



Linda Marie Crawford

April 19, 1948 - February 22, 2026

CRAWFORD, Linda Marie, 77, passed away on February 22, 2026, at her home in Minneapolis. Linda valued education, obtaining her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1978, serving as a teacher and administrator in public schools, and mentoring doctoral students across multiple universities, for which she received many awards. She encapsulated her work as an educator into three words: intelligence, integrity, and compassion. She lived each of those words to the maximum and shared them through her many publications and presentations. Linda had many interests, from powerlifting to painting to fencing to horseback riding to canoeing to cooking to musical endeavors. Her most prominent avocations later in life were flower gardening, for which she earned multiple awards, Taiko drumming, and playing drums and saxophone with her band, Sage. She enjoyed entertaining friends in her home and found special pleasure in supporting young people as they matured into adulthood. Linda was preceded in death by her father John M. Crawford, mother Teresa J. (Kierzkowski) Crawford, and brothers Joseph J. Crawford and John T. Crawford. She is survived by siblings James J. Crawford, Washington, DC; Mary T. Riley, Waterboro, ME; and many loving family members. Friends and family will gather for private memorial services.

Tribute Wall

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“ Linda was one of my taikomates. She was a fighter, a drummer, a dedicated educator. She will be missed.

Wendy Jedlička - March 01 at 10:15 AM

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“ Linda and I taught in the same high school 54 years ago in South Boston, MA. Her language lab. was adjacent to my science lab. and I always admired her classroom management: firm, fair and fun! In a Boston colloquialism, she was "wicked smart", and I will miss our long and cherished friendship. Au revoir mon amie. Michael Virnig

Michael Virnig - February 28 at 11:40 PM