



Linda Lou Bockius

October 5, 1937 - November 18, 2017

Linda Lou Bockius, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, friend and counselor took her final breath on Saturday, November 18th, 2017.

Linda was born to Nathan and Dorothy Bowlin on October 5, 1937 and was raised in Pratt, Kansas with her older sister Norma Sue.

Linda was a devoted Girl Scout and proudly wore her Girl Scout uniform until she graduated high school in 1955. One of her favorite adventures was a troop trip to New York City and Washington DC. She was honored to be Senior Homecoming Queen and to serve as Pratt's Mayor for a day.

After high school, Linda went to St Joseph's School of X-Ray and Technology in Wichita, KS. She moved to Bartlesville, OK to work as an X-Ray technician where she met the man of her dreams, Billy Guy Bockius.

The couple went to Oklahoma State University where Linda earned a degree in Early Childhood Education. They married on October 2, 1960. They would eventually call Muskogee their home where they raised their daughters Melissa, Stephanie, and Jennifer in Grandview.

Linda began her teaching career at Hilldale Elementary where she taught for eight years. While teaching, she attended Northeastern State University and

earned a Master's Degree in Counseling. She worked as guidance counselor at Hilldale Elementary for 17 years. Linda loved helping children! If there was a less fortunate child in her midst, she made every effort to see that their needs were met. She was known for her annual Christmas drive helping less fortunate children and their families. Many of her students remain close to her to this day.

Linda had a tireless interest in shopping, decorating and collecting antiques. Through the years she had several antique booths in Muskogee and surrounding areas. She made many friends antiquing and was a member of PEO and Muskogee Antique Club.

To know Linda was to LOVE her. She was a standout; known for her unique voice, contagious laugh and outgoing personality. She never met a stranger and was always eager to help a person in need. She loved spending time with her family, friends and dogs.

Linda is survived by her husband Billy Guy Bockius, daughters Melissa Roth and her husband Spencer Roth, Stephanie Garrett and son-in-law Mike Garrett, Jennifer Todd and son-in-law Terry Todd. Her grandchildren: Meagan Sinclair, Rebecca Beaty, Kyle and Brittany Garrett and Buck Todd. Her great grandchildren: Bailee Coltharp, Parker Sinclair and Aubrie Beaty. Her sister Norma Sue Bergner. Her nieces and nephew: Mindy Bergner Carls, Gary Bergner and Dr. Lou Ann Bergner. And her Cousin Annie Hoffman, her husband Stuart and their daughter Kaylee.

The family is forever grateful to the ladies who have cared for Linda like family: Kassie Sallis, Beverly Sample, Sonja Wilson, and Gina Wilson.

Funeral services will be held at Muskogee Little Theatre, 311 S. 3rd.

Muskogee, OK on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. Interment will be in Greenhill Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jason Rogers, Mike Garrett, Kyle Garrett, Buck Todd, Ron Boren, Spencer Roth, Stuart Hoffman and Jody Standridge. Honorary pallbearers are Brandon Zuniga, Catch Phrase Girls, Hilldale Teachers, PEO Sisters, Antique Club Friends, Bridge Friends, All caregivers, and too many friends to list.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to PAWs of Muskogee, Grace Episcopal Church or choose a child in need and make their Christmas wishes come true.

Cemetery Details

Greenhill Cemetery

1500 N. York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Visitation

NOV **21**. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Cornerstone Funeral Home & Crematory
1830 North York Street
Muskogee, OK 74403
(918) 682-1500

Service

NOV **21**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Muskogee Little Theatre
311 S. 3rd. St.
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Lou Bockius*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Jennifer Bockius lit a candle in memory of Linda Lou Bockius*



jennifer Bockius - November 25, 2017 at 12:36 PM



“ *Mrs. bockius was my very favorite teacher ever! My first grade teacher who always meant so much to me. She is the reason I became a teach, and I had the proven age to teach along side her when i started working at Hilldale! I will always remember her and love her! She made an impression on my life as well as many others. She's such a special lady who will forever be in my heart!*

Julie Henry Aich - November 23, 2017 at 12:59 AM



“ 92 files added to the album LifeTributes



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - November 20, 2017 at 03:05 PM

JR

“ To the Q Bee,
You were like 2nd mother to me...thank you
for always looking out for me and caring.
Thank you, I love you very much.
Love the Wolfman.(Jason)



Jace Rogers - November 20, 2017 at 02:06 PM

JC

“ Linda helped me attain a teaching position at Hilldale. We talked
many times about church and religion. She was a true Christian. I
will always be grateful that I had the privilege to know this sweet
lady.

julie clark - November 20, 2017 at 02:36 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Lou Bockius.*



November 20, 2017 at 02:29 AM



“ *Yvonne, Laila, Linda, and Adelle purchased the Y our Light Shines for the family of Linda Lou Bockius.*



Yvonne, Laila, Linda, and Adelle - November 19, 2017 at 08:32 PM



“ *Linda was one of a kind...Her heart was full of love for her family and children in general..Her and I worked together in Girl Scouts..I remember her den and my den were both full of cookies and we together sold them all. My heart goes out to Bill and her children and grandchildren. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.*

Shirley Shiew - November 19, 2017 at 01:48 PM



“ *Linda was a wonderful person, teacher, counselor who touched many lives. She will be greatly missed but Her light shines on in her 3 BEAUTIFUL daughters. Prayers for her family.*



Paula Hamlin - November 19, 2017 at 11:26 AM

RC

“ *She was Extraordinary! I think extraordinary folks are hard to come by. I think that we were beyond blessed to have loved, and be loved in return, by someone like her. The Lord called back his angel and I'm forever grateful for every minute that he shared her with me.*



Rachael Cunningham - November 19, 2017 at 10:31 AM

GM

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. She was such a wonderful counselor to my children and always had the time to talk when they needed her. She was exceptional. My prayers are with the family during this difficult time.*

Ginger McCall



Ginger McCall - November 19, 2017 at 04:47 AM



“ *Kay Coble-Price lit a candle in memory of Linda Lou Bockius*



Kay Coble-Price - November 19, 2017 at 01:32 AM

MM

“ Missy, Stephanie and Jennifer,

I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a beautiful lady inside and out. Always had that sweet smile on her face. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time.

Mary Kay Tackett McQueen

Mary Kay McQueen - November 18, 2017 at 11:07 PM

LS

“ What a wonderful, beautiful lady, I was proud to call my friend. Too many memories to count but such special ones. Laughs, tears, shopping, trips. I love you Linda Lou Bockius and will see you again one day



Linda Smith - November 18, 2017 at 10:23 PM

DR

“ Missy, Spencer and family: I am so sorry for you loss. I actually knew Linda as a counselor before I met you or Spencer. When Brett first started school he and I had some "separation anxiety", I guess you would call it. Linda set me straight real quick that my sweet little kindergarten boy was using psychology on his grown mama!!! LOL She had a true gift of getting the point across and making you feel good as a parent at the same time. She was one of a kind and will be greatly missed.

Diane Robinson - November 18, 2017 at 08:59 PM

JS

“ Every memory that I have of Mrs. Linda end with me saying “yes ma’am” and having a big smile. I love her and I love your family.

Joy Sloan - November 18, 2017 at 08:59 PM

CC

“ *Carol Clutter lit a candle in memory of Linda Lou Bockius*



Carol Clutter - November 18, 2017 at 08:49 PM

MW

“ *M Wells lit a candle in memory of Linda Lou Bockius*



M Wells - November 18, 2017 at 08:21 PM

MW

“ *So many memories of hanging out in the Bockius home. Linda and Bill's door was always open for everyone to share the joy of their loving family. My heart aches for you during your loss but, I know she will be enjoying those beautiful streets of gold with many loved ones and friends. Much love to you all.*
Melissa Wells

M Wells - November 18, 2017 at 08:20 PM

 Mary Westhoff Smith

“ *I moved to Muskogee and started at Hilldale in 4th grade from Pratt, Kansas. I was terribly homesick that year. Mrs. Bockius wasn't even my teacher, but I remember her taking the time to tell me that she had grown up in Pratt too. She mentioned it practically every time we met over the years, and it always brightened my day. She was one special lady.*

Mary Westhoff Smith - November 18, 2017 at 08:08 PM

R"

KIDS WERE ALWAYS FIRST. IF THEY NEEDED ANYTHING, ALONG WITH JENNIFER, SHE WOULD SEE THEY HAD WHAT THEY NEEDED. FOOD, CLOTHES, TOYS! REWARDS AWAIT! THANKS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW YOU

RODNEY BRASSFIELD "BRASS" - November 21, 2017 at 09:37 AM