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Linda E. Leffel, 73 of Newark, died July 19, 2022 at the Selma Markowitz Care Center, operated by Hospice of Central Ohio.

Linda was born September 15, 1948 in Newark, OH to the late Robert H. and Marjorie R. (Colvig) Anderson. She was a 1966 graduate of Newark High School and 1970 graduate of Ohio University. Linda was a teacher for over 35 years in the Newark City Schools and was known for loving her family and friends, her students, and the Newark Community.

Linda spent the majority of her career at John Clem Elementary where she started “What’s Up Clem”, co-founded the “Just Say No Club” and countless other programs throughout the years. Always a supporter of local history, she spearheaded the addition of the John Clem statue in Veteran’s Park. Linda was a Board member, past-president and active volunteer of the Licking County Historical Society; she was recently presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award. Additionally, Linda was a member and past-president of Newark Chapter EL of the PEO sisterhood; a member of Monday Talks; a member and recording secretary of DAR – Hetuck Chapter; a member and past-secretary of Licking County Retired Teachers; founder of the Clem Society, monthly luncheons for John Clem retired teachers; a long-time supporter of Weathervane Playhouse; and a member of More Life Church.

Linda is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Brett; daughter and son-in-law, Andrea and Brian Matthews of Pickerington; sisters-in-law Zola (Bob) Sherman of Lancaster and Pat Bushnaq of Overland Park, Kansas; and many special nieces, nephews and cousins. She also leaves behind many cherished colleagues; thousands of students; and the most amazing friends and extended family anyone could ever hope to have.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, August 13, 2022 at More Life Church, 1718 E. Main Street, Newark with Josh Pennington officiating.



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In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The Licking County Historical Society D. Robert Tharp Scholarship Fund, PO Box 785, Newark, OH 43055; or PEO Chapter EL Scholarship Fund, c/o Kelly Fenton, 1593 Krebs Ct., Newark, OH 43055

Vensil & Chute Funeral Home – Newark Chapel is assisting with arrangements.



Tribute Wall

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AN

Anne posted:

We will miss you more than you know.

August 19 at 9:02 AM

AZ

Andy And Julie Zigo posted:

We are very sad and our hearts are heavy. We were fortunate to have enjoyed many, many laughs with our FAVORITE neighbor. Linda made us feel welcome when we moved in and we will never forget our visits with her. Just being in her presence made us smile. Prayers to Brett, Andrea and family.

August 12 at 4:53 PM

NP

N Peck posted:

I am sure that my mother, Nancy, would have been deeply saddened by the passing of her dear teacher friend for a very long time at John Clem, but she has been on Hospice care since 2019. My father and I have been taking care of her with my medical degrees since 2016. Rest In PeaceThe Pecks.

August 12 at 4:40 PM

LH

Lori Hoover posted:

I'm so so sorry for the loss of Mrs. Leffel. She was one of the best teachers I ever had. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers. Know she will rest in peace and watch over you all, always.

August 10 at 4:04 AM

SD

Susan Dyar posted:

She was a wonderful teacher to my children and one of my son's favorites! God speed Linda. Rest in peace.

August 8 at 11:42 AM

LA

Lynn Alford posted:

Sending healing prayers to Brett, Andrea and Brian.

August 7 at 5:40 AM



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JH

Janis Harvey posted:

I am sorry to hear of Linda's passing...She graduated with me and I have wonderful memories of her. Her family was good friends of my family. May fond memories of her remain in your hearts forever.

August 6 at 2:07 AM

LC

Lynsi Carson posted:

She was one of the best teachers I ever had. She was my 5th grade teacher at John Clem. Rest in peace

August 5 at 10:18 AM

BA

Bruce And Connie Axline posted:

When we first got married, Brett and Linda lived across the street from us and we became friends. So sorry to hear of her passing. Our prayers go out to Brett, Andrea, and the rest of the family.

August 2 at 12:55 PM

IO

India Oestreicher posted:

May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times together as you celebrate a life well lived.

July 31 at 1:41 PM

JJ

John K. Johnson posted:

Brett, Andrea and Brian, I am so very sorry for your loss and the huge loss to our Newark Community as well. I team taught with Linda when I came to Clem many years ago. She was a master teacher, encourager and inspiration! Her love and dedication for the children and families of Clem was unmeasurable. I have such wonderful memories of the fun we had teaching together. I will never forget her face when I came to the Civil War Ball one year dressed in full uniform. It was priceless! I will miss her so much. Love and prayers, John

July 30 at 8:04 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Linda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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