



# Linda R. Hood

AUG 20, 1955 - MAR 17, 2024



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## **Linda R. Hood**

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**L**inda R. Hood, age 68, passed away on Sunday, March 17, 2024, at home. She was born on August 20, 1955, to James and Minnie (Thomas) Hood at Fort Campbell in Kentucky, eventually calling Michigan home. Linda graduated from Flushing High School continuing her education at the University of Michigan-Flint, where she received her bachelor's degree in education. She went on to earn her master's degree at the University of Phoenix and began working on her doctorate. Linda had a passion for teaching and made her way to Muskegon where she began teaching at Baker College in 1988 continuing to Davenport and Muskegon Community College. For nearly 30 years, Linda enlightened and helped many throughout the years as a teacher, dean and director before retiring in 2021. Along with her passion for teaching, she also enjoyed creating and making jewelry that she loved giving away to friends, family, and strangers. The pure joy and ability to make someone's day is what she loved. Her generosity and radiant smile will be missed by so many. She is survived by her loving sister, Paula (James) Rahe; niece, Ann Marie (Dan) Love; great-nephews, Henry Love and Josh Love; sister-in-law, Judy Gerdeman; numerous cousins; and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her parents. Memorial Contributions in her honor can be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or Pound Buddies. Arrangements entrusted to The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 737 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442. Share memories with the family at [www.sytsemafh.com](http://www.sytsemafh.com).



## Tribute Wall

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NB

**Nicholas Budimir** posted:

I always had fun and a laugh with Linda. I appreciate a good sense of humor. I am grateful for the work Linda put into making the college a better place. On behalf of myself and the MCC Faculty Association, our deepest condolences and sympathies to the family of our retired member Linda Hood. Nicholas Budimir

March 24 at 2:56 PM

CS

**Charmaine Stone** lit a candle in honor of Linda.

Linda was an outstanding professor. I remember so well all of her classes and how much I learned her. She was a good human being and will surely be missed by all who loved her. Charmaine



March 24 at 1:29 PM

TS

**Tim Stein** posted:

I had the privilege of working with Linda while at Baker College. Linda was always a supportive, enthusiastic and passionate educator and professional. My deepest condolences to her family.

March 22 at 10:41 AM

CR

**Conor Roddy** posted:

Linda and I worked with other faculty members to establish a new scholarship at MCC a few years ago. Her kindness, enthusiasm, and commitment to students were inspiring, and it was a privilege to have had her as a colleague. My sincere condolences to Linda's family and friends on their loss.

March 22 at 8:18 AM



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DS

**Denise Simmons** posted:

I met this wonderful lady through her sister Paula Rahe in 2004 during my practicums while attending Baker College. They both were a delight to be around. I have never met a more giving person than Linda. She stood for righteousness and portrayed that in her life. It was an honor being her massage therapist for a few years until my car accident. Linda was planning on attending my wedding in June but, God had other plans. May she rest in peace and may God comfort Paula, her niece and all who were close to her and the lives she touched. Linda Hood made a difference and will be truly missed. My heart is broken.

March 21 at 11:25 AM

HL

**Honore Lee** posted:

I only knew Linda for a brief time at MCC; she was retiring the same year that I started teaching there. She was so very supportive in guiding me through the technology hurdles as a new faculty member. I appreciated her thoughtfulness and genuine spirit.

March 21 at 9:22 AM

JC

**Judy And Dave Cowden** lit a candle in honor of Linda.

Condolences to her family. Linda and I became best friends and also neighbors when she first moved to work at Baker College. We drifted apart some when we retired and moved to Florida. She and her mom visited us in Florida. We kept in touch but wish it had been more. God has an extra special angel as she was that here on earth to so many.



March 21 at 9:00 AM

DR

**Dan Rypma** posted:

Linda was a wonderful person she will be sadly missed by her MCC family.

March 21 at 7:02 AM

DA

**Dave** posted:

I knew Linda when we were both at Davenport. She was (is) a fantastic educator, colleague, and person overall. My deepest condolences to her family and close friends.

March 20 at 12:25 PM



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HB

**Hollie Benson** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

As mentioned in my previous post, Linda loved animals. Here she is with her beloved Shadow. She adopted him from a litter my daughter rescued. He was the most skittish kitten. She patiently worked with him until she won him over.



March 20 at 12:13 PM

SC

**Shanika Carter** posted:

I'm so sorry to hear the news and send my condolences and prayers to her family and loved ones. From the time I started in 2018, Linda was always very friendly and supportive as I became acclimated to MCC. It was always a delight to run into her on occasion when our churches partnered up for worship. She will be missed.

March 20 at 10:28 AM

AD

**Arun Datta** posted:

She was a great person to work with in our Faculty Resources Center. You could ask her any kind of questions related to grade posting to improve your computer skills. I will miss her greatly. RIP in Linda. Arun K. Datta Math-science department Muskegon Community College

March 20 at 9:06 AM

NP

**Nick Palmer** posted:

I'm so grateful that Linda took us newbies through our first semester of teaching. Such a kind soul with a passion for teaching!

March 20 at 8:48 AM

RE

**Rebecca** posted:

I was sorry to hear of Linda's passing. We were colleagues for many years. She always had a cheerful positive word for everyone. She will be missed.

March 20 at 8:38 AM



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SG

**Sheri Goikkurn** posted:

Linda was one of the first persons I met when I started at Baker in 2001. She was one of the most intelligent, creative, and kindest persons I knew. The last few years have been so special with Linda and Paula, her sister, as Wednesdays became such a special time for the three of us. She was so clever at Monopoly Scrabble. She knew more words and was a pro at protecting her properties. Linda demonstrated her love of people in so many ways. She helped people out whenever she could. She loved to cook was always cooking incredible dishes for others, Mondays where her soup making days with her friend Kara. She made jewelry and passed out beautiful necklaces to everyone she met. She went the extra mile for many of her students over the years and was one of the best trainers I knew. I know they are going to love you in Heaven Linda and you are going to be so missed down here.

March 20 at 8:21 AM

EH

**Erin Hoffman** posted:

Linda was very kind and generous with her time and knowledge at MCC and I was also lucky enough to be given some of her jewelry. She was a lovely person and will be missed.

March 20 at 7:56 AM

MJ

**Michael Johnson** posted:

I will always remember the kindness and generosity of spirit Linda showed to everyone; Linda literally saved my teaching when the Pandemic hit, answering my questions, coaching me through technology, and encouraging me that I could, in fact, teach remotely if I had to. Rest well, Linda, and thank you. Michael Johnson English Department MCC

March 20 at 7:55 AM

DG

**Darryl Greene** posted:

Linda was a great person with a beautiful spirit and I miss her already!

March 20 at 6:47 AM



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MJ

**Magnolia Jones** posted:

I met Linda while working at MCC. She was always warm and welcoming. I received several jewelry gifts from her. She truly had a giving heart filled with genuine loving kindness for fellow human beings. I am thankful for the special friendship she shared with Yoland Marble. She will be greatly missed. Magnolia Jones

March 20 at 6:20 AM

NC

**Navi Cortez** posted:

Prayers for her family. I worked with her at MCC and she was so very kind.

March 20 at 5:29 AM

DD

**Deb Dove** posted:

Linda was a beautiful person. She was always very welcoming and loved to see others happy. I will miss her.

March 20 at 3:33 AM

HB

**Hollie Benson** posted:

Linda was such a kind, caring person. She loved to help colleagues, students, and animals. It was lovely to see how she lit up when she helped someone or gave them some of her special jewelry. She will be dearly missed.

March 19 at 6:15 PM

BL

**Barbara Landes** posted:

I worked with Linda for five years, she always had a gift and a kind word for every person she met.

March 19 at 3:03 PM

DS

**Dr Pam Smith** posted:

Linda was very kind and helpful whenever I needed computer or Blackboard assistance. I have my necklaces that she gifted. No more pain, RIP friend. Dr Pam Smith

March 19 at 2:01 PM



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**Jb Meeuwenberg** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I worked with Linda at MCC for a number of years and always found her to be one of the most caring, thoughtful people I had ever met. Her light shone brightly.

March 19 at 11:05 AM



**Pauline Keith, College Success Center** lit a candle in honor of Linda.

My deepest sympathy. I met Linda when she came to work at MCC and got to know her more when she starting teaching for the College Success Center. She was a fun person and I will treasure the jewelry gifts she gave me over the years.

March 19 at 10:41 AM





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Conference in San Francisco with team from MCC, 2017



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