



Linda "Lin" Fitch

September 4, 1946 - August 5, 2015

Linda "Lin" Fitch, 68, of Kankakee, passed away on Wednesday (Aug. 5, 2015) at Miller Center in Kankakee, after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

She was born Sept. 4, 1946, in Chicago Heights, and moved to Kankakee in her infancy. She was the daughter of Clyde and Lee Call. They preceded her in death. She married Michael Fitch on April 29, 1967, in Kankakee.

Linda graduated from Kankakee High School in 1964, then obtained her RN degree in nursing in 1967 at West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing in Oak Park. She worked as a surgical nurse at Belmont Hospital in Chicago after her graduation up until 1970, when she and her husband returned to Kankakee. Sometime later, she took a position as a surgical nurse at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee, a position she continued for nearly 30 years. Linda also held positions in Special Procedures Lab and then semi-retired as a greeter to complete a 35-year career at Riverside. During her surgical career, she was unit manager of perioperative services at Riverside for nearly 12 years.

After the retirement of her father and mother, who were founders and former owners, Linda, her husband, Michael, and her sister and brother-in-law were co-owners of Clyde's Camera and Cards in the Meadowview Shopping Center for nearly 14 years. She worked part time there as bookkeeper, gift buyer and

a major influence on the successful operation of that business.

Linda was an avid collector of antiques, loved camping, decorating for holidays, gardening, home decorating, hosting holiday parties and spending time with family and many friends. She was a lifelong member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where she met the love of her life in 1959 and they were married for 48 years.

Surviving are her husband, of Kankakee; two daughters, Michelle (Scott) Kennedy, of Elmhurst, Lisa (Steve) Lehman, of Batavia; nine grandchildren, Harrison, Owen and Wyatt Kennedy, Parker, Spencer and Mia Wilson, and Jenna, Kayla and Owen Lehman; and a great-granddaughter, Amelia Lehman. Also surviving are Linda's sister, Barbara (Gordon) Frietag, of Kankakee; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and sisters-in-law.

A combined visitation and memorial service will be held at a yet to be determined and announced date at Trinity United Methodist Church in Kankakee. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to either Hospice of Kankakee Valley, or Trinity United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church
936 South 3rd
Kankakee, IL

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

SH

“ Sue Hinderliter lit a candle in memory of Linda "Lin" Fitch



Sue Hinderliter - August 24, 2015 at 09:10 AM

SH

So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you, Mike, and family.

Sue Hinderliter - August 24, 2015 at 09:11 AM

DH

“ David Hinderliter lit a candle in memory of Linda "Lin" Fitch



David Hinderliter - August 22, 2015 at 05:43 AM

MB

“ It's so hard to believe you are gone. It just can't be. You were such a beautiful lady outside as well as inside. I have said this many times in the last few weeks. Such a gorgeous, vivacious lady full of fun and laughter always giving of herself. We love you, Lin, always and forever. God bless you and your precious family.
Love, Bud and Mary
Lou Bates

Mary Lou Bates - August 20, 2015 at 10:14 AM

DF

“ *Such a wonderful women. She is missed by many. May God wrap his arms around all of you at this difficult time. Diane Furlong*



Diane Furlong - August 10, 2015 at 11:17 PM

SH

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Mike and his family. We're neighbors of Mike & Linda.
Mark & Sheila Carter*

Sheila - August 10, 2015 at 04:48 PM

MV

“ *My deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to Mike and the rest of Linda's family. I met Linda when she came here to live in October. She was always smiling. I am so glad to have gotten the opportunity to know her and the family and friends who came to visit. She will be greatly missed.*

Mary Vogt - August 10, 2015 at 08:53 AM

NL

“ I worked with Linda at RMC, as a fellow Greeter and enjoyed the time we had together.
She will be remembered by her smile , for sure, and then for her kindness.
Her accomplishments in this life were not something i was aware , but after reading her obituary, i see that she had touched alot of lives thru her work.
My husband, a long time resident of the KKK area had been to the camera shop in Meadowview many times and said it was a reputable business. For those brief 3 or so years that i worked as a greeter , i will always remember working with Linda , as well as the other coworkers that were greeters at the same time. It was a great team! Mike, my sincerest of sympathies are with you.
Nada



nlegg14@!yahoo.com - August 09, 2015 at 01:51 PM

ME

“ So sorry for your loss. I knew Linda a short tome through Riverside surgery and sol. She was beautiful and kind with a great smile. She will be truly. Missed....

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AB

“ Our sincere condolences to Mike and daughters of one of the dearest persons we have known. Linda always had that beautiful smile and pleasant personality. She will bring smiles to Heaven.

Linda was an elementary and high school classmate and probably the first girl I ever danced with. She was not my partner, but was one of eight in our square dance group back in the 1950's. I remember Liinda and Mike dating in high school and the two beautiful girls with the dark black hair.

Andy and Kathy Brorsen

Andy Brorsen - August 08, 2015 at 10:22 PM

VB

“ So So Sorry to hear of Linda's passing! My mom and I only knew you both for a short time at the Riverside Senoir Life Community. Micheal. I just want to tell you I seen how devoted you were to her visiting every day! She was always in a good mood when you were there! And what a smile she had! God Bless you and your family! Stay strong and always Know you gave her a wonderful life till the end!! I salute you all and what you've been through! God Bless and comfort you! Vicki Boothe and Carolyn Hummel! (Richard Hummel's Family)

vicki Boothe - August 08, 2015 at 11:09 AM

ID

“ Dear Fitch Family,
Our hearts go out to you and your family. A beautiful and wonderful lady, will always be remember.



Andy and Ivette Demkovich.

Ivette Demkovich - August 08, 2015 at 10:54 AM

VB

“ Everyone loved Linda in high school. I remember her as smart, funny and caring. My son is friends with Michelle and we send thoughts of comfort to her family.

Val & John Bowman

Valerie Bowman - August 08, 2015 at 09:21 AM

LG

“ My heartfelt sympathy to Mike and the family. I had no idea Linda had alzheimer's. A lot has changed since we moved down to Florida. I have many fond memories of Linda as we were both raised as members of Trinity.

Linda Grindley

Linda Grindley - August 08, 2015 at 08:19 AM

SL

“ She will be missed!! Her smile and cheerfulness was always great to see. I would like to extend our condolences to Mike and their children. God Speed!!

Steve Lemner - August 07, 2015 at 10:27 PM

AS

“ I took care of Linda when she was in our facility. She had a ready smile for everybody and we used to dance together to the tune of her favorite song "My Guy". I marvel at how her husband Mike would go there everyday to eat lunch or dinner with her or just to be with her. She will be dearly missed. I would like to extend our condolences to Mike and their children. We all know that we have one more angel in heaven now. May her soul rest in peace.

Alicia Salvador

Alicia Salvador - August 07, 2015 at 01:47 PM

MF

Thanks Alica! Both our families have suffered loss this year, but know that Linda and I both dearly loved you and your wonderful care. I cannot thank you and the staff of Memory care enough.
Mike

Michael Fitch - August 08, 2015 at 08:05 AM

MA

I helped Linda while she was at assisted living! She had the best smile and laugh! She loved music, dancing and lit up when children came! She remembered me even after I left, which made me smile and my heart melt! Mike and Linda had the most precious and adorable relationship! My heartfelt sympathy to Mike and their family! With sincere love

Mary Austin - August 08, 2015 at 09:07 AM

TK

We have many dear remembrances from high school, and people we loved very much, but grew apart from over the years. That does not mean we felt any less of over the years, we simply went our own ways in life. Lin was a sweetheart and along with Mike, some of our greatest friends. We all come to this stage of life but when it is our turn, it is not easy in any way. All we can fall back on is the love our friends show, and the joy we knew with the one's who have passed. We are with you Mike and family and Lin is dear in our hearts. Remember what joys you had with Lin. You are a lucky family to have had her in your's.

tom kimery - August 12, 2015 at 05:44 PM