



Linda Hiltner

June 4, 1947 - July 18, 2024

A private graveside service will be held for Linda Hiltner of Eagle Bend at a later date at the GAR Legion Cemetery, near Eagle Bend, MN.

On July 18, 2024, Linda passed away at the Lakewood Health System Care Center in Staples, MN.

Linda was born the youngest of three girls to Frederick "Fred" and June (Saxvold) Cossentine on June 4, 1947, in St. Paul, MN and was baptized on July 17, 1947 in Grygla. Also in 1948, the family moved to Eagle Bend where she graduated from high school in 1965. She worked at a sewing factory in Staples and Larson Boat Company in Little Falls before moving to the metro area. There she was employed by an Ault Machine and at other factory jobs.

Linda met Warren Anderson while visiting cousins in Grygla, MN. They married and lived in Minneapolis. Their son Wade was born in December 1981 and died of SIDS in May 1982. Linda and Warren parted ways. She later met Leander "Lee" George Hiltner and they were married on Jun 7, 1989. Linda continued factory work and after retiring from full-time work she took a job at the Animal Humane Society in Forest Lake. Even with dogs of their own, their hearts were big enough to provide foster care for other dogs and cats. Linda and Lee enjoyed trips to Turtle Lake Casino, Lee's concertina, polka music, and perusing garage sales. They also cheered for the MN

Vikings football team and played "Tic" card game. Lee passed away in December 2022, and Linda moved back to Eagle Bend by the spring of 2023. In later years, Linda liked watching TV game shows and the Walker, Texas Ranger series.

By the summer of 2024, Linda needed care and moved to the Lakewood Care Center in Staples, with additional tender attention provided by Lakewood Hospice.

Preceding Linda in death were her husband, Lee; parents, Fred and June; infant son, Wade; and brother-in-law, Bob Willie.

Remembering Linda will be her siblings, Sharon Willie and Donna (Willis) Pearson; stepchildren, Vickie Peterson, LaDema (John) Hawkinson and Randy (Jean) Hiltner; nephews, Steven (Sonja) Pearson and Michael (Mari) Willie. along with numerous step-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and extended family.

Honorary urn bearers will be Linda's family.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Dejah Hawkinsom/Clay - July 31, 2024 at 10:00 PM

VP

“ Linda, what an amazing mom you have been in my life since I was 12 years old and now over 50 plus years I need to accept you are in peace. I have lost my step momma and it's tough as I lived with dad and you and the grandkids who adored you ... and so many memories you left behind I get to hold

vickie peterson - July 31, 2024 at 10:33 AM

LH

“ Linda was more than any words could simply express. We were blessed to get to call her our "bonus" mom over 36 years ago when she met and then married our dad. She was not just a step mom, she was our day-in day-out mom, friend and confidante. Linda was an awesome, wife, mom, grandma and great grandma (CeCe) who she met just shortly before she was called to her heavenly home. She loved animals, especially her foster dog Buddy, and children. That says a lot about the person she was.. Linda was the most honest and giving person I know. She was always willing to help without asking. She loved dancing in her earlier years and playing cards of which had become our 3x a week routine prior to Dads passing and her illness. She loved a good joke and loved to laugh! She stated many times, "your dad can make me so mad, but then he says something and has me laughing and it's hard to stay mad". Linda will be deeply missed! It's always hard to say good bye to the people we love. Knowing that she is with her son Wade, our dad, and her family, and is no longer in pain helps. She will be on our hearts forever. So instead of good bye, for now we will simply say, "WE LOVE you LINDA and will see you in the blink of an eye!!"



LaDema J Hawkinson - July 30, 2024 at 04:10 PM

JH

“ *Nana, Linda Lorraine Hiltner
will be missed by many.*

*She was a
One of a Kind and a very special person.*

She and Papa lived a simple life.

*They loved the new born babies as far as I know they went to the
hospital to see every new born!*

She loved to play cards.

*For those of you concerned about heavenly things, be assured she
Left this Broken earthly body behind and moved into...
Her New healthy body.*

She now at peace in her Beautiful Heavenly Home.

Jean Hiltner - July 28, 2024 at 12:03 AM

JH

“ *12 files added to the tribute wall*



Jean Hiltner - July 27, 2024 at 11:45 PM

DW

“ *Linda was my maid of honor @ my wedding in 1971 in Eagle Bend. Sorry for your loss she was amazing and I shall miss her. Rest in peace Linda!*

Debra (Wolf) Wolbeck - July 21, 2024 at 01:36 PM