



## Linda Kearney Birchler

May 3, 1956 - November 3, 2013

Linda Kearney Birchler, age 57 of Bloomington passed away Sunday evening, November 3, 2013 at Indiana University Hospital Hospice House. She was born in Lancaster, Ohio, May 3, 1956 to Hugh David Kearney and Barbara Irvine Kearney.

Linda was a 1974 graduate of Bloomington High School South and attended Indiana University for 2 years. She spent her professional career lending her talents and love to the support of special needs children throughout the Monroe County Community School Corporation. She was also a member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Linda's family will always remember her words that she "loved us, with all of her heart", and in turn was beloved by all. That family she leaves behind are husband of 34 years Steven W.

Birchler; daughters Emily Birchler Abel and husband Tyler; Abby Birchler Schunk and husband David; and Margaret Ellen Birchler, all of Bloomington; grand children Hannah, Bella and Jackson Abel, and Lisa and A.J. Schunk. Also surviving are siblings Carol Kearney Baker and husband Bruce of Lancaster, Ohio; Rachel B. Kearney and husband Michael Sonnefeld of Bloomington; Michael D. Kearney and wife Annie Cline Kearney of Bloomington; and Irvine F. Kearney and wife Patty Bryan Kearney of Daphne, Alabama. Several beloved nieces and nephews also survive. Linda's parents preceded her in death.

The Episcopalian Rite of the Burial Office will be conducted Friday afternoon, November 8, 2013 at 3:00PM at Trinity Episcopal Church with the Rev. Dr. Linda C. Johnson officiating. Visitation for Linda will be held Wednesday November 6, 2013 at the Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 from 4:00PM until 8:00PM. A Service of Remembrance to celebrate Linda's life will be held Wednesday evening at Allen Funeral Home at 7:30PM with son in law Rev. David Schunk presiding.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Olcott Center or the Animal Shelter, both of Bloomington and online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).

# Tribute Wall

SR

“ Steve, I'm so sorry for you and the girls in the wake of this awful tragedy. Both Rob and I have fond memories of the many great times we all spent together in the years before we moved. So much time has passed since then, but I can still count Linda as a good friend. She will always occupy a special place in my heart. In the months since her passing we have prayed for you and your children and grandchildren in the hope that your pain will ease soon. I know she would wish this for you too. Sincerely,  
Sally and Rob

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**Sally and Rob Gerber** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

MA

“ To all of Linda's family, she had such a kind heart and soul & was such a good true friend. She was so proud of her family. I will miss her very much, but will keep the laughs & fun times close to my heart as I'm sure everyone will when they think of her.

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**Margie Gloye-Walls** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

JK

“ Dear Steve & family, we are sorry for your loss, I know Linda put up a great fight. Our prayers are with u & the family

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**John & Kay Keays** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

SM

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Linda fought a long difficult battle with dignity and always a smile. Her spirit will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Susan & Mike Kensill** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

DE

“ Dear Steve, we were so sorry to hear about Linda. She fought the good fight and we know that you were right there with her. Sincerely,  
Doug and Elisa Duncan

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**Doug and Elisa Duncan** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

PL

“ Linda was a truly wonderful person and a friend. It was my privilege to take care of her the last few years. She talked a lot about her family and how much she loved them. Last time I saw her she mentioned she just got a new grand baby. You all have an angel watching over you now.  
Plato Lysandrou, M.D.

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**Plato Lysandrou** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

RA

“ Steve and family,  
  
I am so very sorry for your loss. Words do not express such feelings of loss at these times. May God watch over you and help you heal.

*Rachael Lane*

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**Rachael Lane** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

CC

“ I am very sorry for your family's loss. God promises to be near in times of grief and sadness.(Psalm 34:18) I hope you will find comfort in God's promise and in the many happy memories you all made and shared together.

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**Christie C.** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

DD

“ Steve and family, I'm so sorry for the loss of Linda. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,  
Debbie

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**Debbie Morrow - Deckard** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

CA

“ Kearney Birchler Family - What a beautiful woman, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt. The light that shone around her was bright and far reaching. My prayer for you is that her light will continue to shine in the midst of this darkness. Carol Greene Gore

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**Carol Gore** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

DA

“ Dear Steve, Carol, Rachel, Mike, Irvine and all the Family, Dawn and I were so saddened by Linda's death. We will always remember her as the vibrant, warm and caring person that we knew her to be. We know you will miss her greatly, and wish for you all the wonderful memories you have of her. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all during these difficult days ahead. Please take care and be well, and embrace the love of your family and friends. Love, Dale and Dawn

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**Dale and Dawn Steffey and Adams** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

RF

“ To Steve and Linda's family my heart felt condolences. What a beautiful person inside and out. We will miss her.

Rusty, Robin, Dan, & Dylan

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**Rusty Fishel** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

LI

“ Our love and prayers are with all of you. Linda always cared about every one else. We all feel a close connection to the entire family. We have been a part of each other's lives in so many wonderful ways.

*God Bless and keep you in his hands....*

*From all of us.....*

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**Linda Lamirand** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

CK

“ Dear Steve,  
I am so very sorry to hear about your loss. Please know I will hold you in my heart and prayers.  
With great sympathy,  
Carol Robertson

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**Carol Robertson Keskeny** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

JO

“ Carol, Rachael, Mike, and Irvy. So sorry to hear of Linda's passing. Chuck will be at the funeral but I wanted to pass along my condolences as well. I am SO glad I got to see Linda at Carol's a year ago August in Lancaster. She told me then of her fight and her will to win. We traded stories about her cancer and mine and I knew she had the right attitude. A terrible loss at such a young age. Although 52 years ago since she swung on our swings I still remember those good ol days and some of the days when you all moved to Bloomington and lived on Stafford. Thoughts and prayers to not only you but her married family, husband, children, and grandchildren.

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**John Gray** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

MI

“ My prayers are with you on this sad day on the passing of your love one Linda Kearney Birchler. My gad help you heal and give you comfort and hope in this needed time. I will keep you and your family in my prayers right now.

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**Michele Crail** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

JD

“ RIP Linda .. a childhood friend, a role model, a sweet soul, who fought a good fight, now out pain, you will be missed! Keeping your family in prayer. In deepest sympathy to Steven and All, Julie Bennett Dreesen

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**Julie Bennett Dreesen** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

JO

“ Abby, So sorry for the loss of your mom. May God surround you with his love and give you comfort at this most difficult time. My prayers are with you and your family. God Bless

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**joann doyle** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

MI

“ Steve and Family,

We are so sorry for your loss. Linda was a beautiful person inside and out. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during yhese difficult times.

Mike and Lana Allen

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**michael allen** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

SU

“ *What a wonderful person Linda was. My heart goes out to her family and Thank God they have each other to hold on too. I will miss my dear, dear friend everyday.*

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**suzanne Jacobs** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

AL

“ *To such a wonderful family, I send my thoughts and prayers to all of you. May your happy memories overshadow this time of sadness and give you peace.*

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**Angela Mack Latiolais** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

DM

“ *We are so sorry for your family's loss. The last time I spoke with Linda, she just was so excited talking about her children and grandchildren and I am sure that sustained Linda during her long fought battle. We pray that God comforts you and your family, Steve, in this tough time. We do rejoice in her healing in heaven and the end to her physical suffering. We are so sorry we are unable to attend Linda's visitation and memorial, but we are out of town in Florida until next week. God bless you and your family. Sincerely, Debi and Mike Ladyman*

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**Debi and Mike Ladyman** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

DH

“ *Steve and family my prayers and thoughts are with during this difficult time. I will always remember Linda for her radiant smile and can do attitude, may she rest in peace.*

*David Hill*

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**David Hill** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

CO

“ Steve and family we are very sorry to hear of your wife passing. Thoughts and prayers are with you.

*E.J and Connie*

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**connie hall** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

KD

“ Linda was truly a lovely lady and friend. She will be missed by all who knew her

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**Kathy and Danny Shields** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

TP

“ Healing moves at its own pace, try to be kind to yourself and take it one day at a time. I know your heart is aching and I am truly sorry for your loss. Sympathy wording is never easily expressed. Try to be present to this day and all it is putting you through. God does have a plan and this is all part of it. Your heartache will become one of your most valuable life lessons. I am truly sorry for your loss and all the pain you are going through. I'll always remember Linda's contagious smile

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**Tara Woods Pierson** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

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“ To Steve and Family.  
I was deeply saddened by the news of Linda's passing. My heart felt condolences to you and your family. It never seems fair, but death is often the greatest relief for the suffering. My prayers are with you and your family.

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**Regis Tancreti** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

DI

“ My heart goes out to you. Linda was the most welcoming person I have ever known. She loved everyone so deeply. As young mothers we began as Bryan Park buddies and that friendship lasted a lifetime. I am thankful for all of you and the many roles you have played in our lives. Our sweet Linda is at rest. I love you.

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**Dinah Fuller** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

LO

“ I am so very sorry for your loss of Linda. It is a deep pain and great sorrow to bear when a loved one passes away. May God comfort all the hearts who love Linda and provide strength and peace of mind in the coming days.

*I knew Linda briefly from BHSS. I am saddened she has passed at such a young age.*

*May God Bless You and keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

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**Lois Baldrige-Roseberry** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

TW

“ Very sorry for your family's loss. I worked for Steve at swing Inn back in the early '80's, and they lived across the street from my brother for years near Bryan Park. Many fond memories both there and at work slingin' pies. Glad to know your family.

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**Ted Welch** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

CH

“ Linda was one of the kindest, most generous, caring people I've ever known. She is missed by the many, many people whose lives she touched.

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**Cheryl Cullen** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

SC

“ Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your friends for strength, and always remember she is by your side. Again my condolences..

Scott

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**Scott Thrasher** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

RO

“ Please accept my sincere condolences to the entire extended family.

Rob Saltzman

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**Rob Saltzman** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

JU

“ My deepest sympathies to the whole family  
Sleep well sweet girl it's been a long journey.  
Love you

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**Julie Farr-Castro** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

TO

“ Linda, you brightened my life with your smile and compassion. You brought brought more love into the world, which is the core of what we are each here to do. Thank you for lighting my way. I will celebrate your life with your loved ones from a distance, joining them in spirit.

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**Tom Capshew** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM

RB

“ *Dear Steve and family  
what a wonderful Lady! she was truly a wonderful example for all of  
us to follow. God only takes the Best. you are in our Hearts and  
Prayers*

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**Ray and Billie Roberts** - October 26, 2015 at 04:08 PM