

LINDA A. MCFADDEN



Devoted mother and loving wife, passed away unexpectedly in her home in Sarver, PA, on Wednesday, September 6th. She was only 63 years old.

Linda was born in Pittsburgh, PA, on January 15, 1960, daughter of the late Joseph and Elsie Bellas McGinness. She will be greatly missed by her siblings, Joseph McGinness, Patrick McGinness, Timothy McGinness, James

McGinness, Kathleen Hutchinson, and Gerry McGinness; her husband of 33 years, Neil D. McFadden; her daughters Kara McFadden (Chris Kuo) and Elise McFadden; her stepdaughters Erin McFadden Robleto (Vince Robleto) and Mara McFadden (James Fogarty); and her cherished grandchildren Emmett and Teddy Robleto and Nora and Lincoln Fogarty.

As a cancer survivor, Linda embraced life and enjoyed every moment. In her free time, she was an avid gardener, cultivating vibrant blooms that served as a testament to her nurturing spirit. She also enjoyed reading, swimming, crafts, yoga and genealogy.

Linda's greatest joy, however, was found in her family. She served elaborate and delicious Sunday dinners to all comers and never failed to remember everyone's favorite foods and special requests. She delighted in spending time with her siblings, in-laws, nieces and nephews, husband, children and grandchildren. But her most special bond was with her youngest daughter Elise, who was born with Angelman Syndrome. Linda's care for Elise was unfailingly loving and generous.

Linda was a graduate of Penn State University and earned her MBA from Carnegie Mellon University and The University of Pittsburgh. A trailblazer in a traditionally male-dominated field, she had a long and successful career as an architectural engineer and consultant. She also served her community as President of the Northland Library Board and as the organizer of the Pittsburgh area Angelman Syndrome Foundation Walk.

Linda's passing leaves a tremendous void in our lives that cannot be filled, but her memory will live on forever in our hearts. As we mourn our tragic loss, let us also celebrate the beautiful life she lived and the boundless love she shared with all of us.

Friends are invited to join us on Sunday, September 10 from 2-5 p.m. at **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME**, 5864 Heckert Road, Bakerstown, PA, and a blessing service will follow at 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Austin's Place (austinsplace.org) in Linda's memory.

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