



## Mrs. Linda Kathleen Diehl

June 25, 1946 - February 8, 2024

After a life filled with love, adventure, and education, Linda Kathleen Diehl passed away peacefully on February 8, 2024, in Naples, FL, at the age of 77. Linda was a beloved sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

Linda was born on June 25, 1946, in Valley Stream, New York, to her parents Edward and Elfriede Futterer. She was a source of inspiration and positivity for those she came across in her life. Linda shared an unbreakable bond with her younger brother, Edward, and took pride in being a big sister.

Linda was a dedicated educator who held a BS degree in Education from SUNY Oswego and two master's degrees in early childhood and literacy. She taught 4th grade for 3 years before raising her 3 children. For most of her professional life, Linda served in the Pittsfield community through the public school system. Her most significant contribution was as the Head of The Parent-Child Home Program, where she passionately advocated and nurtured the youngest members of the Pittsfield community.

Linda met the love of her life, George, while attending a fraternity fundraiser at Clarkson University in 1966. Linda and George were married in 1969 and made their home in Pittsfield, MA, for over 50 years. There they raised their three beautiful children, Christopher, Brian, and Aimee. Linda and George celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family in July 2019.

Linda found immense happiness in spending time with her family and friends and was always the consummate conversationalist. She was always upbeat and positive and found a way to be the life of any gathering or party. Her sense of humor and deep sense of caring was palpable for anyone who was around her; it was nearly impossible not to smile when around Linda.

In retirement, Linda and George embarked on countless adventures, exploring the world together, always seeking authentic experiences and connections. Together they created cherished memories in Pittsfield, Naples, and on many trips. In her leisure time, Linda could often be found indulging in her love for Mahjong, a game she approached with enthusiasm and skill. Linda was also active in Zonta and the Naples Women's Club. Her zest for life, love for her family, and dedication to her community will be fondly remembered by all who knew her.

Linda is survived by her loving family, including her beloved husband, George. She also leaves behind a brother, Edward, and sister-in-law, Diane, along with her three nephews, Andy, Braden, and Garrett. Her children, Christopher, Brian, and Aimee, and their respective spouses, Susan, Danielle, and Paul, will miss her dearly. Linda's six cherished grandchildren, Madison, Jason, Brendan, Noelle, Maya, and Wyatt will always hold a special place in their hearts for their much-loved grandmother.

Linda's legacy of kindness, curiosity, and courage will live on through the many lives she touched. She will be profoundly missed by her family, friends, and all those whose lives she touched yet forever remembered in the hearts of those who loved her.

Funeral Notice:

A Celebration of Life for Linda K. Diehl will be Friday, May 17, 2024, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 am at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. Christopher Malatesta, Pastor of St. Agnes Church, Pittsfield, MA,

In lieu of flowers, donations in Linda's memory can be made to Berkshire Theatre Group, ([www.berkshiretheatregroup.org/support](http://www.berkshiretheatregroup.org/support))

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Church

89 Briggs Ave.

Pittsfield, MA 01201

<http://stcharlespittsfield.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Linda Kathleen Diehl.*



May 13, 2024 at 10:37 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about the passing of Linda Diehl. I remember her beautiful smile, fun and loving personality and her great love and friendship for others. The last time I saw Linda we had her and George to dinner at our home in the Berkshires, the Morewood School. We are heading up there this Tuesday and this visit will filled with sweet thoughts and memories if Linda. My thoughts and prayers to George and her beautiful family.*

**Karen Clydesdale** - February 25, 2024 at 07:52 AM



“ *Frank Joe Lattimore lit a candle in memory of Linda Diehl*



**Frank Joe Lattimore** - February 22, 2024 at 03:04 PM

KS

“ Dear George and family,  
Parvis and I were so saddened to learn about Linda’s passing. She was such a wonderful and joyful person and neighbor and we will so miss her. We send you our deepest condolences.

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**Kay Sadighi** - February 21, 2024 at 06:44 PM

BK

“ To George and the Diehl family, I was saddened to learn of Linda's passing. My prayers are with you for strength and comfort during this difficult time. It is my hope that your thoughts dwell on her amazing life and all the blessings you shared during your time together rather than this moment of transition as she enters a blissful eternity. The Klem family offers our condolences.

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**Bernie Klem** - February 21, 2024 at 01:13 PM

DS

“ Dear George and family, my sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved Linda. I know she was a very special lady and I always enjoyed seeing her and conversing at Crosby and in the community. May God bless her and give all of you the strength you need at this time of heartbreak. May we trust and believe in the Lord's promise that she will be with him and we will one day be reunited with all our loved ones. Dan Sullivan

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**Dan Sullivan** - February 20, 2024 at 09:30 PM

JH

“ *Deepest sympathy and prayers to Linda's family. Prayers that your many years of fond memories of Linda will comfort you now and in the days to follow.*

*Jeanie Haustein  
Past President/Naples Woman's Club*

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**Jeanie Haustein** - February 20, 2024 at 03:57 PM

JH

“ *Jeanie Haustein lit a candle in memory of Linda Diehl*



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**Jeanie Haustein** - February 20, 2024 at 03:51 PM

GC

“ *Dear George and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Linda was a remarkable woman who will be missed. Thinking of all of you during these difficult times.*

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**Gary Clarkson** - February 20, 2024 at 03:02 PM

BM

“ *My condolences. Thoughts and prayers to you and family.*

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**Becky Monteleone** - February 18, 2024 at 09:27 AM

BK

“ Our whole family is saddened by the news of Linda's passing. She was as sweet as she was lovely. Hugs to you, George and to all her family. I pray that all the fond memories will be a comfort to you. May God send you blessings and His undying love.

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**Beverly Van Alstyne Krol** - February 17, 2024 at 12:26 PM

TW

“ George, Chris, Brian & Aimee - Tom and I are so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. What a great loss! We remember our breakfast chats at Ozzie's. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you all!

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**Tom & Linda Weigand** - February 17, 2024 at 10:09 AM

LO

“ “ Dear George and family, we are saddened by our dear friend, Linda's passing.  
It was a pleasure to play mahjong with her every Monday. We can certainly attest to the statement that she played with enthusiasm and skill! We will miss her conversations and beautiful smile!

*Sending much love and sympathy, the mahjong gang,*

*Jackie, Jayne, Linda, Lorraine, and Maryanne* “

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**Linda O'Brien** - February 17, 2024 at 09:09 AM