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Mrs. Linda M. (Borgeson) Sowa, age 70, passed away Thursday evening, July 15, 2010, following a year and a half long battle with lymphoma cancer. Linda was born November 5, 1939 in Muskegon to David and Marie (Perry) Borgeson. She had retired earlier this year from Mercy Hospital after a 40 year career as a Ward Secretary. On October 10, 1959 Linda married James Allen Sowa in Muskegon, and he survives her. She loved spending time with her family, traveling, shopping, summers at Twin Lake, the lucky days at the casino, and especially her grandchildren. Linda also loved her Mercy Hospital work family (adopted “daughters” Kelly, Tina, Dee and Joni) and all her life long friends. She was very active as a member of the Muskegon Catholic Central Class of 1958 reunion committee. Linda was also a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and the Viking Linne’ Lodge #57. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Jim; 3 children, Lorie (Brad) Hilt of N. Muskegon, Jimmy Sowa of Muskegon and Scott (Lisa) Sowa of Okemos, MI; 5 grandchildren, Brandon and Eric Hilt, Amanda Sowa, Olivia and Lucas Sowa; 2 brothers, David (Charlene) Borgeson, and Joseph (Sandie) Borgeson; her beloved pet, “Baby”; life long friends, Dave and Darlene Martin and Ron and Carol Rake; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Linda was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Carol Lorenz. THE MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL will be 10 AM Saturday, July 24, 2010 at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church (2929 McCracken Ave.) with Rev. Father Julian Reginato as priest celebrant. VISITATION will be one hour prior to the service (9-10 AM). In lieu of flowers, MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS may be made to Muskegon Catholic Education on behalf of Muskegon Catholic Central Class of 1958. Arrangements by The Walburn Chapel, Sytsema Funeral Homes, Inc. 1547 W. Sherman Blvd. 231-759-8565. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all the Doctors and Staff at Mercy Hospital, Johnson Cancer Center and Mercy VNS & Hospice Services.



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Anonymous posted:

I was home to visit my mom when she told me that Linda had passed away. I was sorry to hear that. I use to babysit for her children. She was a neighbor down the street growing up and I got to work with her at Mercy Hospital back in the 70's. She was a very nice person... God bless Linda's family as you go thru this grieving process. Hold your memories of her close to your heart. She will be there with you daily. May God reach out and comfort you all!###imported-begin##Karen Kay-(Kusmierski)-Rinehart###imported-end##

July 30 at 12:49 PM



Anonymous posted:

We both extend our thoughts and prayers to all of you.. Joe has many memories growing up near the Sowa family in "the park".. attending school and playing ball with the Sowa kids.. Beth will always remember Linda as such a friendly, efficient unit secretary at Mercy who was so kind to everyone.. and then later, as a patient at the cancer center... despite her illness, setbacks and treatment always still the sweetest lady . Truly a loss of a very special person. She is missed by many! Beth and Joe###imported-begin##Beth and Joe Kastl###imported-end##

July 28 at 6:36 PM



Anonymous posted:

Pa Sowa and family (Baby too)- the wonderful wife and mother and friend that you, and we have lost, will be missed deeply. What a zest for life this girl had. I hope the day comes soon that you all will be able to think of Linda with less sadness. I think of her around a beautiful pool somewhere, throwing a party. Hopefully that's what heaven is all about. Love to you all, Virg & family###imported-begin##Virg Bleich###imported-end##

July 23 at 6:26 AM



Anonymous posted:

Linda you are the best person I ever met. You were always there for me and anyone else when they needed a friend and someone to just listen to them. I thank you for all the things you ever taught me, patience, and strength, sorry I couldn't make the brownies the way you did. But I had fun trying. I will miss you so much but will cherish all the laughs we shared. Rest in peace my friend and God be with your family.###imported-begin##Kelly Vela###imported-end##

July 23 at 4:46 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Mom, words cannot describe how much you mean to me, Amanda, and our family. I won the lotto when it comes to having a Mother and a best friend. All you have done for us and everyone else shows what a great friend you were to all. I never heard anyone say a bad word about you, nor did you about anyone else. You gave and asked for nothing in return, gave us a great upbringing, and lived your life the way it should be lived. I will try my best to live my life to those values and will be thinking of you and speaking with you everyday. I could go on and on writing how much you meant to me, but the tears keep filling up my eyes. I love you Mom and miss you more than my words can express. You were truly the BEST!###imported-begin###Son, Jimmy Sowa###imported-end###

July 22 at 3:35 AM



Anonymous posted:

Scott and family - Sorry for the loss of your mother, may memories of her get you through this difficult time. Jennifer Ramirez Mitchell###imported-begin###Jennifer Ramirez Mitchell###imported-end###

July 21 at 4:54 PM



Anonymous posted:

First of all, I want to express my deepest sympathy to all of you. You are all in my prayers. Secondly, I'd like to explain how I got to know Linda. I started working at Mercy, on 4West, 2nd shift, about 8 years ago. Linda was so welcoming and friendly to me. She would often tell me about the fun she had with her husband at the Casino and how she always seemed to win and he wasn't as lucky. Also, she often talked about her sons and daughter and was so thrilled when her one son moved backed to MI. Her grandchildren gave her such joy. We would share pictures, jokes and family events. Linda was a person I highly respected and I envied her zest for life. I strive to be more like her and hope I can make people as happy as she made all the people around her feel. She was truly a blessing in my life and I'm very thankful I could be her friend. She will be forever missed.###imported-begin###Marilyn Bonner###imported-end###

July 21 at 4:30 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jim and family , so sorry to hear that Linda had passed. She was a great lady and was always a ready listener. She will be greatly missed, both as friend, family and coworker.###imported-begin###Lisa Scott###imported-end###

July 21 at 10:20 AM



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Anonymous posted:

So very sad to here of Linda's passing,my visits to Mercy Hosp. will not be the same.##imported-begin##Calvin & Connie Kuehn##imported-end##

July 21 at 9:32 AM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. We will keep your family in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Paula & Bob Norris##imported-end##

July 21 at 6:58 AM



Anonymous posted:

Mom,You taught me so much while growing up especially in the last year and a half about life,love,patience,and courage. I not only lost my mom,but my best friend. I miss you so very much Mom.Rest in Eternal Peace.##imported-begin##Lorie Hilt##imported-end##

July 21 at 5:15 AM



Anonymous posted:

I met Linda in 1946 when my family moved to Muskegon from Georgia. We were the same age and soon became close friends. Our paths separated when Linda transferred from public school to Muskegon Catholic. Thru the years, our paths would cross occasionally and it was like running into a long-lost relative. I really regret that we were not able to have a closer friendship because she was a genuinely delightful person. Always full of laughter and a love for life that would overflow into whomever she was with. I'll miss her. Hold on to your memories of her and let them guide you during this time of sadness. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Darlene & Bruce Anderson##imported-begin##Darlene (Walker) Anderson##imported-end##

July 20 at 12:09 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Jim and Family, We are sorry we can't be at St.Francis for the celebration of Lindas life.What a good and fun lady she was.Our sympathy.Wanda and Jim##imported-begin##Wanda and Jim##imported-end##

July 20 at 10:40 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Sorry to hear about your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Bob & Vicki Robinson##imported-end##

July 20 at 7:49 AM



Anonymous posted:

It has saddened me to read of Linda passing. I only knew Linda only for short time many years ago. I knew her as kind and warm-hearted person who loved her family. I know she will be missed by all that knew her. Hope her the family and friends grief will be brief and her loving memory last forever. Michael Louis Howard.##imported-begin##Michael Howard##imported-end##

July 19 at 4:18 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Linda was such a dear, sweet lady and will be missed by so many.Sincerely,Jo & Jerry Privasky##imported-begin##Jo Privasky##imported-end##

July 19 at 1:20 PM



Anonymous posted:

I miss you Mom more than you know. Thanks for everything you taught and did for me and our family.##imported-begin##Scott Sowa##imported-end##

July 19 at 11:10 AM



Anonymous posted:

Thinking of you and extending heartfelt sympathy.##imported-begin##Mike & Joan Chidester##imported-end##

July 19 at 8:45 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Dear Jim and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Linda was a special lady and I loved waiting on her at the credit union. She will be missed. I know she's in a better place and not suffering anymore. Love, Larissa Durose###imported-begin##Larissa DuRose###imported-end##

July 19 at 7:12 AM



Anonymous posted:

Jimmy and family, I was so sorry to hear of your moms passing. I send my deepest sympathy to you and your family.###imported-begin##Andy Sohasky###imported-end##

July 19 at 5:17 AM



Anonymous posted:

My heart felt sympathy and prayers go out to the family. With my deepest Sympathy,Sincerely,Patti Norris Blanott###imported-begin##Patti Norris Blanott###imported-end##

July 19 at 4:14 AM



Anonymous posted:

I had the honor of working with Linda for 11 years and she was a WONDERFUL woman. She would smile ear to ear telling stories about her grandkids, her family was her PRIDE AND JOY. I hope you know just how much she loved you all. The world, especially Mercy Hospital, was a much better place because of her and she will be Greatly missed by so many. May God Bless and Comfort you.###imported-begin##Kathy Moss###imported-end##

July 18 at 6:53 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jim and Family As my Godmother and my cousin I will always remember Linda with that big smile and a heart of gold. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.###imported-begin##Tom & Carrie Perry###imported-end##

July 18 at 5:06 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Lori and family - I was so sorry to learn of your moms passing. I always enjoyed talking with her, she was a dear lady. I hope your memories bring you comfort.##imported-begin##Lurinda Montella##imported-end##

July 18 at 1:29 PM



Anonymous posted:

To Jim and family, we really were sorry to read of linda's passing. You and your family are in our prayers. Tom and Louise Eddy, Lansing, MI##imported-begin##Tom and Louise Eddy##imported-end##

July 18 at 12:48 PM



Anonymous posted:

I had the privilege of working with Linda (Linda Lou) on 3 West and 4 West. Linda always had a warm smile and could tell the best stories. She will truly be missed.##imported-begin##Debbie O'Brien##imported-end##

July 18 at 10:32 AM



Anonymous posted:

I worked with Linda for 6 years at Mercy Hospital. She always had a smile on her face and if you ever needed help she was there for you. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.##imported-begin##Kendra Schomogyi- Hogue##imported-end##

July 18 at 3:46 AM



Anonymous posted:

I worked with Linda for many years at Mercy. Her sunny disposition and friendly manner made her difficult to forget. She had a gift for making everyone around her think she was their best friend. I just loved her. My prayers go out to her loving family and friends.##imported-begin##Linda Doctor##imported-end##

July 18 at 12:23 AM



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Anonymous posted:

We are keeping all of you in our prayers during this time. Linda was a great lady and will be missed.##imported-begin##Aunt Stella, Bill, Kris and Marissa Perry##imported-end##

July 17 at 9:39 AM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Jim and Family. My deepest sympathy to all of you at this very sad time. Such a wonderful sister-in-law and dear, dear friend. My favorite memories of Linda is when we took the kids to Cedar Point and she had us laughing from the time we left Muskegon until the minute we returned. I think she and I had as much fun as the kids. Love, Char##imported-begin##Char Wiersma##imported-end##

July 16 at 5:21 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jim and Family, Don and I send our deepest sympathy. Linda was such a wonderful kind person--a real lady. Always enjoyed talking to her. I know that she will be missed by all that knew her. May God bless you during this time of sorrow. Don and Mary Ann##imported-begin##Don and Mary Ann Scofield##imported-end##

July 16 at 5:04 PM



Anonymous posted:

my thoughts and prayers are with you all, may god bless you##imported-begin##bev witkowski mieler##imported-end##

July 16 at 3:32 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Jim and family,We are so sorry for your loss. Linda was a very special person who always seemed so upbeat and full of life. She had a great sense of humor and hospitality. May God guide you and your family through your journey of grief and sprinkle it with many happy memories of Linda. Please know that you are being thought of during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Nancy and John Ablao and family##imported-end##

July 16 at 3:28 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Jim & family,Linda was a dear friend and so much fun - always smiling and willing to help out.We will all miss her so much.You are in my thoughts and prayersCarolyn###imported-begin##Carolyn Mulder##imported-end##

July 16 at 3:08 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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