



Linda Madigan

July 4, 1947 - September 20, 2020

Linda was born on the 4th of July, 1947, into the welcoming arms of Bill and Irene Vasos and a home and extended family filled with love. Like the day she was born Linda was special, though she would never say that. When she was just a small girl her Dad would tell her he was going to ask everyone to fly their flags for her birthday and amazingly after all these years people still do.

Linda received her education at Kuemper High School in Carroll, IA and St. Mary's University in Xavier, KS. As a newly married young mother Linda worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. in Carroll, Atlantic and Sioux City. Linda loved to read. She loved to do crossword puzzles and play along with Jeopardy. She loved music, plays, birds, nature and all things good and kind. She was an avid biker completing two RAGBRAI's with family and friends and getting to know Donald Kaul along the way. She would walk and shell for hours on the white sand beaches of Florida with the gentle waves lapping at her ankles. Linda loved children and cherished the many years she spent in the Spirit Lake Elementary Kindergarten classroom helping to instill in children the love of reading and learning. She was a champion of early childhood education.

Most of all she loved her family and they loved her in return. Love came easily for Linda and she shared it freely. Her concerns were always for others and never herself.

Very few people were aware of her long courageous battle with breast cancer which she chose to wage privately. She was always very positive as she maintained an active lifestyle with family and friends while continuing to enjoy summers at her Okoboji home and winters at her Florida home.

Linda passed peacefully on Sunday, September 20, 2020 in her home surrounded by her family, who were so blessed to be able to care for her during the final weeks of her life.

Linda is survived by Tom, her loving husband of 52 years, their children Jen (Brian) Nicholson, Woodbury, MN; Patrick (Gillian) Madigan, West Des Moines, IA and Nicole (Ryan) Simmons, Clive, IA. Also grandchildren Drew & Madigan Nicholson; Hallie, Neil & Colin Madigan and Tommy Simmons.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents Bill & Irene Vasos and her brother David. She is survived by her brother Don Vasos (Arbie) Mission, KS; sister Judy Baczewski (Tony) Oakland, CA; sister Pat Altfillisch (Rob) Norwalk, IA; brother Joe Vasos (Becky) Ft. Collins, CO and brother Dave Vasos (Carolyn) Bloomington, MN; along with a very large, loving extended family.

Linda was an incredible wife, mother, grandmother, sister, mentor and friend to many. She loved and was loved by all who knew her and her lessons will live on in the hearts of all of us. Rest well dear Linda until we meet again.

A Funeral Mass for Linda will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Milford, IA on Friday, September 25th at 1:00pm CST and will be for immediate family only due to Covid concerns. The service will be live streamed and archived through St. Joseph's website <https://stjosephmilford.org/> and on the church's facebook page.

We are so grateful to Father Tim Johnson for the comfort and support he

provided to Linda and our family during this difficult time.

Here is the link to the video remembering Linda Madigan created by her brother, Joe Vasos: <https://vimeo.com/460404901>

We look forward to a Celebration of Linda's Life which will be held at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions in Linda's name be made to the talented, compassionate, and dedicated people at Lakes Regional Hospice. We are so grateful for their help and support to allow us to care for Linda in our home.

Lakes Regional Hospice
Hwy 71 South
P.O. Box AB
Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Linda Madigan*



Robinson Funeral Home - September 22, 2020 at 02:46 PM

DC

Oh so beautiful! Thank you Joe!

David and Martha Chozen - September 22, 2020 at 06:22 PM

JM

Thank you Joe! Arnie & I cried, smiled and reminisced about all the wonderful memories we have of Linda & her amazing life & Love she brought to us. Sending our love & prayers, Arnie & Julie

Julie Madigan - September 23, 2020 at 12:12 PM

JB

“ *Heartfelt condolences to the Madigan and Vasos families on Linda's passing. Thank you "Marufus" for the ride in the past with your Vimeo tribute. It's hard to smile in this covid world, but you blessed me with many. God speed, Linda!!!*

Jerry "Zitto" Bell - September 30, 2020 at 09:31 PM

SH

“ Tom and family,
Thinking of you during this difficult time. Linda had the most beautiful smile and infectious laugh.
Sandy Hanson

sandy hanson - September 25, 2020 at 08:46 PM

EL

“ Eileen&Mike Lamer lit a candle in memory of
Linda Madigan



Eileen&Mike Lamer - September 25, 2020 at 02:29 PM

JP

“ Wanted to thank you for sharing exceptional pictures and video of
Linda and family - so very touching! Linda, such a beautiful person
inside and out, always giving love and surrounded by loving people.
Truly moving to watch. God bless you all.
With our love always from Jim and Louise Price

Jim & Louise Price - September 25, 2020 at 01:31 PM



“ Dear Tom and your beautiful family, Words seem to leave me as I
write this sad sympathy to you all. We carry you in our hearts (Always), we care, we pray, we love, and We Believe that the Power of God and His Kingdom Is for Linda. Truly you two have touched our lives here as neighbors In Florida and love you so much! We'll always remember Linda and you. We are truly blessed to have you in our lives. RIP Linda. Go now with God, your creator and suffer no more. We love you Linda! Sincerely, Colly and Dennis Malec

Colly Bannon Malec - September 25, 2020 at 12:55 PM

BF

“ To the Vasos and Madigan families: It seems like yesterday we would all gather at the Vasos' home and do our partying. Will and Hon never seemed to mind; they welcomed all the visitors. To all of you-please accept my prayers for Linda and both families.
Much Love-Barb Nagl Frost

Barb Frost - September 25, 2020 at 12:51 PM

JP

“ Tom, Jen, Patrick, Nicole and Family:
We are so very sorry for Linda's passing, such a sweet, kind, gentle and compassionate person. No doubt she is now your guardian angel from Up-Above. May you feel her calming and serene presence daily. God bless Linda and her beautiful family always. We keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Our sincere and deepest condolences.
Jim and Louise Price

Jim & Louise Price - September 25, 2020 at 12:31 PM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Linda Madigan.



September 25, 2020 at 11:09 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Madigan.*



September 25, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ *Linda was such a great person, always a smile and she made you feel special. Great memories in Okoboji when the Quirks gathered for summer vacations and got together with the Madigans! Our sympathy and prayers at this time. Love Dave and Patty Rausa*

Patty Rausa - September 25, 2020 at 07:58 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Madigan.*



September 24, 2020 at 07:36 PM



“ *Sandy Nicholson lit a candle in memory of Linda Madigan*



Sandy Nicholson - September 24, 2020 at 06:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Madigan.*



September 24, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ *Carolina Aviles & Family, NS Canada purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Linda Madigan.*



Carolina Aviles & Family, NS Canada - September 24, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Linda Madigan.*



September 24, 2020 at 10:58 AM

PM

“ Mike and I are so very sorry to hear of Linda's passing. We are friends of Pat and Rob and love hearing all of the wonderful stories surrounding Linda and the brothers and sisters of this great family, they are filled with love, laughter and true bond of siblings!

I once walked the beach with Linda and Pat and recall the joy of finding a conch stuck in the sand and the peace a "march" beside the ocean can bring. May perpetual light shine upon her.

Penni and Mike McKinley

Penni McKinley - September 24, 2020 at 10:52 AM

SN

I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. Linda was so kind and caring. She and Tom raised 3 beautiful children and instilled in them the same Beautiful qualities. Such a beautiful, loving family. I pray the wonderful memories you have of her bring you comfort and peace at this very difficult time. I love all of you.

Sandy Nicholson - September 24, 2020 at 06:02 PM

TB

“ TOM BRODIE lit a candle in memory of Linda Madigan



TOM BRODIE - September 24, 2020 at 10:23 AM

TB

Tom, Jenny, Patrick and Nicole...My deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved wife and mother, Linda. Nothing I can say will dim the deep loss you must all feel other than the lit candle in her memory. Prayer and strong faith to each of you. God Bless

TOM BRODIE - September 24, 2020 at 10:28 AM

JW

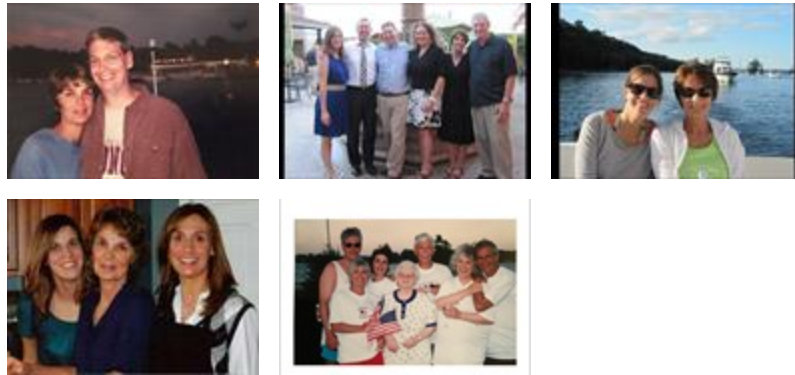
“ Jerry, Kathy, & Michael Welter lit a candle in memory of Linda Madigan



Jerry, Kathy, & Michael Welter - September 24, 2020 at 08:37 AM

JN

“ 11 files added to the album Linda Madigan



Jen Nicholson - September 23, 2020 at 10:26 PM



Sending this with a Heavy Heart and Love to You All !! What a Wonderful tribute , to Aunt Linda. She was so kind and We Loved Her so Very Much !!

You have constantly on my mind , and in my prayers .

Peace to you all Her wonderful family She Loved so much !!

Love You Kris 🙏💜☐

Kris Julich Leiting - September 24, 2020 at 02:40 PM

PR

“ *Peggy Rick lit a candle in memory of Linda Madigan*



Peggy Rick - September 23, 2020 at 10:06 PM

MP

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with you.*



Marv & Kristi Pudenz - September 23, 2020 at 06:21 PM

LM

“ *Love, Jim Madigan & Leslie Miller purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Linda Madigan.*



Love, Jim Madigan & Leslie Miller - September 23, 2020 at 06:13 PM

JN

“ 29 files added to the album Linda Madigan



Jen Nicholson - September 23, 2020 at 04:14 PM

RG

These pictures are so wonderful! What an amazing lady! ❤️

Renee Gillis - September 23, 2020 at 08:53 PM

BL

*These pictures are so great! Thanks for sharing Jen. She was such an amazing person. I can hear her laugh right now! :-) I'm going to miss her so much. Thinking of you all during this unimaginably difficult time. *hugs**

Beth Laing - September 24, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Madigan.*



September 23, 2020 at 02:51 PM

TM

“ 18 files added to the album Linda Madigan



Tom Madigan - September 23, 2020 at 02:40 PM

RG

Love all the pictures Tom! Such a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother she was. Hugs to all of you. ❤️

Renee Gillis - September 23, 2020 at 08:55 PM



What a gem she was! A beautiful soul inside and out! Always a smile on her face and kind, encouraging words on her lips. You will be missed, Aunt Linda! Sending our love, hugs, and condolences to you Uncle Tom, Jenny, Patrick, Nicole and the whole family ❤️

Amy Cary - September 23, 2020 at 10:23 PM

BS

“ Beverly Sill lit a candle in memory of Linda Madigan



Beverly Sill - September 23, 2020 at 01:00 PM

LD

“ *Tom & Family,*

We are very sorry for your loss. Linda was a great person.

-Luke & Megan Donnerwerth

Luke Donnerwerth - September 23, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Madigan.*



September 23, 2020 at 11:03 AM

MS

“ *Tom, Jenny, Patrick and Nicole. We were so sad to hear of Linda's passing. She was such a beautiful person inside and out with such a wonderful smile !! May you have many memories to help you get through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you . Bruce and Maureen (Madigan) Schulz*

maureen schulz - September 22, 2020 at 09:16 PM

JR

“ *My sympathy to Linda's family. I loved her smile that was always there and her gentleness and kindness. Nicole, I do believe God did send Randy as one of his angels to welcome Linda HOME.*

Julie Ricklefs - September 22, 2020 at 08:57 PM

CP

“ *Cyndy Powers sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda Madigan*



Cyndy Powers - September 22, 2020 at 05:27 PM

CP

Our sympathy to the Madigan family. The loss of such a sweet soul. Cyndy and Jim

Cyndy Powers - September 22, 2020 at 05:29 PM

KK

“ *Karen Krieger lit a candle in memory of Linda Madigan*



Karen Krieger - September 22, 2020 at 03:01 PM

MJ
Stilwill

“ *Tom, Jenny, Patrick & Nicole, Our sympathy and prayers to you with Linda's passing. We have wonderful memories of being together at your wedding and family reunions double cousin and your chilrens' weddings. Michael & Jeanine Madigan Stilwill*

MJ Stilwill - September 22, 2020 at 02:43 PM

MV

*Tom and family my sympathy to all of you. I remember the gatherings Tom, at your parents place. May all of you find peace in the days ahead.
Mary Eich Voy*

Mary Eich Voy - September 23, 2020 at 09:50 AM

JL

“ As Linda dealt with recent events she never had to be concerned about the unconditional love and support of Tom and the rest of her family. Anything less never crossed her mind nor the minds of all of you.

We now can look forward to the time when our first thoughts, as we think of Linda, bring joy instead of reminding us of the pain and sorrow of her illness and passing.

Jim and Sandy Ladegaard - September 22, 2020 at 12:52 PM

SS

“ We extend to you are deepest sympathy. What a legacy Linda has left with the great kids and grandkids. Tom and Linda, we appreciate you so as neighbors and love your kids. Stan and Rhea Sybesma

Stan and Rhea Sybesma - September 22, 2020 at 09:54 AM

DF

“ Dianne & Steve Franker lit a candle in memory of Linda Madigan



Dianne & Steve Franker - September 22, 2020 at 09:45 AM

TG

“ Tom, so sorry to hear about Linda, my prays are with you.
Teresa Garvey

Teresa Garvey - September 22, 2020 at 09:31 AM

RE

“ Russ & Shar Eckard lit a candle in memory of Linda Madigan



Russ & Shar Eckard - September 22, 2020 at 09:25 AM

TH

“ Tim we are so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. She was a grand lady.
Terry and Mary Heidebrink

Terry and Mary Heidebrink - September 22, 2020 at 08:47 AM

SJ

“ Tom and family. I am so very sorry to hear of Linda's passing. I remember her cute smile and laughter. She was the sweetest person I have ever meet. May God watch over all of you as you go thru this time .
Sharon Judson

sharon Judson - September 22, 2020 at 08:27 AM

RK

“ Tom and family. Thoughts and prayers to you all.

The Kent family. Rick, Deb, Lyndsey, and CJ

Rick Kent - September 21, 2020 at 10:37 PM

KF

“ Ken And Terri Farmer lit a candle in memory of Linda Madigan



Ken and Terri Farmer - September 21, 2020 at 10:13 PM

CN

“ Tom and family. So sorry to hear about Linda. We didnt see each other often but when we did we always had a lot to catch up on. Always a smile.

Cheryl Noble - September 21, 2020 at 09:19 PM

TR

“ Tom, Jenny. Patrick and Nicole, we had so many good times with your family.
We are so sorry for your loss.
Tom and Suzy Rutten

Tom and Suzy Rutten - September 21, 2020 at 08:41 PM

LB

“ Tom ,Jenny,Patrick,and Nicole. It is with a sad heavy heart that we send our sympathies for your loss of your dear Linda. What a trooper she was in her years of battling cancer. May she be enjoying her heavenly reward she so truly earned. I will always remember those big beautiful brown eyes and the mischievous smile to go with them. I always loved explaining to people I was the “OLDER “ Linda Madigan and she was the cute young one !! May God help you through this difficult time dear double cousin. Love Artie and Linda (Madigan) Bluml

Linda Bluml - September 21, 2020 at 07:23 PM

MC

“ *Mary Christianson lit a candle in memory of Linda Madigan*



Mary Christianson - September 21, 2020 at 06:32 PM

MC

Jim and I, along with our family are so very sorry to read of Linda's passing! We send our prayers and condolences to you all! 🙏🙏

Mary Christianson - September 21, 2020 at 06:34 PM

JZ

“ *Tom and Family
Sorry to read of Linda's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with
and all.
Jim Zweifel*

Jim Zweifel - September 21, 2020 at 06:00 PM

JK

“ *Jack & Julie Kliegl sent a virtual gift in memory
of Linda Madigan*



Jack & Julie Kliegl - September 21, 2020 at 05:07 PM

KL

“ *Kris Leiting lit a candle in memory of Linda Madigan*



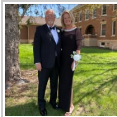
Kris Leiting - September 21, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ *Gayle Brandt lit a candle in memory of Linda Madigan*



Gayle Brandt - September 21, 2020 at 03:12 PM



We are so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. Such a genuine loving person. Tom and family..... our Sincere Sympathy

Lon & Gayle

Gayle Brandt - September 21, 2020 at 03:14 PM

DB

“ *Linda became my sister in law when i was in jr.high.she always treated our family with love and caring words. Her lady like demeanor ,and lov of family will surely be a lasting memory.*

Deb boell - September 21, 2020 at 01:58 PM

LJ

“ *Larry And Mary Ann Jansen lit a candle in memory of Linda Madigan*



Larry and Mary Ann Jansen - September 21, 2020 at 01:33 PM

GG

“ *So very sorry to learn of Linda's passing. Heartfelt condolences to the Madigan and Vasos families.*

Gretchen Gronstal Graff

Gretchen Gronstal Graff - September 21, 2020 at 01:09 PM

DC

“ *David And Martha Chozen lit a candle in memory of Linda Madigan*



David and Martha Chozen - September 21, 2020 at 12:53 PM

DC

We share your grief! We loved Linda like family! She had a smile for everyone she ever met, and a heart of gold! She will forever be in our hearts!

David and Martha Chozen - September 21, 2020 at 12:57 PM

LG

Thoughts and prayers for the family throughout this difficult time!

Linda and Ernie Golwitzer 🙏🙏🙏

Linda Golwitzer - September 23, 2020 at 01:34 PM