



Linda J. Bird

September 18, 1953 - January 1, 2014

Linda J. Bird, age 60, of Wilmington, DE, passed away Wednesday, January 1, 2014. Linda was a free spirit who loved being a grandmother. She enjoyed travel, music – especially concerts at the various State Parks in the summer, and reading – especially Stephen King novels. Linda was an avid collector of Santa Claus and her collection was displayed 365 days a year.

Linda is survived by her companion, “Skip” Hodgdon; daughter, Cerise Smith; 3 grandchildren: Samara, Alyssa and Jackson; 2 brothers, Ken and Ray Watters; and sister, Barbara Whitehead.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at VFW Post 2907, 313 Brandywine Blvd., Wilmington, DE 19809, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Donations may be sent to Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE 19702 to help the family with funeral expenses.

Cemetery Details

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Tribute Wall

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Bruce Egbert - January 05, 2014 at 04:18 PM

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Bruce Egbert - January 05, 2014 at 04:14 PM

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Bruce Egbert - January 05, 2014 at 03:59 PM

CB

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Carolyn Bastien - January 05, 2014 at 12:24 PM

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skip - January 05, 2014 at 12:17 PM

SK

“ I will miss you Linda. You were my friend and my love. A great Mother, Nana and Friend to many. and loved more then I think you knew by so many. The world was a better place with you in it. I am so grateful to Christiana Care for allowing me to be by your side 24/7 while in their care. Having those last days and hours to care for you, and to say those things not everyone has a chance to say to their loved ones. I know I am a better person for knowing you.
I love you and will never forget our time together
Skip

skip - January 05, 2014 at 11:30 AM

MZ

Our paths crossed, we worked together toward good health and became friends along the way. Thank you for your friendship and love, you gave so much to me and like Skip, I am a better person for having known you and Skip You and your family remain in my prayers. Hugs and love, Martha

martha zazzarino - January 10, 2014 at 05:45 AM

CB

“ Linda has been a valued and loved family member for 16 years, and we'll miss her dearly... at our Christmas get togethers, family birthday parties, summer barbeques, weddings, beach trips, and everything that included family and friends that we care for deeply. We'll always save a seat for her at Carpenter Park concerts. She made Skip happy, and they took wonderful care of each other. She was my "pink wine" partner! Here's a toast to you Linda... Give Connie a hug for us. Love, Carolyn

Carolyn Bastien - January 05, 2014 at 10:59 AM

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Bruce Egbert - January 04, 2014 at 01:14 PM

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Bruce Egbert - January 04, 2014 at 12:53 PM

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Bruce Egbert - January 04, 2014 at 12:43 PM

BE

“ I'm attempting to make a connection here, Linda but you know me (I'm not too good at this 21st century stuff). Looks like I, at least, got the candle lit. I don't know if there's any significance to the different colors or not, I just went with how I was feeling and that was blue. If I get this message loaded right, my next attempt will be to add a couple of pictures. One of you & the Byrdman and the other of you & Judy in which I make an honorary guest appearance (I'm the little guy wearing a black t-shirt in the picture above your left shoulder. For as long as we've known each other, it's only fitting that some kind of photo of the two of us together exists). We go back quite a ways, Linda and my memories of you are all happy ones. Even the last time I saw you, when you were in the hospital. You never complained, accepted things for what they were and always had those smiling eyes. By the way, your song request will be sung to you by BOTH me & Frank and I'll have a life-size portrait of him beside me when we do it. You might be the only one who'll be able to hear it that way (what with me being here and him being there) but in another life I'd like to think anything's possible... - Bruce

Bruce Egbert - January 04, 2014 at 12:39 PM

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Skip - January 04, 2014 at 11:11 AM

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“ *Skip lit a candle in memory of Linda J. Bird*



Skip - January 04, 2014 at 11:08 AM

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“ *Bruce Egbert lit a candle in memory of Linda J. Bird*



Bruce Egbert - January 04, 2014 at 09:58 AM

EP

“ *I met Cerise in kindergarden...at that time we became each others shadow, because of that Linda took me in as another daughter. For over 20 years this woman loved me like I was her own! I know that as I got older Cerise and I learned about independence and motherhood...we might not be each others shadow anymore but she will always be my family! I will look back at the good memories...the memories of me coming to visit and Linda and Skip would be like oh man...what are they gonna get into this time?...My girl and I rarely disappointed on that front ;-) we always found something to get in...and still Linda loved me and welcomed me always with open arms. She will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to her grandbabies who meant the world to her...we shouldnt have lost her...not yet...sometimes life just isnt fair :-(RIP Linda. I love you*

Erica Paris - January 04, 2014 at 01:46 AM

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C. Nick Vinson - January 03, 2014 at 10:03 PM

NV

Linda and I go way back but we lost our connection until I met Skip. It was like we never lost that connection and she and Skip were there for me when I was in a bad way. GOD BLESS MY FRIEND, LINDA!!

Nick Vinson - January 05, 2014 at 11:17 AM

JA

“ *My friend Linda Bird was the best friend you could ever ask for kind, generous, loving, understanding she never judged anyone and always forgave when she needed to she loved with all her heart. I will always love and miss you forever. Rest in peace Linda you are angel to me. Judy Aydelotte*

Judy Aydelotte - January 03, 2014 at 09:31 PM

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Jennifer Duke - January 03, 2014 at 09:13 PM

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Jennifer Duke - January 03, 2014 at 08:59 PM

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Jennifer Duke - January 03, 2014 at 08:58 PM

JD

“ Jennifer Duke lit a candle in memory of Linda J. Bird



Jennifer Duke - January 03, 2014 at 08:31 PM

SH

“ You are loved by so many. best friends to so many A great Nana and Mother
You will missed.
I am so grateful to Christiana Care and staff that I was able to be by your side the few weeks of your life. so grateful to have you in my life at all I will always love you and you will always be in my heart and prayers. I love you

Skip Hodgdon - January 03, 2014 at 06:00 PM

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Skip Hodgdon - January 03, 2014 at 05:47 PM

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Skip Hodgdon - January 03, 2014 at 05:44 PM



“ *Nancy Bonham Vincent lit a candle in memory of Linda J. Bird*



Nancy Bonham Vincent - January 03, 2014 at 03:06 PM



“ *Linda I will never forget you, you were one of my sister's best childhood friends. I know the two of you are together again being silly and laughing. I will miss you as will many others. Shine on beautiful lady.*

Love, Nancy Vincent

Nancy Vincent - January 03, 2014 at 02:46 PM



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cerise smith - January 03, 2014 at 01:56 PM

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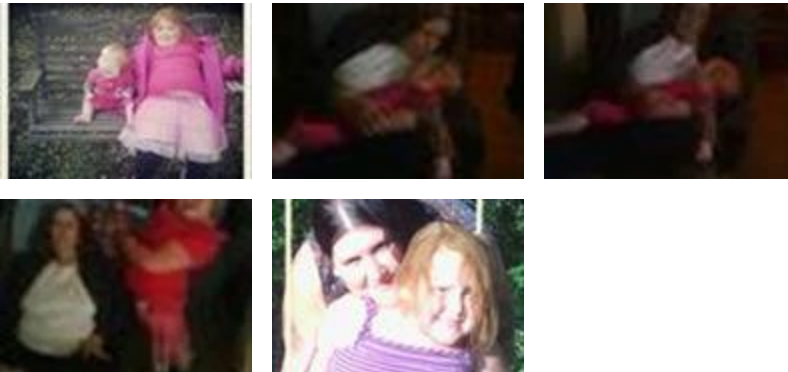
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Angel & Barry Swanson - January 03, 2014 at 12:39 PM

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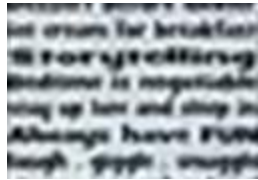
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Cerise Smith - January 03, 2014 at 08:50 AM

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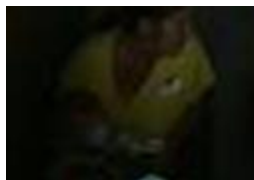
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