



Mrs. Linda Lou Steiner

June 3, 1949 - November 26, 2018

Steiner, Linda Known for her open, loving heart and spectacular smile, Linda Lou Steiner left an empty space in the lives of her many loved ones when she died November 26, 2018 from complications of a stroke. Jerry Steiner, her husband of 50 years, was at her side, holding her hand. Linda was born June 3, 1949 to Erma and Stewart Hammer. She grew up in South Minneapolis with her three siblings and graduated from Southwest High School. She met Jerry in 1967 at a dance at The Purple Barn in Eden Prairie. They connected right away: Jerry couldn't help but notice the glamorous, gorgeous Linda, and he somehow managed to convince her to give him her phone number. They married the following year. When Linda, Jerry and their toddler son moved in with Jerry's family, she quickly formed a strong bond with the Steiner clan & in particular with her mother-in-law Sheila, who was raising a toddler of her own. People who met Linda rarely forgot her: She was beautiful and elegant, though she detested snobbery in all forms. Linda's friendly, open approach to life was irresistible. Wherever she went, she made friends with restaurant owners, shopkeepers, neighbors, dog-walkers, co-workers and people she met through chance encounters. Inclusive to the core, Linda advocated for the underdog, embracing people who did not always feel welcomed by others. She loved children, babies and dogs, delighting in their slobbery kisses and returning everyone's affection with long, warm hugs. After an early retirement from her career as a preschool teacher, she mastered the art of the epic hangout, devoting time and attention to friends and family and people in need.

Her generosity was notorious when you invited her to your home for a meal, she came bearing wine and bread and mounds of fresh fruit. And she was the consummate guest, rolling up her sleeves and washing dishes after every gigantic family meal. As her many close friends know, she was also smart and caring, bringing her own unique form of insight to help loved ones navigate tough times. Sensual and artistic, Linda embraced Joni Mitchell, Frida Kahlo, salty black licorice, swimming and Scrabble. Linda's passionate nature was evident in her deep commitment to political organizations like Women Against Military Madness. Her laugh was infectious. Linda and Jerry deeply loved their two children, Paul and Alicia, raising them in a home filled with laughter and friends; years later she was thrilled to welcome their spouses into her family. Linda lovingly, selflessly supported her daughter through a lengthy illness and untimely death in 2013, later bravely working to recover from her deep grief. She adored her four grandchildren and they returned their Yaya's love with devotion. Linda is preceded in death by parents, Stewart and Erma Hammer; brother, Sheldon (Jean) Hammer; sister, Mary (Gary) Sachs; and daughter, Alicia (Perry) Del Ghingaro. She is survived by husband, Jeremy Steiner; son, Paul (Elizabeth) Steiner; sister, Sandra (Tom) Benda; and grandchildren, Katherine and William Steiner and Max and Miles Del Ghingaro; as well as countless other relatives and friends. Her family is indebted to all her caregivers, especially Alice Dahn, for the loving care they provided to Linda over the last years of her life. Visitation will be held from 5-7 pm December 13 at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel. Funeral service will be held December 14, at 10 am, at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, 511 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to the University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center. There will never be another Linda Lou. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100