



Linda Christine DeGrande

March 30, 1947 - September 26, 2011

Linda Christine DeGrande, age 64, passed away on September 26, 2011, surrounded by friends and family, after a six-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Born on March 30, 1947, in Vancouver, WA, to Roy and Rita Bakker, she graduated from Evergreen High School in 1965. On May 5, 1967, Linda married her high school sweetheart Harvey DeGrande while he was serving in the US Air Force. Other than the two and a half years during part of Harvey's military duty assignments, Linda lived her entire life in the Vancouver area. Upon returning home after Harvey's military service Linda went to work for the S, P, & S. Railroad Credit Union which would later become Columbia Credit Union. During this time sons Darin and Scott were born. While working at the credit union, Linda established many friendships with employees as well as with members, often helping several generations of families. Linda retired in 2009 after 38 years with the credit union. Linda shared her love of cars with Harvey, and could often be found riding in their 1964 Impala convertible at cruise-ins from the Rod Run in Long Beach to Hot August Nights in Reno. She enjoyed trips to Long Beach while listening to books on tape, traveling to Holland to visit family, annual ski trips to Lake Tahoe, and in later years visits to Scottsdale, Arizona to just relax and enjoy the sun. One of Linda's favorite things to do was spend time with her grandchildren, cheering them on at soccer games or driving them down the "scary hill" to play at the park. Besides her devotion to her family, Linda enjoyed spending time with her friends. The gals learned of the importance of friendship to Linda through

bowling leagues, time spent traveling together, car shows, concerts, and play dates with grandchildren. Linda is survived by her husband of 44 years, Harvey; her sons Darin (Heather) and Scott; her three grandchildren Donovan, Delaney, and Reyer; her brother Kieth; her sister Nancy; and countless close friends and family. Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Rita Bakker, and her brother Karl. In memory of Linda, there will be a Celebration of Life gathering at the Evergreen Memorial Gardens on Monday, October 3rd, at 12:30 p.m. A reception will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Humane Society in honor of Linda's love for animals. Linda's family would like to extend a special appreciation to the Kaiser Permanente Hospice Staff.

Tribute Wall



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Evergreen Memorial Gardens - July 03, 2025 at 09:05 PM

DP

“ *It is with deepest sorrow and regret that I am forced to say farewell to my beautiful friend. Her beaming smile was the radiant sun that warmed us and her huge heart beats within all who knew her. She will be missed beyond imaging yet I know that some time, some place, some where, we will meet again. In the meantime, I will see you in a rainbow, a colorful butterfly, a bird's song, a lovely cloud, a majestic tree, knowing you will always be part of the beauty that remains with us. You will always be with us sharing your boundless love. To Harvey, her children, siblings and thousands of friends please accept my deepest sympathy. I know how hard it is to say Goodbye for now. Donna Workman Pierce*

Donna Workman Pierce - December 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ *Dear Linda, I know you will be looking down, smiling and laughing with your great laugh at all your love ones. Thank you for being such a loving, supportive mother-in-law to our daughter. From the beginning you made her feel a part of your family. You and Harvey did a great job raising your two sons. Darin is a wonderful son, husband, father and son-in-law and we love him dearly. We know the family ties you have woven to make all this possible. You always made us feel welcome anytime we were at your home. The memories and pictures we have of the Disneyland trip you planned will last forever. It was such a special time for all of us.*

DICK & SHIRLEY VALEOS - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DV

“ cont...to Linda, It was always great to see you at the beach when you would pop in to see us when we were there. Lastly, your devotion to all your grandchildren is unmeasurable. I feel your granddaughter has acquired many of your great traits (talents) and she will carry the on for you into the future. We are honored to have known and loved you. Dick & Shirley Valeos

DICK & SHIRLEY VALEOS - October 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Harvey & Family, You have my my greatest sympathy and my heart is truly saddened. Linda will always be with you, her spirit and good will be part of you no matter where you go. I will forever remember her hearty laugh. I feel truly blessed to have worked with her for so many years and to have so many fond memories of Linda. Best Regards to you all during this difficult time.

Laurie Kusch - September 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ We are so very sorry to learn of Linda passing.

Kathy - September 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to Harvey and Linda's family. May Christ's love and peace bring you all comfort at this time.

Ray & Grace Humes - September 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ My heart goes out to Harvey and his entire family. I am so sorry for your loss, Linda was a truly remarkable person and leaves behind so many wonderful memories for me. I will never forget her, she helped me for so many years, she was so respected by many. I will miss her. Take Care everyone. Rene

Rene Matson - September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Linda was such a special person who will be greatly missed. I have such fond memories of working with her and her great laugh. I am a better person from knowing her. My prayers are with the family.

Pam Hunter - September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Harvey and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Linda was such a special person. I will remember all the special trips and times we spent together (She always won at Bingo). The world is a smaller place without her, she will be truly missed, but remembered well. Love, Lori & Rod

Lori & Rod O'Hearn - September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ You know once in a while there is someone who touches our lives who's qualities set them apart, Linda was just that person! The memory of her friendship will always be cherished, she was a very important colleague and a special part of my credit union family, she was definitely one of a kind.... With Deepest Sympathy Harvey and family~~~ May peace be with you, within you and around you now and in the days ahead.

Karen Lacy - September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Linda was a friend, a mentor, and a true blessing to all that knew her! Time stands still when you lose someone you love and I will always cherish my memories of her. My condolences to the entire DeGrande family. May God comfort you all and bring peace to your hearts.

Dave Robison - September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Harvey & Family: Losing a person as special as Linda leaves a hole in your heart and lives. She was truly a unique person full of energy, wit, and life. She will be missed by her friends and countless members she served over the years. She cared about people and impacted every life she touched with her honesty and humor. You are all in my prayers.

Lee Burgess - September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ Dear DeGrande Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I can feel the world's energy has changed with the loss of Linda's wonderful humor and spirit. I loved her and will miss her very much but I know she is now an Angel and watches over her loved ones.

Nona Perry - September 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Linda was a great lady and a wonderful friend. I will miss her so much. She will live forever in our hearts and memories. My deepest sympathy to her loving family and her many friends who are feeling this great loss.

Bobbie Bonnicksen - September 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM