



## Linda Connell

July 2, 1948 - December 10, 2025

Linda Lou Dlugosch Connell, age 77, of Omaha, Nebraska and Storm Lake, Iowa, passed away Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at her home in Omaha, surrounded by her husband, Dan, and her family.

Funeral Mass will take place Monday, December 15, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday, December 14, 2025 from 3-7:00 p.m. with Prayer Vigil at 6:30 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Memorials may be directed to the Carmelite Nuns in Sioux City, Iowa. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Linda was born on July 2, 1948, in Storm Lake, Iowa, to Don and Nadine "Dee Dee" Dlugosch. She attended St. Mary's School and graduated in 1966. During her school years she embraced every opportunity to participate-whether in school plays, cheerleading, or other activities-and spent countless summers on Storm Lake. Many friends and family members learned to water ski with Linda's patient guidance and encouragement.

Following graduation, Linda attended the University of San Diego for two years before completing her education at AIB Business School in Des Moines, earning a degree in stenography. She went on to build a successful career as

a freelance court reporter, working in Iowa, Nebraska, and throughout the Midwest.

Linda was united in marriage to Dan Connell in 1983, and together they created a beautiful life on the lake with their family. In 1990, they moved to Omaha calling both Storm Lake and Omaha home.

Linda's greatest joy was being a devoted mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She took tremendous pride in her home and was known for hosting large gatherings marked by lovely décor and fabulous tablescapes. The Holidays were her favorite time of year, and the family always looked forward to Linda's cooking.

Nothing delighted her more than attending her grandchildren's and great-nieces' and nephews' events—birthdays, recitals, school activities, and celebrations of every kind. She supported her family in every way she could, near or far. One of the brightest parts of her day was Face Timing with her youngest granddaughter, Georgia, in California.

Linda had a remarkable eye for detail and organization and an elegant sense of style – you never had to wonder if she would be dressed for the occasion. She had a radiant smile and a generous heart – always lifting the spirits of those around her. Deeply committed to giving back, Linda taught by example the importance of gratitude and service. She was an active member of the Omaha Law League, Christ Child Society, Creighton University, Bethlehem House, and she regularly supported Sacred Heart School. She also volunteered her time giving courthouse tours to schoolchildren. Her compassion extended to animals as well—especially the dogs she cherished throughout her life.

Linda loved to travel and treasured the memories she made exploring the

world with family and friends. Favorite destinations included Ireland, Italy, France, the Greek Islands, and a memorable cruise along the St. Lawrence Seaway and the East Coast of the United States.

Linda's Catholic faith was an anchor throughout her life. She received all of her sacraments at St. Mary's in Storm Lake and attended Mass regularly until her cancer diagnosis in 2023. She faced her illness with courage and grace, and she was deeply grateful to witness many special family milestones during this time—most notably the birth and 1st birthday of her granddaughter Georgia, and the weddings of her eldest grandchildren, Katherine and Alex, this past summer. These joyful moments will be forever cherished.

Linda taught us the meaning of family, faith, and unconditional love. Together with Dan, she created a legacy built on kindness, generosity, and grace. Her open heart and deep faith in God are exemplary of her character. Her gentle spirit will live on in our hearts. We will always love and miss you, Mimi, and will keep your memory alive every day in our hearts and the stories we tell.

Linda is survived by her beloved husband, Dan, and her family: Daughter Caroline Connell Brown and son-in-law Dana; Step-daughters Molly Connell Crosby and son-in-law Doug, and Amy Connell Hilmes and son-in-law Steve; Step-son Daniel Connell and daughter-in-law Alicia. Grandchildren: Katherine Crosby Hale and husband Eric, Caroline Crosby, Alex Hilmes and wife Bridget, Andrew Hilmes, Christopher Connell, Madison Moore, Lauren Gracey, Skylar Gracey, and Georgia Connell Brown.

Linda is preceded in death by her parents, Don and Nadine Dlugosch; her father- and mother-in-law, Clarence and Mary Connell and sister and brother-in-law Helen and Ernie Bosley.

She is also survived by sisters Mary Ellen Wilhelmi and brother-in-law Jack; Jane McMahon Olsen and brother-in-law Larry and sister-in-law Dorothy Hammer. Nieces Katie Hoffart and husband John, Allison McMahon, Meghan Babcock and husband Matt, Mary Kay Larson and husband Ed, Teresa Siewert and husband Dr. Rick; nephews Don Shimmin and wife Kelly, Nate Wilhelmi and wife Olga, Ken Bosley and wife Johanna, Mike Bosley, Tom Bosley and wife Jodi, Jack Hammer and wife Ellen, and Michael Hammer and wife Bonnie; along with numerous cousins, beloved great-nieces and nephews, and many dear friends across the country.

The family would also like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the caregivers who supported Linda over the past several years—her daughter-in-law, Alicia Connell, and family friend, Claudia Williams. Their steady presence, kindness, and devotion made it possible for Linda to remain in the comfort of her home. The family also offers special thanks to her oncologist Dr. Joel Michalski and his staff at Nebraska Cancer Specialists and more importantly the team from St. Croix Hospice, whose exceptional care and compassionate guidance brought comfort and peace to Linda and those who loved her.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **14.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Prayer Vigil

DEC **14.** 6:30 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

DEC **15.** 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake  
320 Seneca St  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Linda Connell*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - December 14, 2025 at 01:29 PM

MW

“ *Marge Willadsen purchased the "Forever in Our Hearts" Memorial Photo Frame for the family of Linda Connell.*



**Marge Willadsen** - December 24, 2025 at 04:12 PM

NM

“ *Nancy (Neuroth) Miller lit a candle in memory of Linda Connell*



**Nancy (Neuroth) Miller** - December 15, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Connell.



December 15, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 14, 2025 at 03:42 PM



“ Steven D. purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Linda Connell.



Steven D. - December 14, 2025 at 02:14 PM



“ Steven D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Connell.

Steven D. - December 14, 2025 at 02:14 PM

SD

“ Sheila, Karley, D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Connell.

Sheila, Karley, D. - December 14, 2025 at 10:13 AM

SH

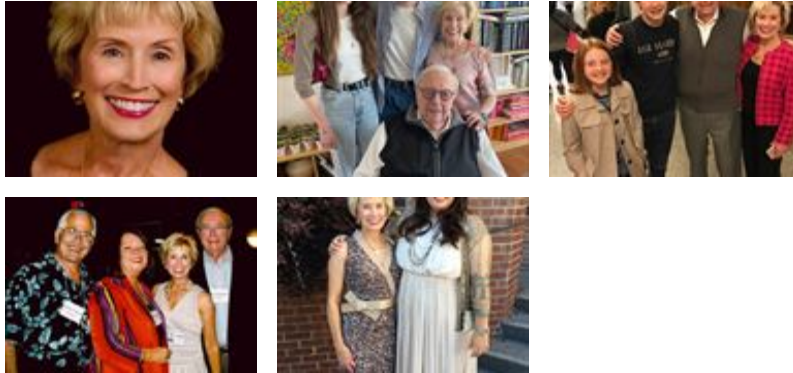
“ sheila mills Karley, Dominac and Hannah lit a candle in memory of Linda Connell



sheila mills Karley, Dominac and Hannah - December 14, 2025 at 10:01 AM



“ 72 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 13, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Connell.



December 12, 2025 at 09:51 PM

DE

“ Dan, Barb, and Esther planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Connell.

Dan, Barb, and Esther - December 12, 2025 at 09:51 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Connell.



December 12, 2025 at 08:31 PM

DD

“ Duck Creek Divas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Connell.

Duck Creek Divas - December 12, 2025 at 08:31 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Linda Connell.



December 12, 2025 at 07:55 PM

DL

“ Linda was such a beautiful and very classy lady that always greeted you with a smile and will be missed by Dan & all her family .  
Sending Many Prayers , Much ❤️ & Angel Hugs To All Of You ! ☐ 🙏💔



**Dave & Patti Lange** - December 12, 2025 at 07:41 PM

JD

“ John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Linda Connell



**John/Connie Demers** - December 12, 2025 at 05:25 PM

DP

“ Linda was such a kind and wonderful person. She will be missed. Thinking of all.



**Diane Porter** - December 12, 2025 at 04:04 PM

NM

“ Nick & Lisa Mazurek purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda Connell.



**Nick & Lisa Mazurek** - December 12, 2025 at 03:39 PM

EE

“ *Ethan Eimers lit a candle in memory of Linda Connell*



Ethan Eimers - December 12, 2025 at 12:43 PM

KG

“ *Kim, Spencer and Elyse Gallner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Connell.*

Kim, Spencer and Elyse Gallner - December 12, 2025 at 12:14 PM

KG

“ *Kim, Spencer and Elyse Gallner purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Linda Connell.*



Kim, Spencer and Elyse Gallner - December 12, 2025 at 12:14 PM

BB

“ *Brendan, Tiffany, Raegen and Bergen purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Linda Connell.*



Brendan, Tiffany, Raegen and Bergen - December 12, 2025 at 12:09 PM

DM

“ *Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten lit a candle in memory of Linda Connell*



**Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten** - December 12, 2025 at 10:34 AM

MM

“ *Dear Connell Family, So sorry for your loss. Praying you find comfort in knowing Mrs. Connell is at peace now.*



**Michelle Munoz** - December 12, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Connell.*



December 12, 2025 at 09:52 AM

BE

“ *Bill & Jean Eimers lit a candle in memory of Linda Connell*



**Bill & Jean Eimers** - December 11, 2025 at 10:06 PM

LM

“ Lynne M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Connell.

Lynne M. - December 11, 2025 at 07:21 PM

LM

“ Lynne M. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Linda Connell.



Lynne M. - December 11, 2025 at 07:21 PM

CK

“ Cameron K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Connell.

Cameron K. - December 11, 2025 at 06:22 PM

LF

“ Love, Eli and Family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Linda Connell.



Love, Eli and Family - December 11, 2025 at 05:24 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Connell.



December 11, 2025 at 04:58 PM

LV

“ *Lauree V. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Connell.*

Lauree V. - December 11, 2025 at 04:12 PM

JS

“ *Jean Sticken purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Linda Connell.*



Jean Sticken - December 11, 2025 at 03:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Connell.*



December 11, 2025 at 11:50 AM

AM

“ *Sending our condolences to Linda's family. She is at peace. God Bless  
Angie & Dan Maloy*

Angie Maloy - December 11, 2025 at 11:47 AM

JK

“ Jeff and Lory (Preston) Krummen lit a candle in memory of Linda Connell



Jeff and Lory (Preston) Krummen - December 11, 2025 at 10:58 AM

SM

“ We are thinking of the Connell family. Linda is at peace now and now God will take care of you all.



Steph/Sharon Mickelson - December 11, 2025 at 10:07 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Connell.



December 11, 2025 at 09:43 AM

T(

“ Terra K McKeag (Sievers) lit a candle in memory of Linda Connell



Terra K McKeag (Sievers) - December 11, 2025 at 09:26 AM

SO

“ *Shari L. Willer O'Bannon lit a candle in memory of Linda Connell*



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**Shari L. Willer O'Bannon** - December 11, 2025 at 08:03 AM

JC

“ *Jeff/Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Linda Connell*



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**Jeff/Jean Chindlund** - December 11, 2025 at 12:54 AM

AB

“ *Sending love from The Biddle's- Aaron, Rebecca, Emilia & Hunter.*



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**Aaron Biddle** - December 10, 2025 at 09:24 PM

PF

“ *Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Linda Connell*



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**Peg Flynn** - December 10, 2025 at 08:04 PM

KP

“ *Karla & Gary Pickhinke lit a candle in memory of Linda Connell*



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**Karla & Gary Pickhinke** - December 10, 2025 at 06:31 PM

PB

“ *Pat and Gene Barnett sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda Connell*



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**Pat and Gene Barnett** - December 10, 2025 at 05:59 PM