

Linda Marlene Richards (nee White)

APRIL 1, 2021

Linda Marlene Richards (White) was born on September 12, 1947 to her parents Edward and Gladys (Hanson) White. Linda passed on peacefully in her sleep in the early morning of April 1, 2021 in her home in Regina, Saskatchewan.



Linda was born in Broadview, Saskatchewan and was raised on their family farm with her older brother Wayne and younger brother Kevin. She attended school in Kipling, Saskatchewan earning her high school diploma in 1965.

She spent most of her working life in a near 30-year long career with the Federal Government, working in various offices between Regina and Saskatoon, continuing her education throughout with many courses and classes expanding her knowledge and advancing her position. Linda retired from the government in 2011, dedicating her time to her many passions such as reading, book clubs, her church, and spending time with her family.

Linda was predeceased by her parents Ed and Gladys. She is survived by her daughters Krista (Corrie) Kelln and Kara Lee (Nolan) Richards-Hubbard; grandchildren Chase (Raylene) and Morgan (Nicholas) Richards-Muskaluk, Logan and Mikayla Kelln; great-grandson Wyatt Martuo; brothers Wayne (Merle) White

and Kevin (Amanda) White; many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, cousins, and friends around the world who mourn the passing of this bright, warm, beautiful Soul.

Private Family Service will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (CST) with Eastside United Church, Regina, Saskatchewan with Rev. Russell Mitchell-Walker officiating. You are invited to attend the service virtually via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EastsideUnitedChurch>. Linda will be laid to rest with her parents in Lansdowne Memorial Gardens, Kipling, Saskatchewan.

Linda was an avid book lover, encouraging and instilling that love into all members of her family. She would always have a book or two with her for her daughters, nieces, nephews, and grandkids. As well as books, she had a love for animals. She always had cats that she loved and spoiled and would always bring treats for her daughters' dogs, who she referred to as her 'grand fur babies'. She was compassionate and cared deeply for her family, friends, and those in the community around her. The following organizations are just a few of the causes that were very important to her. And so, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Regina Humane Society ([donate](#)), Regina Public Library ([donate](#)), Carmichael Outreach ([donate](#)) or CityKidz Regina ([donate](#))

Messages of Condolence

I will miss Linda very much. I will especially miss her warm friendly smile and her great sense of humour. She was a lovely kind friend. My deepest condolences to her extended family.

— **Charlotte Strandlund**

I worked with Linda so many years in Regina. She was my great mentor and friend. She showed me a lot in finance field. She was also my neighbour in Regina. I will miss her so much. She was always commenting on my post on fb even when it was in French or my mother tongue. She always had a nice word. Rest in Power my friend. Till we meet again

— **Antoinette Ngenzirabona**

Our backgrounds were so similar, along with our family roots. We played together as kids, lost touch through raising our children, then reconnected through church. We only just begun....

Linda and I were both born in 1947 so I feel she was far too young to not be with us anymore. My prayers go out to her family as you come to terms with the new norm. May your memories sustain you all. You were all so very important to her.

— **Elaine Hill (my mom was a White)**

In time may your many happy memories of times spent with Linda bring you comfort.

Linda will be missed. My sincere condolences, Shirley

— **Shirley Edwards**

Linda was not only my cousin but a close friend and was a great support to me during my mother's illness and death and ever since. I will miss her cheerfulness, friendship and understated, not to say sneaky, sense of humour. She believed in angels watching over us and so perhaps, there is now one more.

Rest in peace, cuz.

Loretta

— **loretta hawkes**

Linda had a very warm and caring spirit. In my years working with her in Saskatoon with Service Canada, she brought a lot of humour and warmth to our team. Linda truly cared for everyone she came in contact with and sought to provide the best possible service. Every new person she met provided an opportunity to make a friend.

My daughters will forever measure the quality of everyone's lefsa against Linda's standard - she was so generous to share!

Linda's family had her heart and soul, and she loved each and everyone of you.

— Georgina Taylor

Linda and I worked for the federal government and had a ton of fun together with our mutual friend Bonny Manz (nee Hanberg.) We bowled, curled and had a ton of fun together; Krista at time babysitting my brood while we were out. Linda was always one of the good ones: a keeper, a kind and lovely woman. My heart goes out to you Krista and Kara and to all of Linda's family. May cherished memories of Linda ease the pain of your loss.

— Gail Douglas

There is a memory I have of Linda I would like to share...I will always remember and be truly grateful for the time Linda helped me out of a tight spot. She was then living in an apartment on 9th Street East in Saskatoon and we were both working for the same federal government office. I had promised a mutual co-worker of ours, Shannon, that I would feed and look after Shannon's cat for the weekend. Shannon happened to live in the same apartment block as Linda. Over Saturday/Sunday night, the city received a huge dump of snow. It was extremely difficult just driving to the apartment and, when I arrived, I realized that I would not be able to park without becoming stuck. So, I kept driving.

As there were no cell phones back then, I had to drive to my sister's for the planned family supper before I could call Linda to ask her if she could visit the pussy cat on my behalf. She immediately said Yes. When leaving my sister's, I called Linda again and she was waiting on the sidewalk as I drove up. There was so much snow, even on the road, that stopping was not feasible, so I basically tossed Shannon's keys to Linda out through the open car window as I drove past. Linda made an terrific catch and went off to take care of the by now starving, at least in its mind, kitty.

I knew Shannon's cat was in excellent hands and Linda would not let me down. I could trust her completely to do what she had promised to do and do it well. It was such a relief to me that the cat was going to be taken care of in spite of the storm. When I was thanking Linda again at work, she said she would have never allowed Shannon's cat to go wanting. As she put it, "not on our watch" would that ever happen.

The world is a lesser place now that Linda has left it. She was a kind and gentle soul, empathetic, compassionate - so many other adjectives also apply - with a very astute sense of humour. Every interaction Linda and I had, both at work and otherwise, was positive and I very much enjoyed being in her company.

My fervent sympathies go to Krista and Kara Lee, Wayne and Kevin, the other

members of Linda's family and her friends,
Carol

— Carol Robinson

We are deeply saddened by the News of the loss of Linda. (Our cousin) Our condolences goes out to the whole family at this sad time. Kim, Linda, Jimmy (Wight) our mom was Vivian (White) sister to Uncle Eddie. We as little kids would go and visit all the farms, what wonderful memories. Big Linda as she was known to me , as I was little Linda. As my parents named me after her and I would look up to her when we visit uncle Eddie and Aunt Gladys farm. Such memories off Linda. sorry for your loss

— Linda wolosnick (Wight) (White)

Linda was a wonderful person and a great co-worker. She was always pleasant, happy, patient and understanding.
Condolences to her family and cherish the memories

— Nolin McGowan

I am sorry to hear of her loss. Condolences to her family.

Linda was a wonderful person. I worked with her for several years in the Saskatoon office. She was always happy and easy to talk to. I remember her love of reading and the many Facebook posts related to reading and animals.

She will be missed.

— Manorie Perera-Olver

I knew Linda for about 40 years in all, she was indeed my most valuable and dedicated employee and friend throughout the years. I hired her three times in the finance realm: twice in the Federal Government (CEIC and IRSAS) and the third hire was for the Cowessess First Nation helping with the accounting for our two gas stations.

We had many coffee and breakfast meetings over the years keeping in touch with family happenings, local news and discussing local events we were involved with, such as the Annual Oskana Cup Aboriginal Youth Hockey Tournament and the Cowessess Wild West Rodeos. For the last 10 years, we met at least once a month for brekkie and updates on happenings.

Linda was also a top volunteer who enjoyed working with Indigenous Peoples from all over. We worked on eight Oskana Cup tournaments and three Cowessess Wild West Rodeos (this is when she showed me her picture riding a horse at 2 years old.) For more fun she also became a Board Member on the Boys and Girls Club of Regina for a few years.

Linda was always an excellent team player, and she was a loyal friend. She gave me a hilarious T-shirt which said, "I'm so busy I don't know if I lost my horse or found a rope." She knew how busy it was to get everything done for the Rodeo and the hockey tournament and she was always the lead cashier at the front gates.

Linda is truly one of a kind and irreplaceable...life just won't be the same anymore. Prayers for Linda as she prepares for her Angel wings in heaven and Prayers for all of us to start a new chapter, a new beginning.

Thank-You God for giving us Linda.

She loved her family dearly,
Deepest Condolences to all family, relations and friends !~

Shelley M Lavallee

— **Shelley M Lavallee**

I have so many wonderful memories of Linda from the dance studio. She enjoyed her dancing so much! We also took many road trips together when Linda was in Saskatoon and the girls were in Regina. No one could make the trip go faster! We had the best gab-fests all the way to Regina and back.

Big hugs to Krista and Kara. Your mom loved you so very, very much.

Alison Toews

— **Alison Toews**

Linda was a great friend via our work at the federal government in Saskatoon. It is with loss I hear of her death. She was a great friend and stuck up for me at work where there was always a crisis it seemed. She was great at dispersing with people arguing in her car and saved the day one time or another. I will miss her tone in her voice and her laughter and great friendship. I remember her daughters and some grandchildren she loved to talk about. I will miss her greatly.

— **Phil David Morris**



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