



## Linda Sue Jefferies

September 19, 2019

Linda Sue Jefferies, 61, of Fort Collins passed away on September 19th following a two-year long cancer battle. Linda was born in Denver to Joe and Mary Giardina and attended Denver Public Schools eventually graduating from John F Kennedy High School. She received her BS from Colorado State University. Always the ever-caring person she chose to walk away from her PhD program, where she pioneered development of techniques to analyze hormone binding proteins in insects, to be a stay-at home mom prior to the birth of her second child.

Once both of her children were in school full-time, Linda joined the private sector work force and began a lengthy career as a scientist. It is work she truly loved and considered it her great fortune that her final employer was Cargill where she worked as an Oil Process Developer.

Linda had an unquestioned love and affinity for the mountains. 1976 was the first year that she joined the Youth Conservation Corp (YCC) and worked alongside other youth in Rocky Mountain National Park. Her many years of restoration and rehabilitation work in the Park not only instilled a deep conviction to conservation, it also created life-long friendships that are as strong today as ever. Earlier in her youth, Linda was a CampFire girl and as an adult, became a CampFire leader. Her conservation ethos and affinity of fly fishing eventually led to her membership in Trout Unlimited. Not only a

member of the local TU non-profit chapter Rocky Mountain Flycasters, she served as the Membership Chair, a Board Officer and was the volunteer management system coordinator. While Linda always joked that fly-fishing provided her an opportunity to spend more time with her husband, her unyielding conviction that we need to find balance and compromise regarding natural resource management practices and policies was a key component in her life and a driver in her decision making process.

Linda is survived by her husband Dick of Fort Collins, daughter Lindsay (Bob) and son Will. She is also survived by her two north-star grandsons Lennon and Brooks; sister Koralee (Dennis); brother Ralph (Linda); niece and nephew Kayla and Joe; two sisters-in-spirit Deanna and Mary Ellen; many loving cousins and her extended YCC family.

A celebration of life and funeral mass will be held in Fort Collins at Saint John XXIII on October 4th at 1:30 pm. A short reception will be held immediately following the service.

In lieu of flowers Linda requested you honor her love and passion of the rivers and streams of Colorado by supporting cold water conservation through a gift to Trout Unlimited. Gifts can be sent to: Rocky Mountain Flycasters PO Box 1694, Fort Collins CO 80524-1694.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 4. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (MT)

St. John XXIII  
1220 University Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Sue Jefferies*

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October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Thanks Linda for making me feel like part of the family. Linda was genuinely interested in who I was and what I was doing. When I saw her she would always ask about Ben and Hunter, how my career was going; how my life was going. She wanted to know how I was in a complete way. I always appreciated that and recognize how special special she was. She went above and beyond in the most caring ways.*

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**Anne Wall** - October 04, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ *Linda was one of the nicest, most caring, and optimistic people I have known. She is missed greatly by everyone who was a part of her life. She will always be a part of the "I Think I Canola" Wild West Relay team! Thank you for everything Linda.*

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**Jesse Heaton** - October 04, 2019 at 09:32 AM

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“ From the first time I met Linda as a work colleague, we became friends quickly and easily. She had a very sincere, easy going and compassionate outlook on life and those things around her. When we would work on projects even though not requested or even mentioned, if she felt that her staying late to finish analysis would help the project, she would stay late and make sure it was ready for the team the next day. While I respected and admired her work, it was the conversations about the outdoors, her love for streams and fishing, and her pride in her family that really resonated for me. She had a heart of gold that just seemed like giving was so easy, and was impactful and absolutely genuine. Linda was not out to have people know her, but people know her because of the difference she made! Even as the cancer was trying to wear her down, in typical Linda fashion, she just moved ahead with utmost grace, dignity and determination. She also accepted that whatever the outcome, she would be fine with that. What a powerhouse and example of courage playing with the cards you are dealt without complaint. Linda, you were an inspiration and a lesson in life that I deeply treasure along with the opportunity to know you!  
Ernie Unger - Idaho Falls, Idaho

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**Ernie Unger** - October 03, 2019 at 11:14 PM

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“ Linda and I met when our kids, Joe and Lindsey, were in Kindergarten. We had many fun times doing PTO together! We planned the Teacher Appreciation luncheons and fundraisers. She was also Julie and Jake's Campfire Leader for many years. We enjoyed Christmas Caroling in Old Town with the Campfire group, cookies and hot chocolate afterwards at St. Joe's. Our birthday's were close together so we have celebrated together with lunch at the Rio. Most recently dancing at Scrumpy's when my boy's band played there. Will miss her and our friendship!

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**Liz Sutherland** - October 03, 2019 at 05:22 PM

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“ Linda loves to talk and share stories to people. She did volunteer herself to drive a van from Fort Collins to Steamboat with 6 crazy runners doing a relay. She enjoyed to be around people and making sure everybody was OK. It was a pleasure be able to share time with you.



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**Claudia Arrieta** - September 27, 2019 at 02:08 PM

JB

“ Linda, your positive spirit and energy will be missed. Thank you for all the "mom" advice over lunch.

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**Jenine Bryant** - September 26, 2019 at 04:04 PM

KS

“ I feel so lucky to have gotten to know Linda. Her constant positivity and true care for those around her made her a pleasure to be around. With Linda people and relationships always came first and that people-first energy followed her everywhere she went. She made such a positive impact on me and so many others. I will miss her stories, wisdom, and care enormously.

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**Keegan Schlittler** - September 25, 2019 at 11:02 AM

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“ I so enjoyed meeting and getting to know Linda through working together. She was always so thoughtful and kind and so inspiring. I am so glad that I was able to see her a few months ago.

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**Erynn Blythe** - September 25, 2019 at 08:55 AM

JR

“ Linda always provided excellent perspective from her many years working in the chemistry industry and she approached every challenge our team faced with passion and strong desire to get better. I will never forget how positive and upbeat Linda was after her diagnosis, which I believe would make most strong persons weak, but Linda kept up a positive outlook every day she came into work. The team in Fort Collins will miss her immensely.

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**Jason Rivest** - September 24, 2019 at 06:53 PM