



Linda Lee Sippel

March 27, 1948 - October 7, 2020

Linda Lee Sippel, age 72, of Thomson, Illinois passed away Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at the University Of Iowa Hospitals after succumbing to the disease ALS. A private family Celebration of Life will be held with burial in the Lower York Cemetery, Thomson. In lieu of flowers, the family is establishing a memorial fund for Linda. Law Jones Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements and you may share in Linda's life at lawjonesfuneralhome.com.

Linda was born March 27, 1948 in Clinton, Iowa, the daughter of Lloyd "Red" and Geraldine "Gerry" (Putnam) Johnson. She was raised by grandparents John and Florence Johnson in a farming family and fondly remembered helping to do chores with Grandpa Johnson. Linda attended York Community School in Thomson and excelled at cooking in 4-H. She attended Prom with her future husband, Stephen Sippel, and both graduated in 1966.

Steve served in the Army in Vietnam, returning from his first tour of duty to Fort Bliss, Texas. While on leave at home, Linda and Steve were married November 17, 1968. At that moment she became an Army wife moving with Steve to Texas, and later down the road, when Steve reenlisted, she became a Navy wife. They traveled and lived in many places while raising two children, her favorite place to live was when Steve accepted an assignment at Camp David. Although she was shy growing up, Linda learned to be strong and resourceful, taking the lead as president of the USS America Enlisted Wives Club and a member of the Ombudsman Group. She made several close friends with other military wives during this time. After Steve's service, they returned to Thomson to finish raising their two children, Ronald and Sara.

Linda was a loving wife, mother, grandma and great-grandma. She liked to crochet and made several afghans for her family. The grandchildren (and Steve) always looked forward to having her homemade cake and cookies. Her kids appreciated how she was there for them no matter what. Linda was also a hard worker and held several jobs, including working at Casey's in Thomson, Shell Station in Fulton, IGOR where she traveled in Northern Western Illinois to maintain Lotto machines, and as the head cashier

at Home Depot in Clinton. When she thought she might retire, she found a better option working with her sister, Roxanne, at the Chadwick School kitchen. Linda enjoyed anything that involved her grandchildren, including traveling to Sami's cheer competitions and grandson's ball games. She also had two close companions, her dogs, Zoey and Mandy.

Linda will be dearly missed by her husband, Steve Sippel of Thomson; her son, Ronald "Ron" (Erica) Sippel of Clinton; her daughter, Sara and fiance Zach Dickau; eleven grandchildren, Trista (Josh) Myer, Tyler Taliaferro, Tristen Sippel, Travis Sippel, Talen Sippel, Toby Sippel, Samantha Sippel, Caleb (Cheyenne) King, Keegan Dickau, Noah Rannow, and McKenna "Ten" Dickau; a great-grandson, Dean Myer; two sisters, Mary (Richard) Smith of Shannon and Roxanne Kness of Clinton; and a sister-in-law, Ann Johnson of Thomson.

Linda is preceded in death by her parents; her grandparents, a brother, John Johnson; a sister, Connie Lease; a brother-in-law, David Kness; a nephew, Jacob Kness; and a sister at birth, Judy Johnson.

Comments



“ I would like to send my thoughts and prayers to the Sippel family. Linda was a very caring and thoughtful person. She will be greatly missed.



Steve Long - October 18 at 10:31 AM



“ Steve and family, so sorry for your loss. Her smile says it all - she was a very sweet person and will be remembered fondly.

Jan Bristol

Jan E Bristol - October 15 at 10:51 PM



“ My sympathies to your family. Prayers for peace and comfort

Deb Adolph - October 12 at 10:35 AM



“ Bonnie Schwingle sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda Lee Sippel



Bonnie Schwingle - October 10 at 06:27 PM



“ Steve & family, so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with you all!



Andrea Dalton - October 10 at 05:59 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Linda was such a kind person. Always had a smile and a kind word.

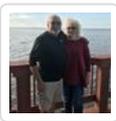


Linda Pauley - October 09 at 04:45 PM



“ Sorry for your loss Steve
Connie Schmitt Foster

connie j foster - October 09 at 04:10 PM



“ Steve and family you have our condolences and prayers.
Guy and Linda Plumley



Guy Plumley - October 09 at 11:31 AM



“ Jim Shaffer lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Sippel



jim shaffer - October 09 at 08:56 AM



“ Steve and family so sorry for you loss I'll never forget how Linda while she was working the Methodist food tent let the kids come over and get a good meal and put it on dads tab while we were working the first aid station together. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

jim shaffer - October 09 at 09:00 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. She was a gracious lady!

Les & Rita Mitchell - October 09 at 10:29 AM



“ Lin Houzenga lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Sippel



Lin Houzenga - October 08 at 10:05 PM



“ We are so very sorry for Linda’s passing. She was a very Sweet, Kind lady. Always a warm smile every time you met her, or when walking by her yard. Our thoughts and prayers of Comfort go out to All her Family and especially Steve. Larry and Carolyn Carroll



Carolyn Carroll - October 08 at 09:02 PM



“ Mary & Roxi,
Jerry and I are so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. I will never forget the time I was in the grocery store in New Boston. We had not lived here very long and didn't know very many people. I started talking to her and asked if she had a sister named Mary, a sister named Connie, a brother John and a sister named Roxie. She looked at me and asked "how do you know that". I explained that I was Dick's sister. We talked for a little while and then she proceeded to do her job for the Lottery. That was the last time I ever saw her. Let your memories give you comfort at this difficult time.
Barb & Jerry Schubert

Barbara Schubert - October 08 at 08:08 PM



“ Carolyn Painter lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Sippel



Carolyn Painter - October 08 at 07:20 PM



“ Sherry Hood lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Sippel



Sherry Hood - October 08 at 05:44 PM



“ Deepest Sympathy to Steve and Family. So very sorry for your loss. Judy Cate Beck



Merrill and Judy Beck - October 08 at 04:44 PM



“ Hi to all of you. And lots of love.

Linda is one of the reasons I wish we all lived closer to each other. I guess I should say, (since all of you are close to each other - except the one that left for Texas) I wish I lived closer to all of you. The older I get, the truer this is.

I had forgotten, if I ever knew, that Linda was a Johnson. You might remember that my mother was a Johnson as well so I also had a Grandpa Johnson. And I used to help him with chores and especially remember planting potatoes with him in Tampico.

I just want you to know that I love you and I'm sorry that you have lost a part of each of you. I know she will be lookin' down on you and will be by your side even when you don't feel her presence.

Please hold each other a little tighter now. If it's possible to feel a "virtual" hug please know I'm sending one to each of you.

I love you,
Marabee

Marabee - October 08 at 04:42 PM



“ My sympathy to the family for your loss.

Patricia Dimmick Benson

Patricia Dimmick Benson - October 08 at 03:02 PM



“ Sending heartfelt thoughts and prayers to Linda's family. So very sorry for your loss

Jane Ann Groharing - October 08 at 08:51 PM



“ Mary & Roxie,

I hope you can find comfort in your happy memories with Linda. The whole Tipton family has happy memories with you all from many, many fun times together. Please take care and know that we're all thinking of you.

Mae (Tipton) Stiles

Mabel M. Stiles - October 13 at 06:17 PM



“ Kathy Monshower lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Sippel



Kathy monshower - October 08 at 02:51 PM



“ I have a lot of good memories with Linda. She will be missed dearly.



Gina Phillips - October 08 at 02:39 PM



“ Penny McGinnis lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Sippel



Penny McGinnis - October 08 at 02:20 PM