



Linda Kay Start

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Linda Kay Start passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, October 27, 2024, in Spring Lake, MI. She was born in Muskegon to Anthony and Josephine (Zadel) Baykowski and grew up in Grand Haven, graduating from Grand Haven High School. On March 21, 1970, Linda married Gordon Start, and he preceded her in death on March 11, 2022.

Linda's greatest joy in life was her family. She cherished every moment spent with her children and grandchildren, whether during family dinners, holidays, or vacations. Linda's home was the heart of family gatherings, and she enjoyed nothing more than having everyone close by. As her grandkids' #1 supporter, she loved attending all their sporting events and took pride in watching them grow in every area of their lives.

Linda had many personal hobbies centered around spending time with her friends, including going to garage sales and taking daily walks along the bike path near Central Park. She also devoted much of her time to her jobs. Linda and Gordy owned and operated Idle Hour Restaurant and Bowling Alley in Spring Lake for thirteen years before selling the business. During that time, Linda worked to strengthen the business and became an avid bowler. After selling Idle Hour, she went on to work in Food Service for Spring Lake Public Schools for over 30 years. In the lunchroom, she enjoyed chatting with her coworkers, playing music, and getting to know Spring Lake students. Throughout her life, Linda found great fulfillment in work not only because of the job she was doing but because of the friends and connections she was making along the way.

Linda will be lovingly remembered by daughters, Lisa (Len) Grimmer and Tracy (Bill) Core; eight grandchildren, Olivia, Sophia, Blake, Reid, Makinzie, Jenna, Jackson, and Jaden; sister, Sharon Marcus; brother, Jerry (Linda) Baykowski; and her canine companion, Lulu. Along with her husband, Gordy, she was preceded in death by her parents.



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A private graveside service will be held at Spring Lake Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to The Spring Lake Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services (213 E. Savidge St., Spring Lake, MI 49456). To share special memories with the family and sign the online guestbook, please visit www.sytsemafh.com.

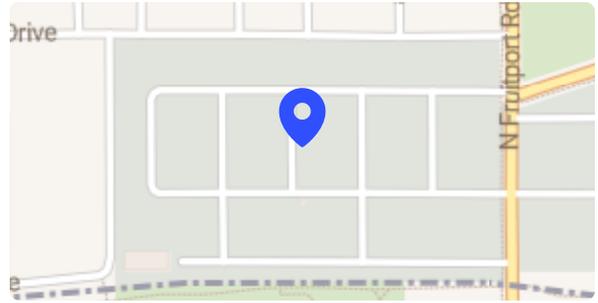


Cemetery Details



Spring Lake Cemetery

17181 North Fruitport Road, Spring Lake MI 49456





Tribute Wall

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TW

Tequisa Williams lit a candle in honor of Linda.

I'm sadden by seeing this! Mrs Start was one of our #1 Shoppers at Kohls! She Love Her Gloria Vanderbilt Jean 😊. She was a wonderful women and I always heard Stories of the kids at the school and Her Own She will definitely be missed . Just remember to be Absent from the Body is to be present with the lord! My Condolences 💜

January 15 at 8:27 PM



KP

Kirk & Kim Palkowski sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the Start family.

November 20 at 6:08 AM



LR

Linda Rogers posted:

Dear Linda. We had fun leading a brownie troop with our daughters, Lisa. When I saw you last, you mentioned going on a walk with Lulu. I will miss doing that. And I'll miss you. Linda

November 7 at 5:03 AM

GR

Gary And Joanne Rupar posted:

Lisa, Tracy and families, our sympathy to all of you. We have known her and Gordy many years, we will miss the laughter we shared at the kids baseball games and of talking about her patriotic house. She is safe in the hands of the Lord.

November 4 at 5:52 AM

DB

Dina Breidenstein posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Linda for a little over 7 years in food service. My deepest sympathies for all of her family. She was a special lady and always brought a smile to my face. I will never forget all the fun and funny memories with her.

November 3 at 1:59 PM



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JG

Jeanne Grimes posted:

Lisa and Tracy, your mom was one of the nicest people. She was always up and happy and no matter where we saw her she always had time to talk and laugh. She will be missed. You and your families are in our thoughts. Mavrick and Jeanne Grimes

November 2 at 6:15 AM

GD

George Dunning November 2 at 3:28 PM

Lisa and Tracy, your mom was 1 of my mentors, I started working at IDLE hour when I was 14 and was there for at least another 40 years. when Linda wanted you to work you came in a snowstorm (partying with JERRY BREGG and she hired a 4 wheeled truck to come get me) or when I got married on Aug 3rd and she stopped me in the middle of Sadvidge ST TO SAY NO HONNYMOON, IT WAS COAST GUARD WEEK. Linda was my daughter JAMIE'S godmom. We had a lot of good times with those 2, so many memories, just love her. She will be so missed and I AM so sorry

JL

Jennifer Lepore lit a candle in honor of Linda.

October 31 at 4:06 PM



SB

Shanna Briggs lit a candle in honor of Linda.

October 31 at 1:43 PM



SB

Shanna Briggs posted:

To Lisa and Tracy and your families -- I have known your mom for quite a few years, walking on the bike path over the years and the last 8 years in food service... her singing and dancing mornings would get us going for the day.. the best was when she retired from the kitchen - the cd tape that we made for her retirement... she laughed and cried as she watched it at the party.... she told us that we were all crazy.... will miss her knowing everything that is going on in the town... she had her ways of finding out..... Yes the heavens have gotten a very vibrant angel up there... but remember she will be watching over her families from above... Linda Happy Halloween and Merry Christmas.... a friend always Shanna Briggs - the kitchen crew

October 31 at 1:42 PM



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CB

Cindy Brondyke posted:

Linda and I worked together at Spring Lake food service for 29 years. She was my partner in crime. After I retired we remained friends for 37 years. All the crazy things and stories we experienced together I could write a book. You always knew when she was around by her unique voice. Our friendship was one of a kind. I will miss her dearly. To the Core and Grimmer families you have my upmost sympathy. Heaven received another angel.Cindy Brondyke

October 31 at 7:59 AM

LB

Liz Boeve posted:

I was heartbroken to hear about Linda-Lou's passing. She was truly one-of-a-kind, and her presence in the SLPS schools Foodservice program was unforgettable. I'll never forget day one as a new Foodservice Director walking into the HS kitchen and what do I encounter - Linda jamming to "Who let the Dogs out" while prepping school meals. She brought such energy and fun. She had this amazing way of connecting with the kids and making their day brighter.Linda was not only an icon at school but also a beloved friend and family member who filled so many lives with joy. Her loud, infectious laugh and big personality will be missed more than words can say.Sending you all my deepest sympathy and love during this time. Her memory will continue to bring smiles and inspiration to everyone she touched.With heartfelt condolences,Liz Boeve

October 31 at 7:02 AM

CM

Colleen Mccarthy posted:

I always knew if Linda was in Meijers, even before I saw her.I always had my charged 100% before we talked & she would always say,"Hey, what are you doing?"I always made sure I had apple juice when her & LuLu would come to visit.I always knew that I wouldn't sell very much of my stuff at the garage sales we had together, because she had a story about every item she had for sale, & she made sure customers would hear them as she greeted them,"Hey, how are you doing?"I always knew Linda would be up for any music I played in the "Burger Room" at school. Not only did the kids love her, but the Gordon Food drivers would go the extra mile for her by putting away the food they delivered the walk in freezer.I always knew I could count on Linda if I needed someone to talk to.Linda & I always made sure we told one another we loved each other..Linda was always concerned about me if I was sick & would check on me everyday.I miss you & love you.Colleen McCarthy(Burger Queen 🍷 🍷 🍷)

October 31 at 4:23 AM



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LR

Laura R Fox posted:

Our deepest sympathy to you and your family in your loss. Linda lived down the street from us on Leonard. My husband and I had a beautiful conversation with her this past Spring on one of our bike path walks. So full of life and laughter, we instantly fell in love with her. What a character! :) We felt like we had known her for years. She remembered where we lived and commented on how much she loved every Christmas light and decorative lights we put up for the seasons. We have an orange tree for the Halloween and Fall season that she said she absolutely loved to the point she shopped garage sales to find one. To you and your family... our orange lighted Halloween tree is in full glow tonight as we think of this very special lady. She just had that spirit and light about her. We are so sorry again for your loss. The Fox's... Jim and Laura

October 30 at 5:52 PM

DB

Dan Boychuk posted:

Linda was such a kind person. My son absolutely adored her. I will miss not seeing her in the stands. We lost a beautiful soul but heaven gained a truly wonderful lady. Prayers to the Core and Grimmer families. I knew how much she meant to you

October 30 at 10:41 AM

KK

Kelly (Yonker) Kondrat posted:

Linda was a wonderful neighbor and I will miss seeing her and Lulu on my walks. She cared for others and was a Laker through and through. I proudly fly the Spring Lake flag I bought at her garage sale and will always think of her when I do so. My deepest sympathy to her friends and family.

October 30 at 6:05 AM

LC

Linda Cribley posted:

Please accept my sincere sympathies in the loss of your Mom/Grandma. I always enjoyed all of my chats over the years with Linda. She was a very special person. Linda Cribley

October 30 at 4:30 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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