

## LINDA A. MARTIN



Age 69, died peacefully on Thursday, September 12, 2024, while in hospice, at Canterbury Place, in Pittsburgh, PA, after a courageous battle with cancer. Linda was born April 22, 1955, in Rolla, Missouri, to Arliss and Ruth Martin. She graduated from American Community high school in Lebanon. She had a successful career first as a nurse, then as a social worker, doing child and family

therapy, then as a Jungian psychoanalytic psychotherapist in private practice. She was a sensitive, compassionate listener and engaged people with reflective thoughtfulness. She believed "kindness is the ultimate strength." She touched many lives with her generosity of time and passion, being a thoughtful helpful presence. She was always a lover of giving and receiving fresh flowers and a bottle of wine. She was married to Noel Walkington for 31 years, separated, then divorced. Linda survived her son, Max Walkington, whom she loved deeply; as well as two sisters and their families. Beside spending committed time with her son and friends, Linda strived to be a positive influence in her community and professionally. She diligently served as the Southwest Division chair of PA National Association of Social Workers, was a longtime delegate to National Assembly PA Chapter of Social Workers and served on the social work licensing board, in Harrisburg. She was passionate about politics and served as an Allegheny County Democratic committee woman, 14th ward, for 32 years. She was a graduate of Pittsburgh Psychoanalytic Center, enjoyed teaching classes at the center and at University of Pittsburgh, also supervised residents in the clinic without walls. Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life gathering on Friday, September 27, 2024, at 11:30 am, at the Homewood Cemetery, 1599 S. Dallas Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. Professional services entrusted to **D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD.**; 4522 Butler Street, Pittsburgh, PA, 15201;

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