



## Linda Kay Christiansen

February 24, 1964 - April 3, 2026

Linda K. (Mall) Christiansen was born February 24th, 1964, to John and Lorraine (Benson) Mall in Slayton, Minnesota and passed away unexpectedly at her home in Fort Myers, Florida into the arms of her Lord and Savior on April 3, 2026.

Linda was the youngest of four and enjoyed playing with LuAnn, Jerry, and Jeff. When they were younger, much of the time was spent playing games outside with the neighborhood kids. Even in the winter, everyone was bundled up in snowsuits, boots, and mittens to go out and play in the snow. Linda made friends easily and when the move to Shenandoah, Iowa arrived, she made high school friends and enjoyed working as a lifeguard at the pool in the summers.

After graduating in 1982 from the Shenandoah High School, she continued her education at Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln, Nebraska and graduated with a degree in Theater. While in college, she spent her summers working for the Brownville Village Theater group in Brownville, Nebraska from 1985-1988, working behind the scenes and on stage. After her time in Brownville, Linda became a traveler. She worked for opera companies in Sante Fe, NM, Washington D.C., Minneapolis, MN., and Miami, Fl. She worked mostly in the costume departments. Linda finally decided to make her home in Santa Fe, NM. Working for the Opera Company in the costume and make-up

department.

Linda met the love of her life, James Christiansen, in Santa Fe. After a long-distance courtship between Santa Fe and Denver, they married in a quaint little rural church outside Raton, NM on May 11, 1996. Linda welcomed into her life James' daughter, Jessica.

James and Linda started their home improvement construction company in Denver and worked side by side for 10 years until they decided it was time to get out of the cold and snow and moved to sunny Florida to be closer to Linda's parents. There she worked at the Fort Myers News Press in the advertising department. Later she went to work for The Salvation Army Thrift Store in Cape Coral and then in Punta Gorda. With a husband and family members in the military, she had a calling to support them through the thrift stores. She was a good and caring worker. Linda worked very hard at what she did, and her family and faith were very important to her.

Proceeding her in death were her parents, brother Jeff, daughter Jessica and her niece, Jennifer Campbell.

Linda is survived by her loving husband of 30 years, James; sister LuAnn (Alan) Armstrong; brother Jerry (Julie) Mall; and nieces and nephews: Jon, Justin (Sammi) Mall, Alexis (Jordan) Dierking, and Jeff (Kady) Armstrong. Also, Jerry, JoAnna, and Genna Campbell and Ethan, Ellie and Erik Mall. And a very Special Aunt and Uncle, Shirley and Don Pemberton, her fur baby Holiday along with many other family and friends.

A celebration of her life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to her sister, LuAnn Armstrong, 300 West Thomas, Shenandoah, IA 51601 for designation.



# Tribute Wall

RG

“ Prayers and sympathy to Linda's family at this sad time.

Rita Gibson - April 12 at 11:28 AM

RL

“ LuAnn and Families of Linda, We are So Sorry for Your Loss. You are All in Our Thoughts and Prayers.  
Bob and Robin Lynn

Robin Lynn - April 11 at 08:09 AM

TK

“ I was so blessed to have know Linda. We worked together for years at the News Press. She was my partner in advertising. She will deeply missed by all those who knew and loved her. Rest in peace my friend.

Teresa Kitts - April 10 at 09:21 PM



“ Linda and I were roommates at the Alpha Gam house, worked BVT together in 1985, and then moved off campus together for our senior year. Along with our friend Punkin (Laurie Blunsom) we visited Shenandoah many times to see the Christmas lights and her beloved Olympic-sized pool. (I can still remember all the names of the lifeguard stations: mic, pipe, slide, tan, deep, shallow.) She was a ray of sunshine and brought light and life to my college/theatre “career.” What a blessing she was. Much love.

Kim Samuelson - April 10 at 01:31 PM

DH

“ Linda and I worked together and all my memories are good ones! She had the best smile and attitude! My heart goes out to the family during this difficult time. Dianna Humphreys

Dianna Humphreys - April 10 at 10:59 AM

AM

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Amy - April 10 at 07:20 AM

JH

“ Linda was a classmate who always had a smile, a great sense of humor, a laugh you couldn't forget, and a lot of talent. You will be missed and forever in our hearts.

Jeff Hiser - April 10 at 12:30 AM

SB

“ Sandy Mueller Bailey lit a candle in memory of Linda Christiansen



Sandy Mueller Bailey - April 09 at 06:47 PM

KG

“ *LuAnn and family, just want you to know that I will keep you in my prayers and thoughts.* ”

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**Kathy Green** - April 09 at 11:13 AM