



Linda Beaman

January 8, 1953 - December 15, 2020

Heaven gained a special angel on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 Linda Beaman, 67, of Ankeny, Iowa. Linda took her last breath with her three girls at her bedside at MercyOne Hospice, laughing, loving, and sharing memories that only mothers and daughters can have.

Linda was born January 8, 1953 in Washington, Iowa to Cleo and Gladys Orris. Linda enjoyed a wonderful childhood with her four amazing siblings, Judy, Ron, Debbie, and Sherri.

Her sister Debbie was born with Down Syndrome and it was then, that Linda decided her career path was to become a special education teacher. Linda attended the University of Northern Iowa where she met her best friend and the man of her dreams, Mike Beaman.

Mike and Linda celebrated their 43rd anniversary in August. They taught together and started their family in Manning, Iowa. In 1983, Mike and Linda and their three daughters, Melissa, Jessica and Angela moved to Ankeny. Linda had a very distinguished teaching career; in 1989, Linda was honored by being named the National Special Educator of the Year. During her teaching years she was also a tutor, mentor and a Special Olympics coach, impacting countless lives. Linda was passionate about integrating children with special needs with their peers throughout the school system and the

community.

While teaching was so important to her, being a mom was her favorite job! Linda always made sure her family was together. Family was the center of Linda's being and she was the best at every single phase of motherhood. She lugged 3 young girls to the fields to watch their dad coach, gave life advice during the dramatic teen years and allowed her daughters to learn from their mistakes. Linda taught and guided her daughters up until her very last days and she will continue to shape their lives in the best possible ways. They will be selfless, compassionate, and strong just like her.

Linda retired from Ankeny schools in 2010, with her early retirement package came her first granddaughter Lyla JoLin. She was blessed with two more grandchildren, Olive Irene and Harris "Hank" Michael. Being a grandma fulfilled her purpose and she was happiest when her house was filled with toys, laughter and life.

Linda fought through numerous medical challenges for three years to stay here for her family. Her family witnessed miracles and watched in awe as she pushed through setback after setback. During these past three years there were very special people that were in her corner, especially Dr. Adeel, and Randy and Connie Hefner, who gave her endless support and encouragement.

Linda is survived by her mother, Gladys Orris; sisters, Judy Jones, Sherri Orris, Debbie Orris; her brother, Ron Orris; daughters, Melissa Beaman, Jessica Beaman, Angela Beaman; grandchildren, Lyla Beaman, Olive Beaman, Hank Beaman and the love of her life and best friend, her husband, Mike Beaman,

If desired, those who loved Linda may send memorial contributions to the

family of Linda Beaman in care of Dyamond Memorial, 121 SW 3rd Ankeny, IA 50023.

A Celebration of Life will take place September 12, 2021 from 1:00PM - 4:00 PM at the Beaman's Home, 829 SE Trilein Drive, Ankeny, Iowa.

Linda's family would like everyone to continue Linda's legacy of kindness. Her favorites sayings were "make good choices", "take care of each other", and "if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all."

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

SEP **12.** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Beaman's Home
829 SE Trilein Drive
Ankeny, IA 50021

Tribute Wall

DM

“ 2 files added to the album Linda Beaman



Dyamond Memorial - August 24, 2021 at 01:15 PM

BD

“ Mike Beaman and your daughters, there are no words to describe how I am deeply sad and sorry to hear the passing of your wife/mother. I once had Linda Beaman as a Special Education Teacher from 3rd Grade until 5th Grade. She was such an amazing, funny, well-meaning, kind-hearted, selfless, and fun teacher! She always made class/learning fun and exciting! I just can't believe she's gone! Im so grateful and will forever, cherish all the memories I made with her as 1 of her students! My heart goes out to you all!

Brenden Doran - March 25, 2021 at 01:37 PM



“ Meat & Cheese Sympathy Gift Crate was purchased for the family of Linda Beaman.



December 29, 2020 at 02:57 PM

DR

“ Mike and family. So sorry about Linda’s passing. We all have great memories of Linda~educator and friend. Cherish them as the days come and go.
Dick & Sue Rasmussen

Dick and Sue Rasmussen - December 26, 2020 at 11:49 AM

MI

“ Merry Christmas Linda! Missing you so much! Love you forever!
Rest In Peace my dear!

Mike - December 25, 2020 at 01:17 PM

SR

“ Our sympathies to Linda's immediate and extended families and friends. I am so sorry Linda had to work against such health issues later in life.

Once, maybe in 2nd grade, Linda (and of course Gladys) held Linda's birthday party at her house, with the whole class invited for inside activities and a sitdown meal and cake and ice cream, (in January?) I believe Linda invited the whole class because she viewed everyone in her class as her best most important friends. Also, when at school we all celebrated each others' birthdays together as a class. Linda took this principle to heart.

Through 12th grade, I only remember Linda showing wisdom, hard work, good humor, restraint, and many other important ideals. I'm not surprised at all that Linda went on to become a stellar school teacher devoted to her family.

Steve Roberts - December 21, 2020 at 08:10 PM

MR

“ I had the pleasure of growing up with Linda during our high school years. Some of the fondest memories revolve around the church youth group. There was a good group of us that learned a lot about mostly positive things. Looking back, Linda was a key leader of the group, she was teaching even then!
Our deepest sympathies to all of Linda's family. She will be well remembered!

Mike and Mary Jo Roberts

Mike Roberts - December 21, 2020 at 03:32 AM

SH

“ I remember Linda from High School and growing up in our small hometown of Ainsworth Ia together..she was always a very kind person and her smile and twinkle in her eyes are etched in my mind forever..Remember her well as we were both in Band together...Her Dad was one of my first bosses. after graduating from business college..loved her Mom and her siblings.. Wishing her well in this next adventure and sending her family Huge Hugs and much Love.

Sherrie Hazen - December 20, 2020 at 09:16 PM

DA

“ To say Linda was wonderful would be the biggest understatement of all time. Linda lived “caring” everyday. She was a great friend, advocate, teacher, mother, and wife. Rest in pass, dear lady.

Dennis and Marcia Albertson

Dennis Albertson - December 20, 2020 at 06:43 PM

KL

“ We have always respected Mike and Linda for being great educators and parents--such an awesome family! Mike, you and the girls and the grandkids are in our thoughts and prayers. Hugs to you all.

Kelcy and Warren Lofgren

Kelcy Lofgren - December 19, 2020 at 07:46 PM

RR

“ We are sending our sincerest condolences to Mike and his three special daughters. Janice remembers all the students Linda and she worked with to help make their education more inclusive with all the other students in the classroom. Linda was the kindest person I know and it showed in her interactions with the kids. Mike and Linda raised very special daughters who embody her kindness and empathy for others. May your memories give you comfort and peace in the days ahead. Janice and Randy Ratcliff

Randy and Janice Ratcliff - December 19, 2020 at 06:34 PM

PL

“ Our sincere condolences to Mike and family. Such a heartbreaking loss...
Hawkeye Heaven has gained a special angel!!

Ted and Paula Leverenz

Paula Leverenz - December 19, 2020 at 04:50 PM

LB

“ *Many good memories as colleagues in Manning Schools. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Mike, and the entire family.* ”



Lue Baker - December 19, 2020 at 02:44 PM

LL

“ *We send our sincere condolences to Mike on the loss of his wife and to his family on the loss of their mother/grandmother. Linda was special to all the people she touched. We have fond memories of her during our teaching careers in the Ankeny school system.* ”

Lois and Steve Lamansky

Lois Lamansky - December 19, 2020 at 12:55 PM

EH

“ *My first years teaching in Ankeny was at Parkview and both Linda and Mike were the warmest friendliest teachers. My heart aches for the family. She is gone too soon.* ”

Elaine Hood - December 18, 2020 at 11:22 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Linda Beaman.* ”



December 18, 2020 at 10:41 PM

TA

“ We have such wonderful memories of Linda as Andy’s favorite teacher! The best is when Linda got the Parkview band to include Andy with a freestanding cymbal and mallet. He was the first in her class to be part of the band. We both cried. Linda and Mike and the girls all hold very special places in our hearts forever!
The Ackermanns

The Ackermanns - December 18, 2020 at 09:23 PM

AN

“ Sending our sympathy and love to the whole family. Linda was a beautiful person inside and out. Prayers will be sent for peace and comfort.

Andy and Lori Nielsen - December 18, 2020 at 09:16 PM



“ Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Linda Beaman.



December 18, 2020 at 09:08 PM

KS

“ Linda was a very caring person...we shared time as our daughters (Angie & Amy) are the same age.....many hours watching softball.....wonderful memories.Prayers to the whole family.

Kathy Sibbel - December 18, 2020 at 08:55 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Beaman.*



December 18, 2020 at 08:31 PM