



Linda Ann Quain

April 13, 1948 - October 19, 2024

Family and dear friends, we sorrowfully announce the passing of Linda Ann Quain on October 19, 2024. She was preceded in death by her father Peter Kenneth Quain and mother Marie Ann “Penny” Quain.

She is survived by her siblings Kenneth Quain (Lauren), Joseph Quain (Cherise), James Quain (Karina) and Timothy Quain and by her prized nephews and nieces, Peter Quain (Brianna), Megan Quain, Kelsey Gage (Travis), Patrick Quain.

Linda was born on April 13, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan to Marie (Smith) and Peter Quain. Her early education in Detroit began at Christ the King School and continued at Immaculata High School, where she graduated in 1966. Her higher education was extensive and included a BA degree in English from Western Michigan University, an MSW from Eastern Michigan University, an MA degree in Education from Michigan State University and extensive post-grad work at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University in the field of social work. Linda was a lifelong learner and was always in pursuit of the “state of the art” in her field.

Linda’s professional career began as an elementary teacher in the rural town of Yale, Michigan. Eventually Linda’s professional interests evolved to include the more complex problems of special education. Her next three positions, at

Arbor Heights, The Adrian Training School and finally the Beacon School increased her responsibilities and challenged her knowledge and experience, bringing the world of social work to bear on the complex problems of deeply troubled adolescent youth. Linda met these challenges with steely determination, advancing steadily and culminating with her rise to the position of principal at The Beacon School. In total, these positions equaled 44 years in social services!!

Although she was extremely dedicated to her work, Linda enjoyed many activities, particularly if they involved outings with family and friends. She was a world traveler, an admirer of the arts, a serious gardener, an avid sports fan, a dog aficionado, amateur genealogist, book lover, a movie buff, serious walker, and a Michigan/Detroit/Ann Arbor booster.

Most importantly, Linda was a deep humanitarian, both personally and professionally. She always pulled for and supported the underdog. Always ready to extend an open hand, Linda did so, to comfort, to teach, to understand, to support and could always detect that ray of light, in the darkest of human situations. Linda was the no nonsense “real deal”, in a world of increasing hype, illusion and misinformation. These characteristics made her a solid leader, an amazing friend and an incredible sibling.

All Family and Friends are welcome to attend a celebration of Linda Quain's life on Sunday, November 3, 2024 between 12:00 noon and 3:00 pm at: Conor O'Neills 318 South Main Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104 The Celtic Room.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

NOV 3. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Conor O'Neill's
318 South Main Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
<https://www.conoroneills.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Linda was always a Bright Light in the world. I knew her for years and her warmth, humor, kindness, and intelligence were always present. She was always curious . So much more to say about this wonderful friend, but she will be missed!*

Judy Snider - October 31, 2024 at 08:32 AM

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“ *My condolences to the family of Linda Quain!!! I worked at Beacon Day Treatment for many years and although I worked in the Elementary Unit, Linda made sure to get to know every one of us and always had a smile or kind words to say. Rest in peace, Linda!*

Lettie Cain - October 24, 2024 at 03:50 PM

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“ *Our cousin Linda watched the Smith kids whenever Jim and Yvonne went out of town. She was so much fun. She was such a positive influence in our lives. Always the teacher!*
Patty Smith Shaw

Patty Shaw - October 24, 2024 at 03:43 PM

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“ Condolences 🌸 to the entire Quain Family. We became friends while teaching some of the most difficult students in juvenile detention facilities. Linda was amazing to observe, very firm yet consistently fair resulting in positive attitude-behavior changes with all students who were blessed to have worked with her! She was an Angel, actually changing troubled students life's. Linda's humor was non stop changing any negative info a Positive. (I've never laughed so hard car-pooling across this state) along with singing Motown Songs to & from destinations!..... Thanks for the Great Energy and Peace my Friend! ☮️



Ed Mizinski - October 24, 2024 at 12:18 PM