



Linda L. Hines

February 4, 1946 - July 29, 2021

If sufficient words for this type of grief have been coined, I am not aware of them, so if I stumble while writing this it is because these feelings are unexplainable, words simply... fail.

Linda Hines passed peacefully on July 29th, 2021 holding the hands and hearts of her daughters Amanda Roberts and Stacy Becker. The peace she passed with was a peace that had eluded her for some time. Prior to passing her family spent hours at her bedside. Loving her into her peace.

Linda was born on February 4th, 1946 to Louis and Dorothy Varra, she had an older brother David Varra. She grew up in Louisville, Colorado surrounded by literally dozens of Aunts, Uncles and cousins. I would mention them all here, however I am not trying to write a novel. Linda was raised by Louis and Dot to know love and to live kindness. She carried this love and kindness with her throughout her life and shared it generously with everyone she met.

If there are three words that best describe Linda, they are light, strength and humor. This was a woman who could light up a room simply by entering it. She glowed from the inside (Not because of the radiation therapy she received when she was young either). She was exciting, she was warm, and she brought a sense of calm to every situation. Her very presence was comforting no matter what the situation was. I never lived through a moment where I saw her treat anyone with less than perfect kindness and grace. Her strength. She was a warrior. Linda survived cancer, radical neck surgery, radiation therapy, multiple collapsed lungs (well, it was only the 2 lungs, but they took turns), a kidney transplant, an infection that caused her to be on a respirator, and multiple other problems that had her hospitalized for a good portion of her later life. She also survived her crazy family of Tom, Amanda, Stacy, Tyson, Camille and Allison (definitely a warrior). Amanda said that she was like multiple cats... she had way more than 9 lives. Linda never showed fear throughout any of this. There had to be pain and there had to be anxiety, but she faced each situation with stillness and aplomb.

Her humor. I don't even know where to start. She was ridiculously witty and fun. Her wit was rapier sharp and always timely, even while she was extremely ill. Minutes after her kidney transplant she informed us that her new kidney's name was Wurlitzer... (Wurlitzer

produces musical instruments... like NEW ORGANS)... She taught all of us that life is funny, even if the humor is a little dark and ironic. There is nothing in the world that does not become a little easier with laughter.

Again, there are not the words that I need in existence. Some feelings simply do not translate into speech (or writing).

What are the words that describe her love and devotion to her Grandchildren Tyson Becker and Camille and Allison Roberts? I can't say those words for them, but the mutual love between these children and their beloved Grandma was beautiful.

The words to describe her devotion and love for her husband and protector Tom Hines? He kept her safe from the moment he met her and was by her side from the first illness until the last one. I can't put his feelings into words either.

The sense of loss and emptiness that Amanda and I are feeling? How do you deal with never being able to call mom again? Never being able to hear her words of comfort (they always started with "oh honey..")

I have no more words to write. All I have is love, all we have is love as a family and our treasured memories with her. Her love for her friends who will eventually find their own words to express her light, and who will remember the love she gave.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, September 11, 2021 on the second floor of the Buckle Club at Cheyenne Frontier Park. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of your choice.

DIRECTIONS TO THE BUCKLE CLUB

Exit I-25 at Exit 11 Pershing Blvd/Randall Ave Exit. At the stop light proceed north on Hynds Blvd. Turn right on W. 8th Ave and go to 1230 W. 8th Ave. Enter through the gate and park on the north side of the Exhibition Hall. Enter through the double doors and take the elevator to the second floor to the Buckle Club.

Comments



“ Linda was a tender, friendly and loving person. She was dedicated and very loyal of her duties of being a wonderful caring and loving wife, mother and friend. For years a group of Rodeo Committee (Contestants Committee) members would have coffee at Tom and Linda's home once a week. We all felt so welcomed and comfortable by Tom and Linda's friendship. Yes the cookies were great! Linda, it is never good bye, but, we will see you later!

Mike, Jackie Sara

Mike and Jackie Sara - August 27, 2021 at 12:21 PM



“ Our Deepest Sympathy goes out to Tom and Linda's family, Linda was an awesome person always with a smile on her face. We will miss her very much, but know that she is in a far better place, my the many happy memories you have in your heart help to ease your sorrow

The Pharmacy Staff of King Soopers

King Soopers Pharmacy Staff - August 25, 2021 at 01:01 PM



“ Lina,

You were the best neighbor. I truly appreciate all of you letters and words of kindness. I will miss you. You were always such a kind person. I always enjoyed talking with you. Our family sends their prayers out to you and yours.

JD Andrews

JD Andrews - August 04, 2021 at 01:13 PM



“ Not sure if you remember me or not. Growing up I was at the Lloyd's house often and also was at your house many times too. My deepest condolences for the loss of your Wife/ Mom/ Grandma/ Friend. Prayers and good thoughts are with you all during this time.

April Padget (Arnold)

April Padget - August 04, 2021 at 11:08 AM



“ A wonderful friend. And a wonderful woman worth knowing. She will certainly be missed. Linda may the heavenly angels greet you with their loving arms, and our Lord with his eternal grace. Friends forever, Jim and Cindy Hendrickson

Jim and Cindy Hendrickson - August 04, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ Thanks guys, she always spoke fondly of her memories with your family.

Stacy Becker - August 04, 2021 at 12:58 PM