

# LINDA STRIGANIVICZ



On May 3, 2024, our beloved Linda ("Nana") died peacefully at UPMC Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh. She was 76 years old. She is survived by her husband, Stanley; children, Chris Patterson and Leah Cairns; and five grandchildren, Joshua, Hannah, Alaina, Jaxon, and Jett.

Linda was born in Hanover, PA, daughter of Jacob H. Gotwalt and Elizabeth M. Stauffer. From an early age,

Linda loved animals and had many by her side over the course of her lifetime, who served as long and loving companions. After graduating from Hanover High School in 1965, Linda went on to study elementary education at Westminster College, where she enjoyed being away from home for the first time and made many friends, including many lifelong ones through her sorority Chi Omega. While there she met her first husband Keith Patterson, who were married in 1969 and eventually moved to Pittsburgh, where she had two children, Chris and Leah.

Before devoting her life to raising her children, she taught elementary school full-time for the North Allegheny school district and later served as a part-time and long-term substitute teacher for various districts in the North Hills area of Pittsburgh where she was loved by faculty and students alike. For anyone that met her, Linda was a great listener and could get along with almost everyone she met. She found great joy in later years in working at two branches of West View Savings Bank, which she quickly became beloved by the community. While there she met her second husband, Stanley Striganovicz, and they were married in 1996.

Linda enjoyed her holidays across the country and loved visiting places like Hawaii, Boston, Florida, Washington, Virginia, as well as visiting more tropical locations like Cancun and the Caribbean. She loved spending time with her father in Hanover, whom she idolized. She enjoyed her time "at camp" in Butler County, and those in South Carolina. In 2019, she and her husband moved from their home in Shaler Township, where she had lived for 41 years, to Mars, PA. There, Linda found a community support system and group of friends who met weekly, calling themselves the "Yayas". She often mentioned how being a part of this group of ladies brought her a great deal of happiness.

She battled illness in later years but was able to beat the odds repeatedly. After a liver transplant in 2012, she thrived with new life and enjoyed every minute of it, attending sporting events and important moments of her grandchildren's lives.

Above all things, Linda's love for her children and grandchildren was constant, and she cared for them and lavished affection on them in every way she was able. She was smart, funny, and silly but steadfast and stubborn when she wanted to be. She was a beautiful wife, mother, grandmother, and friend and who leaves behind a legacy of love. With no hesitation, she would give for the sake of giving and expecting nothing in return.

To celebrate Linda's life, a visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, from 2-4 P.M. and 6-8 P.M. at the **BOYLAN-GLENN-KILDOO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SVCS., INC.**, 130 Wisconsin Ave./PO Box 2155, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home for close family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that financial donations be made to the American Liver Foundation at <https://liverfoundation.org/>.

Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at: [www.boylanfuneralservices.com](http://www.boylanfuneralservices.com)

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