



Linda Kipnes

March 8, 1942 - April 16, 2021

Linda Kipnes, beloved mother, sister, aunt, activist, and friend, Linda Kipnes died on April 16, 2021. Born on March 8, 1942, she graduated from The Chaffee School and Smith College. She had a long career as a systems engineer with IBM, Honeywell, Digital, and Oracle.

She moved to Hudson, NH in the mid-1970s, where she has since been an active member of the community, most notably volunteering with Friends of the Library, Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter, GFWC Hudson Women's Club, Conservation Commission, Sustainability Committee, and founded and maintained the Butterfly Garden at Benson Park.

She loved to travel, undertaking global adventures with her two children, and participated in the Volkssport Walks, completing walks in 49 of the 50 states. Her sharp sense of humor, generous heart, and deep commitment to social justice will be missed tremendously. She is survived by her children, Ethan and Jessica Kipnes, her twin sister, Lee Bory, and brother, Philip Walkley.

A memorial event will be held at a later date. Donations may be made in her honor to either the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter at <https://nssks.org> or Hudson Friends of the Library at <https://rodgerslibrary.org/friends-of-the-library>

Comments



“ I am Suresh Umapathy from India. last three years, I had only chat/email communications with her (Oracle), pretty fast reply emails, very techie. Big loss for Oracle product and my prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Suresh Dooly - August 11 at 01:24 PM



“ If I'm late sharing, it's because it's hard to know what to say when there is so much to say. Linda was my roommate in our sophomore and junior years at Smith College where we were both English majors, graduating in 1964. After college we went separate ways for almost 40 years, but stayed in touch. Then in 2004 I moved to New Hampshire, less than an hour from Hudson and we immediately began getting together regularly, two or three times a year, then less often when I moved further away to the Keene area. In 2008 Linda and I went to England for three weeks, touring in rented car. I'll never forget the fun—and it must be admitted—the stress of left-sided driving on England's back roads and superhighways. But she was the perfect travel companion: fearless, flexible, practical, enthusiastic and good-humored. We had a mini-reunion in 2012 at my house with two other Smith classmates, Barb Francis and Jeanie Ansell, both close friends of Linda, and in 2019, Linda and I joined these two for a day in Northampton for our 55th class reunion. During the Covid pandemic, the four of us met every two or three weeks on Zoom, talking about everything under the sun and always appreciating Linda's informed, well-considered, articulate views.

It's hard to end with some summarizing words, but I will try. She was that rare someone who refuses to compromise her principles, and her principles were always based on caring and love—for people, for her community, for the earth, for whatever was the right thing to do in any situation.

Sara Ciborski,

Sara Ciborski - May 27 at 12:25 PM



“ I met Linda when we were in Junior High School. We both graduated from Chaffee School and spent our summers working at the same firm, doing statistics in the pre-computer era. We stayed in touch for decades.

Linda was an admirable person who combined kindness, intelligence, and a concern for the world. We will miss her.

Susan McMurry

Susan McMurry - April 30 at 06:52 PM



“ Linda was the face of volunteerism in Hudson. She was involved in so many wonderful groups. She will be long remembered selling baked goods for GFWC at Lion's Hall every voting day. A quiet, happy woman always ready to help anyone in need. She was a town treasure!

Donna Ohanian - April 26 at 08:46 PM



“ Linda holds a place in our hearts as the mother of Ethan and Jessica who are loved so much by both of us. We are grateful that she was able to provide them with wonderful memories they will cherish forever. Jack & Marianne Kipnes

Jack & Marianne Kipnes - April 26 at 04:07 PM



“ I worked with Linda in the Oracle Rdb group. What a wonderful person to work with! I greatly enjoyed our chats back then. She had such a warm spirit... It was contagious. My prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Debster - April 26 at 10:58 AM



“ I worked with Linda in the Oracle Rdb group and we miss her very much. I was born the same year as Linda and sometimes we would talk about our experiences in the 1960's which was a very interesting time in which to come of age. I admire her social conscience and her service to her community.

Theodore Hochuli - April 26 at 10:47 AM



“ Linda was one of the most thoughtful, intelligent, and caring persons I've ever known. I worked with her for many years and was first amazed at how smart she was, but also how calm she could be with so many responsibilities and deadlines that we always had. As I got to know her more, I was very impressed with her work ethic and her volunteerism, especially for the Soup Kitchen and the Hudson Library. And she was always so modest and quiet about her achievements. She deserved so much more acclaim!

Most of all, I remember how much she loved you, Ethan and Jess, and how very much she loved traveling with you. I am so happy that you were able to take those special trips - I know it meant a lot to her.

Linda and I used to get together every few months for lunch and I so enjoyed those conversations. I will miss her very much.

-Suellen

Suellen Davidson - April 25 at 07:49 PM



“ Linda was an awesome person! I enjoyed all the years volunteering with her at the Nashua Soup Kitchen & Shelter. I got to know her better when we slept overnight in cardboard boxes for homeless awareness. She was also in charge of recycling for the annual soup kitchen race and led the efforts in making it a green event. And, there is so much more that she has done over the years that it's impossible to mention it all here. So, all I'll say is...Linda will be greatly missed by myself and many others.

Mary Slocum - April 23 at 01:49 PM



“ Linda and Ethan,
We enjoyed your Mother tremendously. She absolutely loved telling us stories of your traveling adventures and her dreams of more trips. She spoke of you both frequently and loved you dearly. She will be missed.
Our deepest sympathies,
Mary, Diane, Pamela and Kelley (AHBH)

Mary Rhodes - April 23 at 10:44 AM



“ We are thinking of Ethan and his family. The Washington and Lee community are sending their thoughts and prayers, especially Ethan's Washington and Lee Public Safety Family. Take care and we will continue to think of you Ethan and your family during this difficult time. Take care.

Mark Riley - April 23 at 09:45 AM



“ I remember Linda as volunteering all the time. I rode with her for Girl Scouts training at Camp Farnsworth and trimming perennials at Rodgers library. She was always a smiling face at the bakery table at the voting polls. She was an inspiration to all to make this world a better place. God bless.
Lu Ann Laquerre

Lu Ann Laquerre - April 23 at 08:36 AM



“ ken kipnes is following this tribute.

ken kipnes - April 22 at 05:49 PM



“ You know how much your mom meant to us and how much we loved and cared about her, but I'll say it again anyway. We are here for you and always sending lots of hugs and love. Love, Martha, Ken, and Nora

Martha Culver - April 22 at 04:07 PM



“ To Ethan and all your family, We are so very sorry for your deep and sudden loss of your dear mother! May sweet memories lighten the load of your sorrow at this difficult time! Sincerely, Margit and Bruce Monk

Margit Monk - April 22 at 02:58 PM