

LINDA BRANDT FRITZINGER



Linda Brandt Fritzinger, 84, died peacefully on February 17, 2025, at the Residence at Riverbend, in Ipswich, MA, with her son, Timothy, by her side. Born in Pittsburgh, PA, on May 7, 1940, Linda was the daughter of the late Paul Brandt and Jean (Finley) Brandt.

Linda grew up in Perrysville, just north of Pittsburgh, surrounded by Brandt relatives and doted on by her grandmother Alma Elder, who infused Linda with a love of books. After graduating from West View High School, Linda matriculated at Mt. Holyoke College, in South Hadley, MA, where she received a BA in History. Linda moved to Manhattan in 1962, after graduation, and lived there for the next 60 years, embracing all that New York City had to offer. In 2022, she relocated to Ipswich, MA, to be close to her son, Timothy, and his family. Her first job was as an assistant to the formidable Dietrich von Bothmer, head of the Department of Greek and Roman Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. After marrying John G. Fritzinger in 1969, and having her son, Timothy, in 1971, Linda returned to scholarship, receiving her MA in History in 1983, and then her PhD, both from New York University, in 1992. She spent many years converting her doctoral thesis into a published biography of Sir Valentine Chirol, a renowned British journalist and diplomat of the late 19th and early 20th century, in 2006. Linda was divorced in 2012, and moved back to the same street that she had originally lived on in the early 1960s; close to her beloved Lincoln Center, where she regularly brought friends to the New York Philharmonic. Despite her focus on history, she read widely and had an insatiable curiosity about the world, which she pursued assiduously right to the end of her life. Linda traveled extensively, both with her ex-husband of 42 years, friends, and on her own, throughout Europe and the Middle East, and attracted a diverse and interesting circle of close friends everywhere she went. She was kind and generous, a convivial companion, had a sharp sense of humor, an elegant style and brought smiles to whomever she was with, but equally treasured her independence and solitude. She will be missed deeply by all that had the fortune to know her.

Above all, Linda loved her son, Timothy; his wife, Caroline; and her two grandchildren, Camilla and Theodore. In addition to her direct descendants, Linda is survived by her sister, Barbara Urich of Portland, OR; and brother, John Brandt of Pittsburgh, PA; her ex-husband John Fritzinger of New York, NY; and five nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to either The New York Society Library (<https://www.nysoclib.org/support-library>), or Mt. Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA, (<https://www.mtholyoke.edu/giving/ways2give>).

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