



Linda Sue Stoltz

September 24, 1940 - May 7, 2015

Linda Sue Stoltz went home to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on May 7, 2015.

She was born on September 24, 1940, in Normal, Illinois, to Wayne and Mabel Norton, and graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a degree in education, before becoming a Peace Corp volunteer and spending two years in the Philippines. Upon returning to the U.S., Linda moved to Arizona in the early 1960's. She met and married Larry Stoltz on August 31, 1968, in Ganado, Arizona.

Linda dedicated her life to education and spent 40 years teaching school. She directed many choirs, taught English Language Arts and Journalism, and changed the lives of countless young people.

For many years, Linda was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a sister of many exceptional women as a member of P.E.O. As Linda moved around the country several times, she was a member of several different churches; including Bethany Christian Church in Gallup, First Presbyterian Church in Carlsbad, and First United Methodist Church of Roswell.

Linda found much joy in all things in nature. She loved traveling and visiting National Parks with her husband, exploring exciting new places with her grandchildren, and reveling in the beauty and wonder of the world God created. Rain or shine, Linda spent hours walking her dog, interacting with her neighbors, and always shining her bright light on those lucky enough to come

in contact with her.

Preceding her in death were her parents; and one brother Jerry Norton.

Linda is survived by her husband, Larry Stoltz, of Roswell; two daughters: Mitzi Keffer and husband Rick, of Las Cruces; and Cindy Fuller and husband Tim, of Dexter. Also surviving Linda are four grandchildren: Mikayla Fuller, Timothy J. Fuller, Laci Fuller, of Dexter, and Hunter Keffer, of Las Cruces.

Linda will be missed by numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. She was also blessed with a step family, which included Steve and Elizabeth Coleman, of Gallup and their three children: Savannah, Ashley, and Dusty.

The celebration of Linda's life will take place at First United Methodist Church in Roswell, NM on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at 10 AM. Tim Fuller will officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Gateway Christian School 1900 N. Sycamore, Roswell, NM 88201.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories of Linda with her family in the online register at andersonbethany.com.

Services are under the direction of Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Linda was a dear friend as we journeyed together from kindergarten through high school in Normal, IL. She had a great sense of humor and always had a smile on her face. I last saw Linda several years ago at a high school class reunion, and we had a really good visit. She had an abiding faith and is now in the hands of Jesus, our Savior. God bless you, Linda. Tom Barger

Tom Barger - May 14, 2015 at 08:07 AM

RR

“ Rhonda Rauch lit a candle in memory of Linda Sue Stoltz



Rhonda Rauch - May 13, 2015 at 03:43 PM

RR

We will miss you gammy, Love Rhonda, Fallon and Braiden

Rhonda Rauch - May 13, 2015 at 03:44 PM

SA

Linda and I were good friends in high school. I remember her calling me, crying, that she couldn't remember all the Greek Gods and Goddesses for English (I was flattered that she called me).

Sheila Armitage-Thomas - May 18, 2015 at 12:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Sue Stoltz.*



May 11, 2015 at 09:53 AM



“ *"Wait a minute! You're not Linda!" How many times did we laugh when people thought that we were sisters!*

We missed our Paris adventure, but I have many more beautiful memories and many more laugh "moments" that we shared.

"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities nor powers, neither things present nor things to come, neither height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans)

I love you, my sister!

Carolyn

Carolyn Olson - May 11, 2015 at 08:42 AM

DP

“ May 10, 2015 Mother's Day

I will miss my good friend Linda. We shared, for many years, the love for our families, their achievements and their heartaches, the love of teaching, the love of nature, the love of reading, the love for our dogs, and the love of sharing a meal. I, like you, will be able to hold those memories close and remember what an exceptional wife, mother and grandmother she was.

*Love,
Deborah Pendergrass*

DEBORAH PENDERGRASS - May 10, 2015 at 03:28 PM

FM

“ *Fred and I send heartfelt condolences to you Larry, Mitzi, Cindy and families, during this difficult time of such a painful loss. We also will have all of you in our daily prayers to give you strength as you make the difficulty journey of healing each day. We have so many fun memories of our families sharing many great times together and we were so blessed to have Linda and all of you in our lives. Love and good memories will help to fill the huge hole in your hearts. May God Bless and care for all of you.*

Fred & Francine Mobley - May 08, 2015 at 06:00 PM