four

grandchildren, and she provided them with encouragement, comfort and unconditional love. She was a sweet mom and grandma, more likely to spoil than to discipline.

Left behind to cherish her memory are her two sons, Randy (Eve) Hastings of Green Bay, WI, Ken (Sharon) Hastings of Sammamish, WA, and four grandchildren, Nora, Anna, Connor, and Luke Hastings.

In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by her two brothers William and Donald Howell.

A celebration of Linda's life is being planned for the near future. She will be laid to rest with her parents and brothers in Sylvania Hills Cemetery, Rochester, PA.

In lieu of flowers, her family recommends memorials in Linda's name to Orphans of the Storm Animal Shelter, 2200 Riverwoods Road, Deerfield, IL 60015.

Arrangements were entrusted to Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, Libertyville. For more information call, 847-362-3009, or for those wishing to share a memory on-line for Linda's family, please visit www.burnettdane.com

Tribute Wall

TH

“ Linda’s passing is a great loss to all who knew her. She possessed an ability to brighten the day with her ever present kindness, her quick smile, her caring nature and hearty laugh. She never forgot your birthday.

We shared an affinity for Mexican food - extra spicy for Linda - and enjoyed a variety of cinema - Woody Allen being a mutual favorite. We regularly dined out pre-pandemic, but more recently ordered take-our, which was eaten, when possible, on her deck while admiring her lovely plants and flowers, which she took great pleasure in.

Linda’s fondness for cats is well known. When she traveled, I looked after her cat. Still, she would often call from wherever she might be to inquire about the cat’s well being.

Perhaps not widely recognized is that she was the last original owner (1975) in New Century Town #1 and lived here longer than any other resident - past or present.

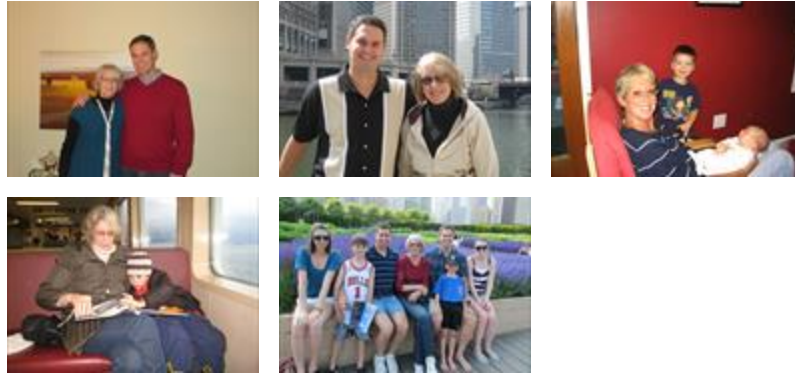
I am fortunate to have known Linda and to have been her friend. I will miss her.

Tom Hall

Tom Hall - May 04, 2021 at 04:47 PM

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sharon hastings - May 01, 2021 at 12:17 PM

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Louise Sierocki - April 29, 2021 at 10:57 PM

LS

Gramma group will miss Linda!

louise Sierocki - April 29, 2021 at 11:01 PM

DH

Linda will always be a part of our group. I will forever cherish our friendship and love we had for each other.

Donna M. Hastings - April 30, 2021 at 05:18 PM

BB

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Bill Brown - April 29, 2021 at 09:05 PM

DH

“ I met Linda when we both taught at Wauconda High School more than twenty years ago. We were friends ever since. She had a great sense of humor and we shared many laughs together. Her kindness and thoughtfulness were very special. I had lunch with her the Saturday before Easter. I will miss her.

Donna Hurst - April 29, 2021 at 08:38 PM

BC

“ We were so sorry and sad to hear about Linda's passing.

Linda was a very positive influence, funny, and had always had a smile. Linda made anyone in her presence a better person.

We all have learned much from Linda, and will never forget the good times that we shared at the pool, parties, lunches, etc.

Linda had a special gift that made everyone comfortable. We will miss Linda greatly, but feel so fortunate to have had Linda as a friend.

Bill & Sue

Bill Brown & Sue Chase - April 29, 2021 at 08:03 PM

JK

“ Linda was a great friend. We were on the same page when it came to politics, art, movies and the need to laugh...and we laughed as much as, and as often as, possible. I will think of her often in the days ahead and will miss her easy, caring manner and her always-there friendship.

Janet Killen

Janet Killen - April 29, 2021 at 07:33 PM

LN

“ Linda was a dear friend for many years, we lunched, laughed and swam hours at our pool, where we gathered together in a special clique. I was at her house for Thanksgiving. We texted about every other day, our political views were the same. She was a valued member of the pool board as our treasurer. She will be greatly missed by so many. Lee Nelson, neighbor and friend.

Lee Nelson - April 29, 2021 at 07:07 PM

JH

My condolences to the family just heard about Linda's passing. We became friends when we found we were from the same area, Aliquippa Pennsylvania. She will be sadly missed

Judy hallisey - December 25, 2021 at 01:32 PM