



Linda Melvin

May 5, 1941 - January 14, 2021

Linda Ree Melvin, 79, lover of life, family, dancing, laughter and card playing, passed away at the Bloomfield Care Center on Thursday, January 14, 2021, after a long battle with dementia. She was a force of nature: fiercely devoted to her family and friends, smart and competitive, thoughtful and kind, hard-working, a master hostess, and - to those who loved her most – the best wife, mother, and grandmother to walk the earth.

Linda Kerby was born in Coatsville, Missouri to Wilma Weldon and Gordon Kerby on May 5, 1941. The eldest of five children, she loved playing basketball, worked hard at home on the farm and in school, and graduated as the salutatorian of her high school class.

She met and dated Phil Melvin while in high school and they married on June 7, 1959, shortly after her graduation. They would remain married for 61 years. From their early days together as a young couple, Phil and Linda would hop in the car and take family vacations around the country, creating memories for themselves and their four children that would last lifetimes. At home, Linda managed the farm's finances, helped with homework, and always went the extra mile to make birthdays and holidays special. Her ability to prepare delicious holiday feasts for 20 or more people with ease was legendary

As soon as her youngest child was in school, Linda embarked on her

professional career, beginning as secretary of the Bloomfield Christian Church. She then worked as a legal secretary & tax specialist at the Ball law offices and then at the Richardson law offices in Bloomfield, Iowa. She came into her own professionally as a paralegal & tax specialist with Osborn, Bauerle & Milani in Ottumwa, Iowa. Her reputation for meticulous, articulate work earned her the respect of attorneys and judges throughout southeastern Iowa.

In retirement, Linda and Phil enjoyed traveling, especially to their winter getaway in Mesa, Arizona, where they had many friends and fun times over the years. Linda honed her card playing skills there on many other unsuspecting retirees.

Linda is survived by her husband, Philip, two siblings, Michael Kerby and Joyce Seager, her four children, Teresa (Glen) Adams, Robert (Pamela) Melvin, Tammy (Michael Morris) Miller, and Joe (Kevin Hunt) Melvin, three grandchildren, Jessica (Adam) Hootman, Nicholas (Mari) Melvin, and Levi (Emily) Miller, and six great-grandchildren.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Wilma and Gordon Kerby, and two of her sisters, Nancy Gordon and Karen May.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bloomfield Christian Church or Davis County Dollars for Scholars.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at the Bloomfield Christian Church. Burial will follow at the IOOF Cemetery. Following burial, a lunch will be held at the Bloomfield Christian Church.

Cemetery Details

IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bloomfield Christian Church
107 N. Davis St.
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Melvin*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Tammy, So sorry to hear about your mom. She was such a beautiful lady inside and out. Sending my thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Sherri Hughes*

sherri I hughes - January 22, 2021 at 04:17 PM



“ *I know my mom has been waiting for Linda to arrive in heaven so that they could chat and brag about their kids and grandkids. I know the loss you are feeling here on earth, but also know heaven has received a kind, caring and loving soul. I hope you all find strength in each other and peace as you remember happier times. Praying for healing hearts and strength as you move forward. Love to you all!!*

Monica Augspurger - January 22, 2021 at 01:55 PM



“ *To all the Melvin family, we are so sorry for your loss. I knew Linda was a great lady but did not realize what an impressive working life she'd had. She will be missed by many in this community. Dan and Sheila Westegard*

Sheila S Westegard - January 22, 2021 at 10:00 AM

JA

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember our childhood days fondly doing things together with our families. Take care.

Julie and Steve Augspurger

Julie Augspurger - January 20, 2021 at 08:57 AM

JW

“ I loved visiting with Linda and teaching 2 of her sweet grandchildren. May God comfort you all through this sad time.

Jayne Wells - January 18, 2021 at 03:29 PM

JJ

“ Hey Diner, I am so sorry to hear about your mom. She had to be a good mother to keep you in line. My prayers to you and your family
Jarry Shipley

Jarry Shipley II - January 16, 2021 at 09:57 PM

WD

“ Deepest sympathy to the Melvin family. She and Phil were always fun to be around.

Wendell and Nancy Davis

Wendell Davis - January 16, 2021 at 08:13 PM

SH

“ I am so sorry for her family's loss. Praying that you are comforted knowing that she is once again, a healthy young woman, and one day, you can be reunited.

Shelly Heggen - January 16, 2021 at 07:34 PM

KE

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Kelly Englefield - January 16, 2021 at 11:27 AM

BT

“ *Remember fondly going to movies, playing cards and sharing meals with Linda and Phil. So many laughs! Such great friends! Bob and Bette Taylor*

Bob and Bette Taylor - January 16, 2021 at 11:17 AM

JM

“ *4 files added to the album Memories Album*



Joe Melvin - January 16, 2021 at 10:39 AM

SH

“ Susan Houglan lit a candle in memory of Linda Melvin



Susan Houglan - January 16, 2021 at 09:10 AM

LR

“ Hi thier to the family I thought and prayers go out to you all she was a nice sweet lady she will be miss lynn roberts

Lynn roberts - January 15, 2021 at 11:08 PM

LR

“ Lynn Roberts lit a candle in memory of Linda Melvin



Lynn roberts - January 15, 2021 at 11:06 PM

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“ Hello Melvin family, so sorry to hear of Linda passing. So enjoyed her, she was a warm and friendly lady. I use to babysit you kids while Phil and Linda went out many years ago. Can't remember how many children at that time. Always were easy to take care of they were great kids. Would not know some of you today but my thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. God Bless and keep you .

Fran Harris (Campbell) - January 15, 2021 at 04:55 PM