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Linda L. Fitzgerald, 66, of Dresden, died at 10:30AM Sunday January 23, 2011 at Genesis Good Samaritan Hospital in Zanesville, Ohio.

Born August 18, 1944, she was a daughter of the late Russell Fitzgerald and Blanche (née Lambert) Fitzgerald Cosgrove. She was a tireless homemaker and a Baptist by faith. Her passion was the outdoors; she loved gardening and horses and was happiest when her hands were in the dirt or when she was out with her four horses.

Linda was a best friend, loving mother and the most special mamaw and is survived by her loving partner and best friend, David Mock; children, Lisa Lucas of Virginia, Melina Breeden of Dresden, Sean Vanorsdale of Orlando, FL, Sara Mitzel of Zanesville; grandchildren, Amanda, Daisy, Brandon, Jeremy, Jessica and Kyle; great granddaughter, Ava; brothers, Russell (Junior) Fitzgerald and wife JoAnne Lynchburg, VA, Paul Fitzgerald and wife Dora of Frostburg, MD, Norman Fitzgerald and wife Carolyn (Bunky & Peachy) of Bloomington, MD, Ritchie Fitzgerald and wife Cathy of Barton, MD, Milton Fitzgerald (Skeetie) and wife Jeanie of Wintergreen, VA; sisters, Janet Martin and husband John of Westernport, MD, Shirley Moore and husband Bob of Rawlings, MD.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Robert (Mary) Fitzgerald from Keyser, MD.

Friends may call 6-8PM Wednesday January 26, 2011 at the Dresden Chapel of Vensil-Orr & Chute Funeral Home, 714 Main Street, where services will be held on Thursday at 1PM with Pastors Mike & Melody Foster officiating.

Burial will follow in the Bittersweet Cemetery on Prospect Church Road near Dresden.



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Bunk Fitzgerald posted:

Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always. My sister Linda will always be with me in my heart. Such precious memories we shared. Always loved and missed. Brother Bunk

January 19 at 3:51 AM



Anonymous posted:

Mom, I'm back. Sorry to anyone reading this but Mom I know you would understand why I have to keep stopping. This is extremely difficult. I love you Mom and I know that I can continue "talking" to you after this site closes! At first I was afraid to let myself think of you. I was afraid to "go there". BUT I know exactly what you would tell me in any situation I find myself. I can almost hear you. Sometimes when something funny or honery happens I can hear you laughing or adding to the humor as only you could do. Gosh did we spend some time laughing together. Especially whenever we were together in the car. I'll never laugh that hard again...unless I let myself imagine what you would say at that moment. I feel you with me now and I'm not afraid to do so. I all but see you...and sometimes I can almost imagine that. I could not have loved you more and you could not have shown how much you loved me. THANK you for loving us all. YOU left a mark on us all. GOD, I love you for all that you gave for us on earth and for giving me the Mother of a lifetime! Love, Melina

February 23 at 5:56 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Jennifer, Before I make my last entry, I want to say a special THANK-YOU! Thank you for extending this site. I didn't write as often on here as I thought I would because it was such an emotional thing every time I stated to put some of my thoughts on here. Just knowing that this site was here gave me a feeling of direct connection to Mom. I know that sounds crazy. I feel a sense of loss tonight knowing that this will soon go off line. But I also know that Mom is so ingrained in me and in Jess that we will have her with us forever anyway. It's okay now to let this go. But, having it here meant more to us than you'll ever know! With the most sincere love and thanks and immeasurable appreciation... Melina

February 23 at 5:08 PM



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Anonymous posted:

To our family... I hope you enjoy the photos. Thank goodness Jess is so computer literate. I would not have known how to put these photos on here. It turns out she has stored many of the photos of "Mamaw" on the computer over the years. It is wonderful to have photos of Sadly, they will never be able to begin to convey to the full extent how much love these photos embody...even if they speak a thousand words!! Love, Melina With special Thanks to Sean for insisting that we get some of these photos on here and to Jess for making it happen!

February 23 at 4:55 PM



Anonymous posted:

Before I get too emotional, I want to tell everyone that I see Davey...not often...but I know he is trying to except the fate he has been dealt. It has to be so hard for him to be in the home that he and Mom shared for so many years. Mom filled any room she was in...even if it was her own living room...Right, Peachy? I know he still struggles but he knows if he would need me I am here. He has come for dinner at our house several times. We had the best wild turkey that he shot on New years Day. It was tremendous. He also came for Jessies 18th Birthday. It was so wonderful!!!!I am going to have Jessie hopefully put some pictures on here including those with Dave. I know you all worry about him. I bless his presence in Moms and Jessies and our lives. He has been there for Mom when I don't think I could've. The many trips to the hospital in Columbus for appointments or Chemo. He got stuck so often having to watch the ugliness that I sadly ducked away from. Thank God for him!!! See you shortly!!! Melina

February 23 at 2:34 PM



Anonymous posted:

I'm back...I'm not a great typist so I have to type in shifts!!!! This is not really in keeping with what I was writing previously, but I need to write as things come to me before the deadline. I want to thank God for my Mother. I want to thank him for the way she blessed our lives. I want to thank God for the way he gave us time with her..you know, before he took her "Home". Some people would prefer not to watch their loved one suffer for any length of time. They would rather have it happen quickly. He gave us the best of both worlds didn't he guys? She was sick for a while but her personal strength and perserverence kept her strong for us as long as she could maintain it. She did that for us with Gods help. Together they did that for us more than for her. She was going to be alright. It was us that God and Mom knew needed just a little more time at least to suck up everything we loved about her. We are so lucky! Again...I'll be back!

February 23 at 2:14 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear, Dear, Mother, Oh my gosh. In one way it feels like time has flown by, While in another it feels like the loss of you is as fresh as the first day you went "home". I have spent many moments writing down things that I wanted to put on this site but it was easier to write them as they came to me than to sit down and type them. It is always scary to me to allow my self to go that deep into my emotions that surround your lack of daily presence in my life. I think Jessie summed that up for all of us in her last entry. I hesitate to even tell anyone how much I am still struggling to cope with your death. They say it's not normal to mourn this way this long. They don't mean they don't understand. Anyone that knew Mom understands the monumental loss we have endured. They just want me to be healthy emotionally. I know that. Buster worries about Jess and I and Davey too! He watched firsthand how much she meant to all of us. Even in the midst of one of our arguments, he knew before long we would find our way back to each other. We were not whole otherwise. Sorry, but I have to stop for a bit. I will be back in a moment...still have much to say before the deadline on this site!!!! Melina

February 23 at 1:56 PM



Jess Breeden posted:

Mamaw, I apologize for not writing in so long, I see that the book will be closing on the 24th of this month and that will be hard. I enjoy reading all of the good things people and family have had to say. They make me feel better. Not a day goes by that I am not thinking about you. I never take my ring off, and mamaw Annie got me a matching necklace this for my Birthday. It's beautiful and looks amazing with my ring. I still have not made it to the farm or your grave site yet. After a year and some odd days i'm still not ready to go out there. I have had so many memories there, I don't know how I would control myself driving down your lane, and seeing the arena, and all of your flowers and the apple trees. All of the memories I hold so close to me, like none other. You were the person who impacted me most in my life. I miss you so much, and I can't believe it's been a year already. Time has flown by. I have a pile of pictures of you and I that I keep on my dresser, and I look at them all of the time, along with the last Halloween card I received from you. I cry everytime I read it. I can't wait to see you again, and Give you a hug, and catch up with you. I miss those morning you'd stop by and have coffee with mom and I. I miss everything, and I know it won't bring you back, but I can't help but say how much I miss you. Well I must go now, I will talk to you later. I love you so very much mamaw. Love jess.

February 21 at 4:06 PM



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NF

Norman Fitzgerald posted:

Dearest sister Linda, I know god allows you to visit and view the good times here on this earth from time to time. I feel your presence many times, although you can't speak to me. I convey my message to you in my prayers each night, and I know god relays the message to you. Where has the time gone. Seems like yesterday, we visited you on the farm, and spent many happy hours together. I know you are happy there, because god tells us in his word that we can't imagine what a place god has prepared for us in heaven. I pray every night that all my family would accept Jesus as lord and savior, and that one day, we'll all be together again for eternity. Accepting christ as lord and savior is as simple as ABC. Admit you are a sinner, Believe christ died for your sins, and confess him as your lord and savior. Only believe, it's that simple. Love to all, and god bless.

January 24 at 1:47 PM

JM

Janet Martin posted:

Missing you today & always my dear Sister. Sending my love to you & all the family.Love,"Junet"

January 23 at 6:29 PM

JC

Jennifer Clem posted:

In Loving Memory of Aunt Linda. What a bittersweet day. Celebrating my Dad's Birthday today while remembering the loss of our loved one. Keeping family close at heart & in my prayers. Love, Jennifer

January 23 at 6:21 PM

SO

Sonya posted:

Love your niece.

January 22 at 1:19 PM



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CF

Carolyn Fitzgerald posted:

Dear Linda,B.F.F.It has been a year since we came to see you at the hospital in Zanesvill. I sat there and watched you slipping away from us. And as I held onto the steel bars that surrounded your bed, cold as the steel was it was a special place of honor to be there with you and hold your hand and feed you . and talk about all the time we spent together with you and Dave at the farm, your special love for your horses, the wonderful Birthday bon-fire we had in Oct for Daves birthday,all the late nite talks we shared.The wonderful times in the summer house, the morning coffee with you,Memories is all I have of you, but oh how wonderful they are.linda I know you are safe in the arms of Jesus, I know you accepted Him as your Lord, and became born again. I know because we prayed together many times on the phone and at the hospital making sure youe heavenly home was secure. Linda rest till we all are togeather again ALL MY LOVE PEACHIE B.F.F.

January 21 at 9:03 AM

SV

Sean Vanorsdale posted:

Merry Christmas Mom I miss you!

December 27 at 8:28 AM

SV

Sean Vanorsdale posted:

Dear Mom, Im sorry for not writing to you more often...I just cant put into words how much i miss you. I find myself picking up the phone to call you like i did so often to catch you up on the wonderful things im finally able to appreciate the things you always knew and tried tirelessly to tell me...well im finally getting it :) I sure wish you were here so i could tell you you were right but im sure you know my heart. I am so blessed to have had a Mother and Father who showed me how to love so deeply and how to have an imagination so vivid that sometimes it got in the way :) But...i would never want to be any other way thank you for making me the man i am finally becoming...I love you Mom! -Sean V.

December 27 at 8:24 AM

JM

Janet Martin posted:

Thinking of our lost loved ones this holiday season. Hoping that Linda is having a wonderful Christmas in Heaven with Mother, Daddy, Bobby & April. Sending all our love & prayers to all the family, especially Dave, Melina & Lisa. May God & the love of family help carry you through this holiday season without her. We Love You,Janet & Johnny

December 26 at 9:08 AM



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Jennifer Clem posted:

Ligting a candle & saying a prayer in loving memory of Aunt Linda on this Christmas day. Keeping loved ones in my thoughts & prayers during this difficult holiday without her. May God bless all of you & keep you in his care. Love,Jennifer

December 25 at 7:11 PM



Anonymous posted:

So glad to hear from everyone. You can't imagine how good it is to read your thoughts. They give me good things to think about and they help me to understand my own feelings. I was leaning over the counter reading what you all had written. When I stood up I had left a puddle of "happy" tears on the counter. As I wiped them away with the paper towel in my hand, I thought, how Mom always had a tissue or something on her hand. Peachy, you know she was always ready to wipe up an ash or water spot off the table. I made certain that one was always tucked into her hand in the hospital that last week. She just wouldn't have looked complete without it. Just before we closed her casket that only we saw open, I tucked my tissue into her hand. She was buried ready to clean up anything on her journey "Home" Love you all! Melina

September 8 at 1:25 PM



Bunk Fitzgerald posted:

Dearest sister Linda Lou,I can't put into words how much I miss you. I know you're in a better place, and wouldn't come back to this sinful earth if you were given a chance. I celebrated your birthday on the 18th by myself. I went about my duties at church singing the song happy birthday to you. I only wish I could mkae the trip to Dresden to see you again. The visits if I make another one will never be the same. I would love to visit your grave site, but I fear I couldn't handle it right now. God and my savior are the only things making me strong during this time of grieving. One day we'll all be together again forever, those who know Jesus Christ as lord and savior of their life. I know a loving god that we serve allows you from time to time to make a visit in our midst. I feel your presence near me occassionaly, or I see your image dissappear quickly when I turn my head. I have such precious memories of our visits at your beautiful farm. I loved to sit and talk with you at the breakfast table, and on your large front porch. I bet your roses are really beautiful around your patio. And, oh how those magnificent horse adorned your fields. I loved to stand at the fence or the window and just watch their beauty. I see the pond through the woods where I would fish. And of couse, Belle barking as we would drive up. I could go on and on, but Peachie always said I was too wordy.Always in my thoughts and prayers each day,Love, Bunk

August 20 at 9:28 AM



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JC

Jennifer Clem posted:

Dear Melina, Sorry I haven't visited for a while. You have still been in my thoughts and prayers, as well as Jess. I am so sorry that you are still in so much pain. Please don't be too hard on yourself for not doing things you had wanted to do with your Mom's cemetery. You are still grieving and no one will fault you. I'm sure it's hard some days to just put one foot in front of the other. It's hard to go on without someone who was so loved and so a part of your life. It's like losing a part of your self. It's gonna probably be a while before you are able to deal with some things, so please don't feel guilty. You need time to grieve and it hasn't been that long. I'm sure your Mom and Dave understands. He probably feels the same way. Take care of yourself. Mom and I are still hoping to come and visit sometime. Until then, please know that we care and are keeping you in our prayers. Love Jennifer

August 18 at 6:02 PM

JC

Jennifer Clem posted:

Happy Birthday to my Aunt Linda. Just wanted you to know that you are still very loved and not forgotten. We think of you often and find ourselves reminiscing about you when our family gets together. When eating out on Father's Day, we talked about the time you ate at Warner's Restaurant in Cresaptown when you were here visiting one time. We laughed when we remembered how you saw a mouse at the salad bar there and were told by the waiter that the mouse wouldn't eat much! I always loved it when you came to visit. You were so much fun and full of life and funny stories! Life is so unfair. Wish you were still here. Life is so short and I think most of us think that we always have tomorrow, but unfortunately so many things are left undone that we wanted to do, like spending more time with family and loved ones. I definitely wish there could have been more time for you and all of the family. Please know that you have a special place in my heart. Love, Jennifer

August 18 at 5:34 PM

JM

Janet Martin posted:

Happy Birthday to my beloved sister. I miss you deeply and will love you always. Wish you were here to tell you in person but I know that you will get this message in Heaven. I also know that you are with the Lord and having a wonderful Birthday in Heaven. I think of you often. I also am keeping Dave, Melina, Jess, and Lisa in my thoughts and prayers. Sending my love to all of you. Love, "Junet"

August 18 at 5:02 PM



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Anonymous posted:

mom, I miss you more with each passing day. You are everywhere I look. I haven't been to your house since you passed away. I feel guilty about that. We had all planned to work in the cemetery and make your gravesite so beautiful. Sadly, I just can't bring myself to go there. I don't need to to feel you. You are so much a part of me that I cannot imagine needing to go to your headstone to talk to you. When I was there I couldn't believe you were six feet below me but I could not touch you. It made me feel sick. I know Dave wonders about all of our plans to work in the cemetery. I guess I just need to do what's right for me at this time not what is considered the right thing to do. I am sorry if my absence makes him sad or causes him to doubt my feelings for you. You always knew you were the most important person to me. It would also not surprise you that I did not follow through with plans about your grave that were made before I knew what losing you would really feel like. In this case there is no one any of us has to answer to but ourselves and our feelings we have for and with you. I love you. You did not need to die so you could walk on streets paved with gold. You loved life with all of its trials and tribulations right here on earth. And you were perfect just as you were here on earth. Why did you have to be taken? Love, Melina

August 5 at 4:42 PM



Jess Breeden posted:

Mamaw, I miss you so much. Words can not describe. You know that Horseshoe ring you got me? Well everytime I look at it, which is everyday may I add, All I can do is think back to everything we had/did together.. Sunday was six months, it's so crazy that it's been this long. I couldn't sleep tonight but you already knew that because I was talking to you a little bit ago. I saw Dave at Wal-Mart last week also, he looks good, But we all "Look" okay on the outside, the inside is a different story when dealing with such a large loss. I just want to tell you Thank you for everything you have ever done for me, and I wouldn't be the person I am today if it was not for you. You instilled a way of never 'Backing down' in me, and made me a stronger person by doing that. But I love deeper now with that said. I just wish you were still here. I miss the early mornings when you would show up ringing the door bell, and knocking and Whistling trying to wake me up. I miss seeing the caller I.d saying "Mamaw Linda". Things will never be the same. I just needed to write these thoughts down. I Love you mamaw.

July 30 at 6:41 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mom I miss you so much! I do not want the hurt to go away. Even the hurt makes me feel close to you. Love melina!

June 21 at 6:05 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Hey, it's me, Melina. I know it has been a long time since I have written. The thing is, I have been writing my thoughts about and "to" Mom continuously. I seem to have random thoughts, feelings, and memories that I have to jot down quickly. That means grabbing any available piece of paper, sticky note, back of a piece of mail...you name it. It seems like it takes too long to get the laptop from my daughters room and get connected to this site. It's easier just to quickly "write" [the old fashioned way] my thoughts down. But I have every one of those scrap pieces of paper. In time I am going to put them all on this site. They could fill a book. I just need to say that I am not doing very well...you know...dealing with the loss of Mom. She was a part of my every waking moment. She was there for me even though she was the one who was sick. I can tell everyone this but no one will truly understand the depth of our relationship until I sit down and put all of the words from those "scraps" of paper on this site. Most people reading this will think, "Melina, we are all close to our Mothers. You don't have some claim to fame on special relationships." Well, if I get all of my thoughts and memories and what she did and what she thought, written on this site, you will see that she and Dad set out to create the deepest, most unique family "feeling". Even after their divorce, life with Mom was absolutely amazing and inspiring. I hope I get it all written down. Life with her has been more...well, just more! I have never met anyone more blessed than me when it came to parents, step parents, trials and beautiful tribulations. I am thouroughly blessed..still...for having her as my Mom!

June 15 at 7:50 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Dear Mother, I am so glad Jessie has this site to be able to express her thoughts of you on. You know she always could talk to you easier than me. You two just sort of had a thing. I wish I had told you more often how much I appreciated you being there for her. All she had to do was mention something she wanted to do and you always made it happen. But, then, you did the same for me when I was a kid. Remember the rust colored pants and white western shirt you got me so I would look nice showing Shatsy, our horse? And then there was the saddle you fought Dad to get for me. You tried so hard to make it possible for me to fit in even though we really didn't have the money to compete in that expensive horse showing world. You wanted to make everthing possible no matter what. I think that when Jess came along you saw it as an opportunity to give her what you couldn't completely give me. Especially where horse showing was concerned. Dave and you always saw to it that Jess had everything she needed to really shine as a horse shower. In a way I feel like the best gift I ever gave you was staying close and having a child with interests I had as a child and that you always loved. It gave you a second chance to do finally for her what you had always wanted to do for us kids. It always made you so happy to have been with her weekend after weekend from the time she was born. You gave her peace and tranquility. She found unbelievable solace at your home. Just snuggling in on your couch gave her the most amazing feeling of calm comfort. And she always loved going up and sleeping in your bed when she stayed the night,remember? One time you gave some sheets you didn't need. She put them on her bed and said she just loved how they smelled like you and your home. On aa different note, I just remembered something she said to you one day when we were sitting at your table. She was probably about six years old. You were saying you would like to have your face "sanded" to get rid of the pores. Jess looked right at you and with the earnesty of a childs truth she said, "Mamaw, I love your face" And she meant it from the depths of her heart and soul. You gave her something special that no one else could and I believe she did the same for you. I loved that for both of you more than you'll ever know. She completed your life and I understand how much you needed that. But then you always completed my life. I know I am supposed to be coming to terms with losing you. BUt I just can't. I don't think just anyone can understand what our relationship embodied. They say they understand and I know they really think they do. But you and I always knew we loved differently than other people. You and Dad and us kids had a love for each other that was as ingrained and deepseated within us as our very souls. We were literally tied to each other in a rare, rare way...in spite of how things may have turned out...We had true love!! am so glad I really know how to love. It might mean I can hurt pretty bad but I know loving hard is woth it for sure.Thank you and Dad for teaching me this.I mis you and think of you hourly if not more often.LOVE melina

January 24 at 6:47 AM



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Jessica Breeden posted:

Happy Easter mamaw Linda! Today was just not the same, and I can't help but feel lost because I wasn't able to see your face on this special day. I think about you alot, more than mom probably thinks I do. When the phone rings and it come up "mamaw Linda" I almost always go to yell "It's Mamaw", But then I stop myself and say "It's Dave". I just wish you were here with Mom and I, Even though I know your in a better place,, where your pain free, I just can't help but feel like you should still be with us. I'm going to go for now, I have class in the morning! I Love you Mamaw.

April 24 at 5:25 PM



Anonymous posted:

To all of Moms family "back home",as Mom would say, I thank you for all of your care and concerns. I know you are all probably like Dave and I in finding it hard to believe this happened. Just as I'm sure you felt when you lost your own parents and brother. It still just doesnt seem real. Anyway, I hope we can all find peace. Please take care. Jennifer has given us a wonderful way of documenting our thoughts and feelings over the next year. It will chronicle our journey through this sad time. Hey, Peachy, I tried to call you the other day. I'll talk to you and Bunk soon.I love you all.Melina

March 24 at 11:05 AM



Anonymous posted:

jennifer, You have an amazing insight into Mom. I feel very close to you because of this. Not everyone really understood her. Maybe its more acceptable to be funny and flambouyant if you are a star like Goldie! And yes I see the resemblance. I saw the ads for that Oprah but did not get to watch it. On the ads, Goldie was throwing her head back and laughing. That is a vision I have in my head of Mom since she did that so often herself.Well, i will write more later. I am still having such a haard time with the loss of her and Dave is really struggling too. I think of her continuously. My crocuses are blooming and its hard to even look at them. I know all of Moms spring flowers are coming up. This was her favorite time of year. She lived as if she was a perennial flower herself. Always coming back even after the hardest of "winter." Until now.Love Melina

March 24 at 8:16 AM



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Jennifer Clem posted:

I just watched Goldie Hawn on Oprah and the theme of the show was about being happy and ways to bring about happiness in our lives. All I could think about while I watched was how much Goldie reminded me of Aunt Linda - her looks, her smile, her mannerisms, her charisma and just her overall personality. It really made me think of Aunt Linda and brought back memories of her. What a fitting subject too! Through it all, Aunt Linda always found a way to see the sunshine and be happy! Anyone else ever see any resemblance between Goldie and Aunt Linda? Just wondering. Hoping everyone is doing ok. Good wishes and blessings to all the family. Love, Jennifer

March 23 at 5:01 PM



Carolyn Fitzgerald posted:

dear melina, jessie, buster lisa sean and dave, Last month I lost my best friend and sister-in law. As I walked through the last days of her life, watching and praying from a distance while you all did the same in her hospital room. I pondered the situation and the intensity of what was about to unfold. I felt helpless. I wanted to be right in the middle of it all, empathizing with you all through the whole ordeal, maybe send a card or flowers, no I did that there was something more God wanted me to do. As the days passed and the events unfolded I began to realize that not only am I one of many people whose life was touched by Linda's extraordinary christian walk. Linda nevered waived in her faith and love for JESUS CHRIST. Even through her battle with cancer, she praised God and witnessed to non-believers as well as believers. At the James. at Good Sam hospitals or at the doctor office she still would tell some one about Jesus and His love for her What an awesome testimony! There is no doubt in my mind that she was met in Heaven by her Master saying Well DONE MY GOOD AND FAITH SERVENT! We should never pass up an opportunity to witness to all the unsaved because we are ashamed of the gospel or afraid of their response. We are to stand bold for Christ. And that is exactly what Linda did, and this is what I can do in her memory. See you someday in Heaven Peachie B.F.F

February 28 at 10:00 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Melina, No need to thank me. Wish I could do more. I can't imagine how you all are coping and thought extending the guest book may help in some small way, as well as honoring your Mom. I could especially feel your pain and sorrow in your post on 2/19 and it broke my heart. I believe that writing feelings down is cathartic and hope it will be for others too. Your Mom's passing has affected me more than I thought possible. I mourn her loss and for all the lost opportunities. I am so glad I have some special memories of all of you but wish there could have been more. I do remember playing and jumping on the bed! The "scootapatus" does ring a bell but I can't quite remember exactly what it was. I've asked Tuck and Christa to try to remember it too. Life is too short and time way too fast. We always think we have tomorrow don't we? Your Mom told me to live my dreams, that it's never too late. (I had stopped by Mom's house one evening before Christmas and my Mom was talking to your Mom on the phone; I got the chance to talk to your Mom then.) This was so like your Mom, the eternal optimist. I only wish I had half of her spirit and determination! I also hope that we can somehow start a connection. Maybe this can be the start. Until we talk again, please take care and please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Hope that you are able to find some comfort in your grief. Goodnight my cousin, my friend. (It's actually 1:00am Sunday 2/27; I'm a nite-owl, I think that runs in the family too!) Love, Jennifer

February 26 at 8:07 PM



Anonymous posted:

LINDA:I know you are now with the Lord. Say hello to brother Bob. I love you and will always remember our phone conversations.Junior

February 26 at 11:46 AM



Bunk Fitzgerald posted:

, to live with Him in eternity. All those who believe and trust in Him, as did my dear sister Linda, will never die, but live in eternity forever. It's no goodbye, but see you later. Love you sis... and all the family.

February 26 at 7:09 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Oh my gosh, Jennifer. I just told Jessie tonight that I wish I could keep this on line longer. As you will read in the last thing I posted {thinking it was the last entry I could make}, I feel like I am actually in direct contact with Mom whenever I am on this site. I talk to her all of the time in my mind but for some reason writing to her feels like...I don't know...like we are talking on the phone like we always did...10 times a day. I cannot begin to thank you enough for keeping this open for another year. This is one of the best gifts you could have given her and all of us. Through this sad event I have thought back to the times you Christa, Tucky, Lisa and I used to spend time together. If I'm not mistaken, we used to jump on somebodys bed at your house and do this thing called a "scootapatus". But you know how childhood memories are. Does anything about that word ring a bell? Anyway, you have made me smile tonight. Too bad we all grew apart over the years. Maybe this will give me a chance to connect with my side of the family and give Jessie some insight into where I come from and not just her Dads side of the family...Although they are very, very special to me. Thank you again, Love Melina and everyone else that may from time to time want to post the thoughts that will come to them as time passes and moments make us think of her and miss her.

February 24 at 9:14 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear, dear Mother, Oddly, when I write on this site, I feel like it's a direct line of communication to you. It is so connected with your funeral. Maybe that's why. Who knows! This "book" is closing at midnight tonight so I really want to take advantage of the closeness I feel to you when I'm on this site...so this may be longwinded...kind of like me. Surprise, huh? Well, for starters, just as you had such an impact...such an influence on my life during your life, your passing has taken things from me , but also given me some very important things. It has raised my level of spirituality. I guess at times like this you realize that nothing short of faith in God are going to carry you through. Maybe that would seem like using faith as a crutch to some people. But, isn't that what faith is? It's what people rely on to get them through this life until they can get to the next life ... by believing in Jesus as our savior. I have always had faith and been very aware of how blessed I have been since birth. There has always been a very obvious "Greater Power" at work in my life. Most importantly being blessed with a rare and special Mother like you. Then to have such a loving Father, husband and child...There is just no denying my blessings. Mom I am so glad I had all of my life with you. But I'll always consider my time with you during the last few days of your life the best gift I have ever been given. How fortunate I was to lay in bed with you that last night. To hold both of your hands in mine as we lay there. I got to rub your face, paint your nails, keep your mouth moist. I was there to moisten your eyes with damp washcloths as they ceased to be able to close. And though most everyone thinks you were in some sort of coma at the end, Buster and I know better. Six hours before you passed- 2:30 A.M. when you hadn't responded to anything for several hours, you raised your eyebrows when he told you goodbye, that he was going home for the night. We both saw it clear as a bell. That is how I know that you knew I was with you all through that night. I kissed you goodbye at 7:30 the next morning. Less than 3 hours later you had passed away. Not only were you ready to go, you knew I was as ready to let you go as I could ever possibly be. And so with no show of fear during those last few days or hours...saying no to pain medicine when ask if you needed it, you confidently left us...confident in where you were going next. No last minute worries that you weren't right with your God...Now, that is what I would call true faith! Your sureness of where you stood spiritually gives us reassurance that we will indeed see you again. And Mom, I hope you are riding Wildfire {like the song you loved}...I can see you now! I don't know that it could have been possible to have loved you more. There will never be the same connection with anyone in my life. That was a spot reserved only for you and I love you. Melina

January 24 at 6:47 AM



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JE

Jessica posted:

Mamaw, I Love and Miss you so much. I still can't even believe that you are really gone. This just seems like some sort of horrible dream that I need to wake up from. I know that God is Glad he has you to keep him company, I sure wish I still did. I know that this all happened for the very best, Just doesn't seem right. We were always close, but as I got older we didn't spend as much time as we used to, You know how busy the horse showing business can be! :) I think about you constantly, and I cry just as much. I Love you so much Mamaw, I can't wait to see you again. Words can't describe how much I love and Miss you, and Tears won't bring you back, I always think back to all the funny times we shared, and the jokes you told. Well I am going to go for now, I will talk to you very soon, and I know that you are aware of that. Love you Mamaw Linda. Jess.

February 24 at 5:02 PM



Anonymous posted:

Note: This book will close on 2/24/11. If anyone has any added thoughts, don't miss your chance. We will have this downloaded for an eternal memoir after the day it closes.

February 21 at 7:18 PM



Anonymous posted:

Oh my gosh Mom. I can't believe you aren't here with me. I miss you so much. I keep thinking of you and I try to shake my head to block the thoughts. I want to think of you but it just kills me. I just want to go away and spend a whole day thinking of you and all of the times weve spent together and all that you mean to me. I have so much I want to tell you. I want to thank you for so many things. My heart is lost and broken. I just keep on keeping on. I really just want to give in to all of the anguish I feel about losing you. I'm just afraid to go there. We were always so connected. I guess we always will be. Just needed to say this. I'm just missing you really bad right now. Love you ...Melina

February 18 at 10:33 PM

ME

Melina posted:

Thank you to the last entry on February 11. I think I know who this is from and I know you always loved Mom and us kids. I'd like to remind you of a poem we might have made up together...if you are who I think you are: There once was a small setter pup, who lived in a styrofoam cup. Said he I can't see what's happening to me, but I hope it's not bottoms up! We will always love you and treasure our time together.Melina

February 12 at 7:39 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Thinking of you all. Have shed many tears for what has been lost, both now and long ago. There has always been and will always be a place in my heart for you all...no matter how confusing it has been...she has been in my thoughts every day. Blessings.

February 11 at 5:09 AM



Erica Tinsley posted:

prayers and thoughts go out to the family, we will always remember where we came from and hold dear in our hearts those that we are connected to even if we have never met. in times like this we come together to remember and cherish what makes us the strong family that we are. rest in peace for eternity great aunt linda.

February 10 at 3:39 PM



Melina posted:

Thank you to everyone who has sent messages of sympathy and love. I will write more later but I wanted to make a special request to anyone on this site. please listen to the song "every thing I do" by Bryan Adams. just google bryan Adams and listen to the version on YouTube that has footage from the movie Robin Hood, Prince of Thieves". This was the song Dave picked out for Mom to be played at her funeral. She was so lucky to have been loved so much by him. I am so thankful for all that he gave her both in life and in her passing. She was truly so loved.

February 5 at 9:25 AM



Ruth Phillips posted:

Buster, Melina and Family...We were so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. May these happy memories carry all of you through this sorrowful time. With Deepest Sympathy Ruth Ann & Randy Phillips & Family

January 31 at 5:08 PM



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JM

Janet Martin posted:

A Loving Tribute to My Little Sister
When you were small I held you close
And rocked you fast to sleep,
Sang lullabies, played patty cake
And bounced you on my knee. I watched you grow, I held your hand
Helped teach you right from wrong,
When you were hurt I wiped your tears
And even cried along.
We laughed, we played and learned a lot
We cried, we prayed and sometimes fought
But the love we shared we never forgot.
A beautiful woman you grew to be
Full of love, laughter and fun,
You followed your dreams, raised a family
A wonderful mother and friend to everyone.
Your journey was not always easy
Pain and sorrows you were not spared,
A place in your heart remained broken forever
For the loss of a child no mother should have to bear.
Time flew by, it would not wait
God called you home
No more suffering or heartache.
In the glory of God you will remain
To be reunited with all of your children and family again.
My little sister, my Linda Lou,
How I loved you so
Though the miles and years between us were long,
Our bond as sisters remained pure and strong.
My little sister, you'll always be
A part of my heart through all eternity.
Love you forever,
Your sister "Junet" (Written by your niece Jennifer)

January 28 at 10:19 AM

PF

Peachie Fitzgerald posted:

DEAR LINDA, BFF I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE WONDERFUL TIMES WE SPENT WITH AND DAVE AT THE FARM AND THE SPECIAL TIME IN THE SUMMER HOUSE. IT WAS LIKE COMING TO A BED AND BREAKFAST. THE TIMES WE SPENT AT THE LONGBERGER SHOPS, AND THE PLACES WE EAT AT. I WILL MISS OUR LONG TALKS ON THE PHONE SHARING JESUS AND HIS LOVE FOR US, I KNOW YOU ARE WITH HIM NOW. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE BEAUTIFUL PEARLS I WILL CHERISH THE GIFTS YOU GAVE ME FOREVER. MISS YOU SO VERY MUCH. SEE YOU AGAIN IN HEAVEN. ALL MY LOVE PEACHIE BFF

January 28 at 7:42 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dearest Family, We're so sorry we were unable to make it to Linda's funeral service due to the snow storm, but our hearts and prayers go out to the family at this time. May God grant you the peace which passeth all understanding. Keep God first in your lives, and let your light shine for Him. Love and prayers, Bunk and Peachie (best friends forever)

January 27 at 6:47 AM



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MR

Mary Pat Riggleman posted:

May you find comfort knowing yur loved one is in the arms of Jesus. Let your heart be opened to the love that only He can sustain you through during these tough times. I know how much Linda meant to all of you, but words can never be enough, keeping all of you uplifted in prayers.

January 27 at 5:39 AM

DL

Denise Lannon posted:

Aunt Linda,I will always remember the weekend you,mom and I had at your house. Thanks for the memories. I will love and miss you forever.

January 27 at 3:44 AM

KS

Kay Seastrand posted:

To the Family , so sorry to hear of Linda's passing , may she be in God's Glory ,,knew Linda for many yrs. have'nt see her for awhile ,, we worked together at Steer Inn yrs ago but stayed in contact for a few yrs . May you Rest in Peace my Friend , sending much love

January 27 at 3:21 AM



Anonymous posted:

Great Aunt Linda, We have not met, however, we have heard many wonderful stories about you; we will meet someday in Heaven. Although you are no longer here, you will forever remain alive in cherished memories.Love,Brooke, Kristin, and Michelle FitzgeraldRusty and Natalie Fitzgerald

January 26 at 6:32 PM

TT

Tammy Tinsley posted:

Our Hearts are filled with a heavy sadness. We never want to let go of a loved one.We will meet again My lovely aunt Linda.We know you will be watching over us in Heaven. You are an angel. we love you. Tammy fitzgerald Tinsley and Family

January 26 at 4:55 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Dave, Lisa, Melina, Sean and family, Our love and prayers go out to all of you during this sad time. Please know that we care and share in your sorrow. May God Bless All of You, John and Janet (Fitzgerald) Martin Rick and Christa (Martin) Harshbarger Tuck and Tina Martin Jay and Jennifer (Martin) Clem

January 26 at 4:30 PM



Mike Luallen posted:

You are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. I knew Linda from working with her at Dollar General.

January 26 at 2:36 PM



Julie McClure posted:

Buster, Melina & family so sorry for the loss of your Mom my prayers are with you guys call if you need something.

January 26 at 9:11 AM



Stella Mcinerney posted:

So very sorry for the loss of Linda. She was very sweet and never met a stranger. My daughter Kelly will be glad to see her in heaven as well. The Mcinerney family

January 26 at 7:43 AM



Debbie Wisecarver posted:

sorry to hear about your mother you are in my thoughts and prayers.

January 26 at 6:10 AM



Anonymous posted:

Aunt Linda, I have so many treasured memories of you and family get-togethers. I know you are in perfect peace with Jesus today. I love you. Brad Fitzgerald

January 26 at 5:06 AM



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Victor D. posted:

Melina, May God bless and comfort you.

January 25 at 4:17 PM



Jennifer Cowgill posted:

Dear Norman and Carolyn, My deepest sympathies in the loss of your sister. I'm sure my mom and dad were there to welcome Linda into her Heavenly home. As Mom would always say to me, "they wouldn't come back even if they wanted to." To be in the presence of our Heavenly Father and to behold him in all his Glory. One day we will see Linda again...that's a promise! God Bless you both!

January 25 at 4:15 PM



Susie & Kevin Schneider posted:

Melina and family, You have our deepest sympathy!!

January 25 at 3:09 PM



Tony Taylor posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

January 25 at 3:03 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sending our deepest sympathies to the Fitzgerald family in the loss of your dear Linda. God bless and keep you. Much love, Joe and Nancy Niland Robert W. Sagers Lorraine Stevenson

January 25 at 10:37 AM



Anonymous posted:

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January 25 at 10:22 AM



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SM

Sandy Miller posted:

Dear Buster, Malina and Jess..You are certainly in our thoughts and prayers..This is a very difficult time for you all, but know that your family loves you and will be there for you whenever you need them...My heart goes out to you all...Love, Aunt Sandy and George

January 25 at 9:33 AM

ML

Michelle Lannon posted:

Dear Aunt Linda, We will miss you.Love You Always. Michelle and Family

January 25 at 8:39 AM

SM

Stephen/Michelle posted:

Dave: You are in our thoughts and prayers. We know this is a difficult time for you. The only blessing is that she is not suffering anymore . She will be missed.

January 25 at 8:04 AM

GR

Gwen And Newt (Fitzgerald) Riggleman posted:

Remembering my Aunt Linda - your free spirit, kind heart, and love of horses - which I'm sure our little Kara inherited from you! :-) I wish I could have known you better and been closer to you over the years. God bless the family you leave behind. I know your effervescent presence is missing from their hearts and home!

January 25 at 7:57 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dearest sister Linda, I'll always cherish the memories we had at home, and my love for you. I know you're in your mansion prepared by God, and without pain or sorrow.Love and remembrance,Paul,Dora, and family

January 25 at 7:24 AM



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Sonya Muhleman posted:

So sad. What a wonderful fun living spirit heaven got. I will miss you terribly. Mom and dad lost their sister and best friend.

January 25 at 6:19 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dearest Linda, I know that you are now at peace with the Lord. Love you forever, Russell and JoAnn (Jr & Jo)

January 25 at 5:53 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dearest sister, I'll love you forever, and miss the special times we spent together. Love and miss you forever, Shirley and Bob

January 25 at 5:47 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear aunt Linda, We'll miss you and love you forever. Thanks for tinman. See you later. Love and prayers, Sonya and Brian,

January 25 at 5:42 AM



Anonymous posted:

Melina & Buster We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts are with you at this time of sorrow. Sally and Jim

January 25 at 3:25 AM



Bunk Fitzgerald posted:

To my loving sister, you'll always be close to my heart. Always best friend forever. Bunk and Peachie

January 24 at 6:47 AM



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