



Linda J. Sokup

June 8, 2022

(née Dorn) It is with deep sadness that the family of Linda J. Sokup announces her passing on June 8, 2022, after sustaining a tragic injury following a fall. She was surrounded by loved ones who will continue to honor her legacy by living their lives to the fullest as she did.

Linda was born in Burlington to Edward and Donna (née Hegeman) Dorn on July 28, 1963. She was the fourth of six children. Linda attended St. Mary's Grade and High School, Burlington, WI. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees with a Special Education emphasis at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Linda shared her enthusiasm for learning with over a thousand middle-school students during her thirty-seven years of teaching. She started her career in Ladysmith, WI, spent the majority in the Muskego School District, and most recently was teaching at St. Roman Parish School in Milwaukee, WI. She would have wanted her current third-grade students to know that it was God's time to call her home, the Holy Spirit was with her in every step of life's journey, and Jesus was there to welcome her to heaven.

Linda was united in marriage in September 1988 to J. Michael Sokup at St. Mary's Church, Burlington, WI. They enjoyed many years traveling together and especially enjoyed time with family in Colorado, Minnesota, and

Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; father- and mother-in-law, Archie and Phyllis Sokup; sisters-in-law, Colleen Dorn and Julie Immekus-Dorn; and brother-in-law Daniel Marshall.

Linda is survived by her stepchildren, Jeff (Shannon) Sokup, Jim (Clare) Sokup, and Jodi Sokup; grandchildren, Davin (Krista Burton) Sokup, Aidan Sokup, Rowan Sokup, Isabel Sokup, and George Sokup; brother, Ron Dorn; sisters, Diane (Thomas) Boettcher, Nancy (Daniel) Weinkauf, Karen (Jay) Szatkowski, and Sarah Hayhurst; sister-in-law, Sylvia Marshall; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Even though Linda was taken too soon, she lived a blessed life. The simplest pleasures brought great joy to Linda. Family members will fondly remember Linda's ability to plan details for holiday cooking, summer lake days, backyard campfires and BBQs, and many special occasions with her warm flair and sparkle.

In Linda's last selfless act on earth, she gave the gift of life through organ donation. The family wants to thank the supportive staff at Froedert Hospital and the caring Versiti Milwaukee organ transplant team.

Please join us on Saturday, August 27, 2022 as we celebrate Linda's life for a Memorial Service at 1:00 PM at BROOKLIFE CHURCH (857 S. Rochester Street, Suite 300, Mukwonago, WI 53149).

A tribute page for Linda is located on Rozgafuneral.com. If desired, memorial donations can be made to St. Roman Parish School (1810 W. Bolivar Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53221).

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Previous Events

Private Cremation was held

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Tribute Wall

KM

“ Linda, we absolutely adored you and miss you so much.. We looked forward to every visit you had to Ramona. I SO enjoyed your sense of humor and loved cooking with you, especially on Thanksgiving when you were here. You had a heart of gold and made everyone around you comfortable and happy. You are sorely missed. We love you! ❤️

Kellie Marshall - August 21, 2022 at 04:23 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Linda J. Sokup.



August 04, 2022 at 03:39 PM

JS

“ My sympathy to Linda's family. I first met Linda while working together at Tess Corners Elementary School in the 1990's. We also worked together teaching 6th grade at Lake Denoon Middle School years later. We often walked on our lunch hour and solved all the troubles of the world. We played Words With Friends together more recently as a way to keep in touch. I enjoyed the meals she invited us to and got to know Mike. I am very shocked and saddened by this news. God bless all of you. Jann Schwalbach

Janis Schwalbach - June 22, 2022 at 10:03 AM

MA

“ I taught with Linda this year and she brought so much joy to our school. She made soup every weekend and had her students deliver it to the teachers on Monday. Her students came to our classes on another day delivering beautiful posters with J O Y written on them--"Jesus, Others, You,"--and a poem that went with it. I had just gotten a puppy and she shared my excitement with stories of her own... I will miss her radiant smile and her shining eyes, her fabulous sense of humor, and her beautifully deep, kind, heart. She was generous in every way and made us all feel loved and important. Thank you, Linda!

Your friend,
Maggie

Maggie - June 18, 2022 at 10:49 PM

KS

That explains the amount of soup stock we found. She loved cooking. Thank you for sharing.

Karen Szatkowski - June 20, 2022 at 12:26 PM

GE

I taught with Linda at Lake Denoon Middle School. She always had great ideas for getting the students involved, but she also got us teachers involved in book club. She hosted most of the time as she loved to cook and entertain and she was a GREAT cook.. She also got us featured in a Milwaukee magazine. Linda had so much life yet to live and so many gifts to share. My sympathy to the family and to the students and staff at St. Roman's.

Gertie Stock

Gertie - June 25, 2022 at 08:24 AM

DE

“ My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. I was part of the neighborhood book club that Linda got off the ground many years ago. She was also very involved in setting up block parties held over the years when she and Mike lived in Milwaukee. She often spoke of her family and truly enjoyed being part of all of the family events and celebrations. She was a dedicated teacher and an all around great person. She will be missed and fondly remembered.

*With sympathy,
Debbie Schneider*

Debra - June 11, 2022 at 09:48 AM

KA

I am deeply saddened by the passing of my dear friend. I had gotten to know L in nda over the past 2 years at St. Roman as her classroom was across the hall from mine. She was caring and loving towards her students and faculty friends. Linda brought in donuts for her students every week to treat them for their hard work. During Lent she made individual bowls of soup for her friends and would pass them out on Monday mornings before the start of school. She was a great cook, and I would tease her that she should open her own soup restaurant. I enjoyed many times with Linda at her pool. She made me laugh when I needed it most. It will be difficult to not see her across the hall from me this school year. Miss you my friend. Love and friendship always, Kathy Arnold

Kathy Ann Arnold - August 06, 2022 at 11:06 AM