



Linda L. Faber

July 20, 1945 - July 9, 2016

Linda L. Faber, age 70, of Limestone, passed away Saturday, July 9, 2016 at Presence St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, to join her Lord and Savior.

She was born July 20, 1945, the daughter of Leo and Laura McHie Lewis of Peotone, where she grew up on the family farm. On that farm, Linda learned her love of canning, cooking, and caring for the animals; especially Holstein cows and dogs.

Linda graduated from Peotone High School in 1963, Kankakee Community College, and Governors State University, eventually leading to a master's degree in Speech Communication.

She married Richard Faber September 19, 1978 in Chicago. Together, they raised four children, Desiree (Tom) McCoy of Kankakee, Jodie (Darrin) Shields of Momence, Sheree Birkenmeyer of Wildwood, MO, and Douglas (Anne) Faber of Apex, NC.

She and Richard lived in Kankakee during their entire married life and were very active at St. Mary's Church and then at St. Patrick's Church.

Linda held many different jobs during her life including waitressing at the Kankakee Country Club, working at Jewel in the bake shop, and various

positions at the Kankakee Co-Op and Kankakee School District 111.

She continued her career at Shapiro Center as a speech and hearing specialist for 18 years; finally retiring due to illness.

Linda had numerous interests and hobbies. When her children were younger, she served as a girl scout leader and a 4-H leader. She also led the children's choir at St. Mary's Church. She was an avid Bishop McNamara Football fan and worked concessions and Bingo.

She was known for her love traveling and has been to all 50 states, 4 continents, and 25 countries. She published 2 travel articles in The Daily Journal.

Linda traveled with her husband and sometimes with girlfriends. Linda's other hobbies enjoyed hosting parties, cooking, painting, and attending musicals, country concerts, and visiting fairs.

Linda belonged to the "Red Hat Chatter Hatters" red hat club, Kankakee Kultivators, St. Patrick's Church, and was a long time Hospice Volunteer. She previously served on the Kankakee County Board and the Kankakee County Board of Health.

In addition to her children, surviving are her husband, Richard Faber of Limestone; her grandchildren, Hannah and Canton Faber, and Brandon, Sarah, Caitlin, and Karoline Birkenmeyer.

She also leaves behind one brother, Leo (Karen) Lewis of Watseka and one sister, Lorie Lewis of London, England; two uncles, Richard (Aline) McHie of

Kankakee and Howard Lewis; and one aunt, Adeline Lewis Cann of Peotone. Also surviving are many brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and her beloved dachshund, "Sissy."

Preceding her in death are her parents and grandparents.

Visitation will be held 4:00 – 8:00 on Monday, July 11, 2016 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at St. Patrick Catholic Church. Rev. John Peeters will celebrate the mass.

Interment will follow at Limestone Cemetery, Limestone Twp.

Memorials may be made to the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary or for masses at St. Patrick Church.

Cemetery Details

Limestone Cemetery

Route 113
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1764

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

JUL 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
428 S. Indiana
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-6716

Tribute Wall

CS

“ Linda was always on the go, even after her diagnosis. She said, "I'm going to defeat cancer by living my life." And she did! I could never keep up with her level of activity and I will miss her inspiration. She helped me in a thousand little thoughtful ways. She had many talents and skills and a strong sense of ethics. She was my Christmas cookie baking buddy. I will always miss her. And I think she still has one of my jelly roll pans...

Christy Strole

Christy Strole - July 13, 2016 at 09:27 PM

AS

“ It is with deep regret that I learned of Linds's passing. Always positive with a zest for life and an obvious deep love for Richard. I was lucky to be a neighbor for so many things and I certainly appreciated your unique sense of humor. Thank you for all your kindnesses.

*Sincerely,
Allan Smessaert*

allan smessaert - July 13, 2016 at 06:14 PM

CH

“ Our sympathy is extended to Linda's family and especially her brother Leo. It is always hard to lose one so young.

Carole and Park Hollenbeck

Carole and Park Hollenbeck - July 13, 2016 at 11:00 AM

SL

“ I known Linda for many years. She will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family.

Sue L - July 12, 2016 at 02:20 PM

GC

“ So sorry to hear about Linda.. She will be missed. Always loved her family and friends and always was so much fun to be around. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

gina collins - July 12, 2016 at 12:27 PM

SH

“ I lite a candle in memory of Linda LFaber.
Sister Martha,sscm



Sr. Martha Harrington,sscm - July 12, 2016 at 11:44 AM

PP

“ I will truly miss talking to Linda about our flower gardens, especially the beautiful iris plants she was so fond of. Linda was a very special lady that did not just go thru life, she made a difference. Linda will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Pat Persin



Pat Persin - July 11, 2016 at 08:54 PM



“ *Walter Pawloski lit a candle in memory of Linda L. Faber*



Walter Pawloski - July 11, 2016 at 05:34 PM



Our deepest sympathy to all of your family. Walter, Madonna and Kristine Pawloski

Walter Pawloski - July 11, 2016 at 05:42 PM



Deepest sympathy to Richard and all of the family. Leonard and Connie Surprenant

Connie and Leonard Surprenant - July 11, 2016 at 05:56 PM



“ *Delma Lehnert Pearce lit a candle in memory of Linda L. Faber*



Delma Lehnert Pearce - July 11, 2016 at 05:23 PM



“ *I was in awe of Linda as she came each day to volunteer here at Hospice of Kankakee Valley, even though ill. What a great gal! She will be missed!*

Kathy Goers - July 11, 2016 at 03:14 PM

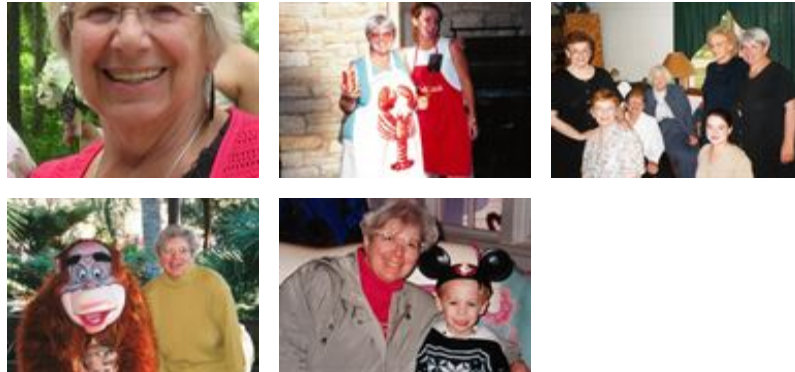
BW

“ While I have known Linda for many years, I had the honor of getting to know her well as one of our Hospice of Kankakee Valley volunteers. Through every day I knew her, no matter how she was feeling, she would greet everyone with smiles and laughter. We had many conversations about Rich, their kids, grandkids, travel, life, everything... even how cute she looked as she was growing her hair back in. As I type this I look at a chair she sat in just two weeks ago and it still doesn't seem possible that she won't be stopping in to say hello again. Thank you for brightening our lives with your heart and smile, Linda. Rich, you and your family will remain in my prayers. God bless all of you.

Becky Wilder - July 11, 2016 at 10:23 AM



“ 103 files added to the album Life Tributes



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - July 11, 2016 at 09:41 AM

CA

Dear Richard and family: We were so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. I kept running into her at Jewel and as sick as she was she still had that lust for life. We had the pleasure of knowing and working with her personally and on projects in the Riverview area. Her and I painted the wolf that sat by the gazebo, until someone removed it. We will forever cherish her friendship.

Clarice and Carlo Allegro

Clarice and Carlo Allegro - July 16, 2016 at 11:34 AM

TA

“ *Tom & Judy Andersen lit a candle in memory of Linda L. Faber*



Tom & Judy Andersen - July 11, 2016 at 09:24 AM

JS

“ *Janice Shenk lit a candle in memory of Linda L. Faber*



Janice Shenk - July 11, 2016 at 09:06 AM

HL

“ I have so many memories of running between Aunt Lynn and Uncle Tom's house down to Rich and Linda's. Desiree and I were so close in our young age. Linda was a sparkle that no one will ever forget. Sending all my hugs, condolences, and peace for the family. Thinking of you all during this difficult time.



Heather LaGesse-Wilkening - July 10, 2016 at 07:07 PM

JM

“ Jane McLin lit a candle in memory of Linda L. Faber



Jane McLin - July 10, 2016 at 05:31 PM

JM

Linda was a sweet lady, and a joy to talk to during my many years of employment at her husband's family business. She always had a smile on her face, and was busy with a project or outside activity. She always was one to help others, and I'm glad to have known her. Prayers for her and all of her loved ones at this difficult time. 🙏

Jane McLin - July 10, 2016 at 05:36 PM

JG

Linda was a wonderful volunteer addition to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. She always had a smile on her face and a wonderful attitude! I will miss seeing her. My sympathies to her family. JoAn Giroux

JoAn Giroux - July 11, 2016 at 11:07 AM

SP

“ LINDA WAS A GREAT PERSON TO WORK WITH.



SHARON PRUITT - July 10, 2016 at 12:20 PM

KW

“ Kay Wilder lit a candle in memory of Linda L. Faber



Kay Wilder - July 10, 2016 at 10:32 AM

KW

My deepest sympathy to all of your family.

Kay Wilder - July 10, 2016 at 10:33 AM

AW

Linda and I had a bit of a rough time when we started working together at Shapiro. It took us some time to figure out that we needed to share our talents and expertise to be the SLPs our individuals deserved. Linda was a powerhouse of ideas and found unique ways of making it all work! I could always call her if I needed help and without skipping a beat the first words out of her mouth were, "What can I do to help"? Linda was a special person and became a special friend in my heart. I will never forget her.

Aggie Wendel - July 10, 2016 at 06:54 PM

DW

“ DeDra Willis lit a candle in memory of Linda L. Faber



DeDra Willis - July 10, 2016 at 09:46 AM

CT

“ Linda was a wonderful lady and loved helping the residents at Shapiro and will be missed.



Cheryl Taube - July 10, 2016 at 08:40 AM

TM

“ Tina Mazzuchi lit a candle in memory of Linda L. Faber



Tina mazzuchi - July 10, 2016 at 01:21 AM

DF

“ Debi Fehr lit a candle in memory of Linda L. Faber



Debi Fehr - July 09, 2016 at 10:45 PM

DF

“ *My Deepest Condolences to You Richard & All Linda's Family & Friends!!!
My Fondest Memories of Linda are We had a "Special Fav Jimmy" at SDC! When I left SDC, Linda would Always keep Me informed on Jimmy, Even helped the Residents make Me "Get Well" Cards!!! I Hope to See You Again One Day, Until Then...*

Debi Fehr - July 09, 2016 at 10:41 PM

ST

“ *I am truly sorry for your loss. I pray God have mercy on her soul.*

student - July 09, 2016 at 10:19 PM



*Our deepest sympathy Rich and family. Linda was a beam of sunshine and we know her passing will leave a big void in your lives as well as the community. . Prayers are with you . May wonderful memories help to comfort you.
With Love,
Terri Hult and Earle Overby*

Theresa Hult - July 11, 2016 at 09:53 PM

JC

“ *John And Judy Cooper lit a candle in memory of Linda L. Faber*



John and Judy Cooper - July 09, 2016 at 07:48 PM

KB

“ *Linda was my sponsor when I converted to Catholicism in 1998. I will be forever grateful for her support. I also worked with her at Shapiro. May she be wrapped in angels wings.*

Kristin Bunnell - July 09, 2016 at 06:39 PM

MW

“ *Michele and I send our heartfelt condolences to Rich and all of the family. I have to say I am shocked to hear this sad news. She will be sadly missed. So very sorry. Sincerely, Mark and Michele Wegner*

Mark Wegner - July 09, 2016 at 12:22 PM

CH

So sorry to hear about the loss of Linda. She was a wonderful, loving and giving person that i worked with at Shapiro. Thoughts and prayers to her family.

Carol Honn - July 10, 2016 at 10:37 AM