



Linda Lew

July 5, 2016

Lew, Linda age 78 of Edina passed away peacefully on July 5, 2016 at N.C. Little Hospice surrounded by her loving family. Linda was born on June 14, 1938 in Terre Haute IN, and grew up in Peoria IL where, while still in high school, she met the love of her life, her husband Douglas with whom she shared 60 years of marriage. Linda lived gracefully, fearlessly, and fully despite surviving colon cancer for 9 years. In the course of one week in June 1956 she turned 18, graduated from high school, got married, and danced in a ballet recital. Thus began a lifetime of making homes in Columbus OH, Los Angeles CA, and Edina MN consummately devoted to family, friends, and food. Linda was fiercely protective of, and selflessly dedicated to her children and husband: She was a Girl Scout leader for many years, she instilled in her daughter a love of dance, she chaperoned her son to numerous tennis matches and assisted him with countless homework assignments. She championed her husband's career as an art director, and promoted his second career as a watercolorist. Linda's friends were her second family, most notably the venerable and storied Desperate Book Group which was formed in September 1975 when a cluster of "trailing spouses" began arriving in Edina and connected through the Edina Newcomer's Club. Book Group quickly came to encompass both men and women who have supported each other for 40 years through all of life's events. Linda's cooking was legendary. As an 18 year old Midwestern wife she learned to prepare authentic Chinese food from her mother-in-law (Grace Lew) and her sister-in-law (Patsy Lum). She

generously shared home made banquets with everyone she met. Impressive to all but Linda is the "fish story" her ability to stir fry a whole white fish in a wok. Her husband especially loved her annual Thanksgiving feasts spent in the company of close friends. Ever expanding their circle of friends Linda and Doug joined a gourmet club in recent years whose members plan menus, prepare, and host monthly dinners. In addition to family and friends Linda was also widely known and cherished by those in the dance and theatre communities, her English-as -a -Second- Language (ESL) colleagues and students, and her Mah Jongg partners. Linda was preceded in death by her mother Virginia Parrett, and her brother Maurice Parrett. She is survived by her husband Douglas Lew, her daughter Cindy (Bob) Severt, her son Brian (Wendy) Lew, her brothers Bobby (Ann) Parrett and Mike (Patty) Parrett, her nephew Tim Parrett, her niece Lori (Jeff) MacDonald, and her grand nieces Alyssa and Brooke MacDonald. Please join us for a commemoration and celebration of Linda's life on Friday, July 22 2016 at the Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 West 50th St. & Highway 100. Visitation at 10am, service at 11am followed by a luncheon of Linda's favorite foods. Memorial donations may be sent to N.C. Little Hospice, 7019 Lynmar Lane, Edina MN 55435. Guestbook: Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Linda Lew.*



July 21, 2016 at 01:14 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Lew.*



July 20, 2016 at 02:49 PM



“ *Dennis & Daisy Ting purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Linda Lew.*



Dennis & Daisy Ting - July 19, 2016 at 10:58 PM

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“ To the family, please accept my belated condolence. The loss of a loved one is always a difficult time. May memories of her always live in your hearts. While our loved ones 'sleep' in death, find comfort in the words of Revelation chapter twenty-one verse four where it says: "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." This promise is concerning future conditions on the earth since heaven does not experience such things as death or pain. God's original purpose for mankind was to live in a Paradise on earth forever. "He has not changed" according to Malachi chapter three verse six. Remember these comforting words as you await the resurrection of your loved, Linda.

Thelma Johnson - July 15, 2016 at 05:05 PM