



Linda Kay Colley

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Linda Colley, age 73, of Grand Haven, joined her Heavenly Father Wednesday, November 25, 2020, shortly after contracting Covid-19. She was born August 5, 1947 in Grand Rapids to LeRoy and Marguerite (Watters) Chipman.

Growing up, Linda enjoyed ventriloquism, roller-skating, and books. She liked to listen to popular bands, zoom around the roller rink on her skates, or play tennis on warm summer days. She graduated from Ottawa Hills High School in 1966.

As an adult, Linda took great pride in her children and grandchildren; she will be greatly missed by all. She was, surreptitiously, their biggest fan and enjoyed celebrating their talents.

Cooking was a passion of Linda's. She made strawberry jam and canned pickles in the summer, applesauce in the fall, and her famous turkey and dressing at Thanksgiving.

Linda had a magical way of making moments, big and small, into special events- from holidays to tea parties, to the green and red sprinkled Brown Rim Cookies made for Santa each Christmas. Christmas was always a special time for her, and her children would wake to piles of presents under the tree and stockings hung on the fireplace, overflowing with surprises.

Linda also had a great love for animals. She had a dog, Cocoa, who could ask for a biscuit, and a cat, Custard, who spent every day by her side. At various times, she had goats, horses, cats, and dogs. Her most beloved companion for many years was her cat, Mia, whom she rescued from a shelter and loved with all her heart. Mia now lives with Linda's son, Max, and daughter-in-law, Talia.

Linda had so many wonderful interests and talents. She loved books and reading; her room always had stacks of books of what she was reading all around her. She also loved movies. She would watch her favorites, like *The Sound of Music*, over and over again. She also loved adventure and travel. She had a European flair to her; amongst her favorite European travels, not



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surprisingly, was Filzmoos, Austria, majestic with its Alpine mountains. Linda also loved art and enjoyed painting. Her children have paintings she created for them on the walls of their homes. She also enjoyed sculpting and pottery. Her kids enjoy admiring her Nativity Scene every year at Christmas.

Most of all, Linda loved the Lord. She believed in His promises and was passionate about sharing His Word with others. She led many Bible studies and spent her mornings in personal devotions. She loved nature and would walk among the hills and trees and pray. She looked forward to meeting her Savior in heaven and her family is blessed to know she is at peace with her Maker forever.

She is survived by five children: Max (Talia) Colley III, Chandy Colley, Michelle (Mike) Truszkowski, Sarah (Jack) Straayer, and Nathan (Dori) Colley; ten grandchildren: Kelli, Jordan, Matthew, Summer, Elijah, Josiah, Libby, Esther, Bastian, and Rowan; brother, Gary (Jeanne) Chipman; former husband of 26 years, Max Colley Jr.; and her cousins: Debbie (Steve) Burrows, Karen (Steve) Caro, Greg Topp, and Amy Cook. She was preceded in death by her parents, LeRoy and Marguerite, and many aunts and uncles.


Cremation services have been performed. The immediate family will have a private graveside service at Oakwood Cemetery in Lowell where Linda's cremains will be buried beside her parents and grandparents. Memorial contributions in memory of Linda may be given to [Heaven Can Wait Animal Haven](#). Please sign the family's online guestbook at <http://www.sytsemafh.com>.

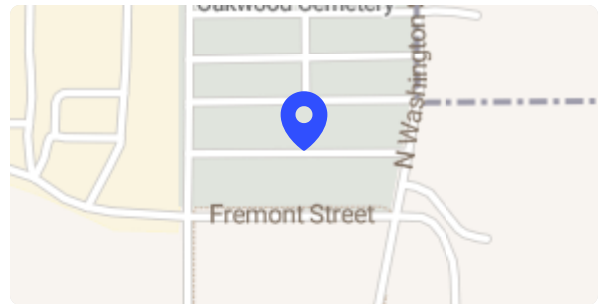


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Cemetery Details

 **Oakwood Cemetery - Lowell**
325 Fremont St., Lowell MI 49331





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P Vanduinen posted:

Our parents were friends and were often at our home visiting, Linda and I would go roller skating at the Lowell Roller skating ring. Linda was a lot of fun and she would her puppet with her when at our house. Also my husband is a 1966 graduate of Ottawa Hills, and went to school with Linda. So sorry for your loss, would of loved to have had a chat with her and to reminisce about the times we shared as kids.Phil and Pat VANDUINEN (Patsy Ellis)

December 3 at 9:10 AM



Michelle Truskowski December 6 at 4:49 AM
Thank you for your comment and memory.



Sandy Billingsley lit a candle in honor of Linda.

Please accept our sympathy during your time of loss. You have a beautiful and talented family. We always enjoy any time we can attend various concerts and events and see you all. May God provide you comfort and peace during this time.
Love, Dale and Sandy Billingsley



December 1 at 2:59 AM



Chandy Colley December 1 at 3:38 PM
Thank you, Dale and Sandy.



Jody Lang Smith posted:

I'm thinking and praying for you. Love, Jody Lang Smith

November 30 at 6:55 PM



Chandy Colley December 1 at 3:39 PM
Thank you, Jody.



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MK

Melissa Klunejko lit a candle in honor of Linda.

Our deepest sympathies are with all of Linda's family during this time. Our family has lovely memories of Linda enjoying her children and grandchildren at family gatherings of my brother's and Michelle's. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all!



November 30 at 5:13 PM

CC

Chandy Colley December 1 at 3:40 PM

Thank you, Melissa.

MT

Michelle Truskowski December 1 at 1:39 PM

Thank you Melissa!



Katie Ouding posted:

My deepest sympathy to the whole family. I am so sorry you are having to experience this loss and grieve in such a challenging time of separation. May your beautiful memories and stories you have shared here make you feel close to your mom/grandma and to each other. God bless, with love, Katie

November 30 at 8:33 AM

CC

Chandy Colley November 30 at 10:26 AM

Thank you, Katie. ❤️

LS

Laura Sage posted:

I don't have a memory of Linda to share, but I know what her children have meant to me. I dearly love the people that Linda loved most and I want to send my heart out to the whole family... you are the most wonderful people and I honor what Linda was to each of you. You are all thought of many times a day.

November 30 at 8:19 AM

CC

Chandy Colley November 30 at 10:27 AM

Very sweet words, Laura. Thank you. ❤️



Memories only last if you share them

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



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