



Linda S. Essing

April 22, 1945 - January 13, 2021

Linda Sue Essing of West Bend, Iowa, and formerly of Pomeroy, Iowa, entered into the arms of the Lord she loved on January 13, 2021.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, March 28, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Carroll. To watch the live stream of the service, click the link- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_EsbTHF-j3HsJN93KuFOUQ. To join the zoom social hour, click the link- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/77249416646?pwd=OUFpMnVqSmV0L1BoTmJmVVNNZjBsQT09> and enter the passcode: 4Gz92k. Burial will be held at a later date. Memorials are suggested to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pomeroy, the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Iowa and the Humane Society of Northwest Iowa in Milford. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

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Linda, 75, was born in Fort Dodge, Iowa, to Adeline (Gutz) and John "Red" Essing, and grew up on the family farm. She attended Pomeroy schools, graduating as salutatorian of the Class of 1963. She was a cheerleader, homecoming queen, active in vocal and instrumental music, and held leadership roles in various clubs. She also was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church as choir member, organist, and Walther League member.

Linda lived with her mother until Adeline passed. They looked out for one another and were inseparable. Living a block from the school, they often hosted nieces for lunch and after school. The girls arrived to always find a special treat of five Oreos on a plate. They spent afternoons playing hide and seek and listening to Linda play piano.

Linda would always lend a helping hand with big family holiday meals, cooking and cleaning up. She was an animal lover and enjoyed playing cards and other games. Linda and Adeline hosted nephews and nieces for summertime visits that included swimming at Twin Lakes State Park, movies and other fun.

With help from relatives, Linda and Adeline traveled to visit family in Arizona and Florida. Linda later traveled to family reunions in New York and Oregon. She enjoyed attending Bible Camp at Lake Okoboji.

Linn, as she liked to be called in her later years, was active in the local churches and liked to volunteer. She spent her last years at West Bend Health & Rehab Center, where the caring staff eased her passage to heaven.

The family expresses deep gratitude to the many caregivers, pastors, and fellow congregants in the communities Linn called home. Thank you for the friendship, spiritual support, and kindnesses that made her feel welcome and loved.

Linn was preceded in death by her parents and brother Merle Essing; nephew Todd Essing; brother-in-law Don Stiles and sister-in-law Sandy Essing. She is survived by sister Lorna Stiles of Exira, Iowa; brother Dennis Essing of Kissimmee, Florida and sister-in-law Mary Essing of Ankeny, Iowa; nine nephews and nieces and their children and grandchildren; and cousins.

People can spread the spirit of Linda Sue Essing by leading Christ-like lives full of love and kindness.

Comments



“ Linn had a fiercely positive spirit. She found medicine in music and in Christ. I remember going to visit her on my trips to Iowa. We would explore the small towns she lived in and she always played us hymns on her keyboard. She was a student of the Bible. I feel that path offered her beauty in the many challenges she faced in life. She loved all things pure- children, animals, God, and nature. I sense that she felt a deep connection to these things because they reflect the truth within her and all of life whilst living in the midst of such confusing and fragmented human world. Her joyful and loving spirit made it through her journey on the worldly plane is now flying with the angels in the cosmos.

Talor Lee-Stiles - February 14 at 06:29 PM



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Fratze & Jensen Funeral Home - February 12 at 10:11 AM



“ Aunt Linn was 9-years older than me. I loved being with her. She was so happy, popular, carefree and loved God. When she became home coming queen, I was there cheering her on. Playing the piano and her beautiful singing voice, I always admired her. We have many memories of her!!

Jackie Linn - January 23 at 03:33 PM



“ Aunt Linn was a devoted Christian whose faith saw her through life's many challenges. She loved music and laughter and fun. I will remember those things and her kind and loving heart and how she and Grandma Adeline were there for each other. They were there of us cousins, too. We had many fun times at their place in Pomeroy, especially in the summer. We played cards in the morning and in the afternoon they took us to Twin Lakes to swim. The holiday feasts they hosted were productions with a long dining room table running the length of the living room, heaped with piping hot food that was delicious. Grandma would go on about how everyone loved her buns, and we'd all laugh and Adeline would smile demurely, pleased to have added to the levity. I'm sad that Linn is gone but elated that she is at peace. May her kind spirit live on in all of our hearts.

Marc Stiles - January 23 at 10:25 AM



“ I have many happy memories with Aunt Linda - including walking to "Grandma & Linda's" house every day after school for many years. Linda would eagerly be ready to greet and play with us. She dished out Oreos or ice cream from the freezer - and played board games with us most days. To my sister and I, she was a kid just like us! I always loved her "child at heart" spirit. We would go on walks with Linda and her dog Spot - and she always gave us cheese to feed him to do tricks. I will ALWAYS hold these precious memories of aunt Linda and Grandma Adeline. It makes me happy that they've been reunited in heaven now with my dad and Grandpa too.

Erin (Essing) Ellingson - January 22 at 02:20 PM



“ Dear Great Aunt Linda, thank you for sharing your love of music with me. I cherish our times together I miss you and know you are singing with the angels now. I love you.
Love, Mindy Adeline



Mindy - January 20 at 06:26 PM



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Donna Stiles - January 17 at 09:17 PM



“ Linda was the best aunt a child could have. She hid treasures in the trees and rocks of the grove. We would look for treasures from the fairies. She took me with her friends to the county fairs. She loved music and played and sang with us as children and through out her life as long as possibly could. Her favorites were hymns and You are My Sunshine. She loved Jesus. She loved her family. I will hold many dear memories of her and her impact on my life.

Donna Stiles - January 17 at 05:23 PM



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Donna Stiles - January 17 at 05:16 PM



“ Linda and I met in Walther League many years ago. We corresponded with each other for quite a few years.
My deep sympathy to her family!

Sharon (Smith) Irwin, Early

Sharon Ann Irwin - January 15 at 10:32 AM