



Linda Sue Roesener

March 14, 2020

Linda Sue Collier was born in Palo Alto, California on November 8, 1948 to Charles and Evelyn Collier. With her curly blond hair and big blue eyes, she soon captured the hearts of her whole family, particularly her big brothers Rob and Skip. When she was just a toddler, her family moved to Lakewood, Colorado where she spent the rest of her childhood.

Linda grew up in the 1950's in a neighborhood of growing families, at a time when all the kids on the block played outside until dark and dressed up in their prettiest party dresses for each other's birthdays. On the first day of kindergarten, Linda decided she was going to be a teacher. Each day, when she came home from school, she would play teacher and she corralled her younger sister Barb into being the class. As a result, she managed to teach Barb to read long before she ever started school.

Linda was a voracious reader and she had an ability, even when she was very young, to read aloud using different voices for all the characters. She could make any book come alive. Her favorite book as a child was "Misty of Chincoteague" and her favorite TV shows were "Fury", "My Friend Flicka" and "Roy Rogers". One of the few times she got into trouble as a child was when she punched one of the neighbor kids in the nose because he told her she didn't look at all like Dale Evans. She also loved to sing and as a child she tried to sing exactly like Dinah Shore.

Linda had a great love for all animals, but particularly dogs and horses. Many summers were spent training her dog Ringo and the neighborhood dogs to jump over the red wagon, sit, come when she called or run a circuit in the backyard. For Christmas, she always asked for a horse but never thought it would happen. When she was about 11 or 12, though, the much-desired horse finally appeared. Riding became one of Linda's strongest passions all through junior high and high school.

She and her horses, Cha Cha and later Flicka, joined Westernaires, a precision riding group in the Denver area, and they spent each weekend riding with the group. Westernaires became a very important part of Linda's life, and she rode on several different teams, including the Precisionettes Drill Team, the elite team at that time. She even took up barrel racing, much to her mother's dismay! It was through Westernaires that she met her lifelong friend, Lynda Patterson.

Linda's love for horses continued throughout the rest of her life. She had numerous horses over the years, each one with its own personality, and Linda cherished them all.

Linda went to grade school at South Lakewood Elementary, to junior high at Creighton Junior High, and to high school at Lakewood High. She was very involved in school activities, and she was always the kind of girl who included people rather than excluding them. She loved writing and communication, so it seemed that she always ended up as the secretary of her class or student body or current organization. At Lakewood High School she was also on the drill team, which performed at all basketball games.

After graduating from high school in 1967, Linda went to Colorado State University, where she graduated with a B.A. in English and Speech and an

M.S. in Reading Education. In addition to being a student, Linda worked for Boettcher & Company, a Denver investment brokerage firm, did student teaching in Steamboat, Colorado and worked at the CSU Animal Reproduction Lab, working with horses and cattle.

In the Spring of 1971, while still a student at CSU, during the annual College Days celebration at Ramblewood apartments, she met Rick Roesener, an undergraduate CSU student and fellow Ramblewood resident.

They became fast friends and inseparable shortly after meeting, and later she would become his soulmate and life-long partner.

After graduation for both, they took up residence in central Fort Collins until their wedding on May 18th, 1974 in her hometown of Lakewood in her childhood church, Lakewood Methodist.

In 1976, Linda and Rick purchased their first house in southeast Fort Collins and it would be home for the next 27 years.

Linda continued her work at the CSU Animal Reproduction Laboratory while Rick was employed at Advertising Development Specialists, one of the first advertising agencies in northern Colorado.

After a few years, Linda realized her life-long dream of teaching, landing a job as an English and Reading Education teacher at the newly opened Boltz Junior High School.

Regretfully, eight-graders proved to be too much for Linda's positive outlook, and she left teaching. In 1980 Linda joined the agency which she and Rick had purchased from the founder in 1977.

She became a steading force for the business taking on copywriting and editing, bookkeeping, office management and any other tasks that needed to be done.

For the next four years they continued to build the business and enjoyed trips to the Napa wine country; Hawaii, with sister Barbara and Brother-in-Law Patrick, and Ixtapa Mexico with dear friends Lee and Sandy Diel.

On June 1st, 1984 Linda and Rick's lives changed forever as they joyously celebrated the birth of their first child, welcoming Lauren Alissa into the world. She quickly became the center of their universe and accompanied her doting parents everywhere.

Nearly six years later, another joyous occasion was celebrated as Linda gave birth to Spencer Allan on May 15th, 1990- the son she had always wanted.

With the family now complete, Linda took reins of the household, shepherding Lauren and Spencer through grade school, junior high and high school homework, activities, adolescences, their dating years and into college all while continuing and expanding her role in the marketing agency she loved so much.

In December of 1997, Linda and her family realized the completion of their dream home in southeast Fort Collins where she and Rick lived to this day.

With Lauren and Spencer grown and through college and meaningful careers, Linda's joy in life became spending time with her adult kids, dear friends, husband Rick and their business.

Linda's guilty pleasures included Sunday morning coffee on the back patio

with her husband and dogs, watching the sun rise above the pear trees, admiring her flowers and her love of deserts- a reputation that preceded her everywhere she went with family.

In September of 2018 the family received the devastating news of Linda's diagnosis of grade 4 glioblastoma brain cancer.

Despite the terminal diagnosis Linda, never once waived from her faith that God would look out for her, and never once lost the infectious smile or positive attitude that she was known for.

During the depths of her treatment including two surgeries, multiple radiation treatments and countless chemo regimens, it was Linda who propped up her family members whom she referred to as her "army". Her favorite saying early-on was "I'm going to kick cancer's butt"!

Next to the birth of her children, Linda's proudest day as a mama was witnessing and participating in Lauren's beautiful wedding to Rob Nelson on Saturday October 13th, 2018.

On November 24th, Linda and Rick visited the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, re-creating their honeymoon visit 44 years earlier.

During the months after her diagnosis Linda and the family enjoyed fine dining, untold Happy Hours, and travel to Palm Springs, and to Arizona to see Spencer and companion Kalyn.

On one Arizona trip Linda cajoled the five other family members into a visit to the iFly indoor skydiving facility in Phoenix. The laughter and beaming smile on her face during her three rides will be etched in our memories forever.

Linda continued to enjoy the other love of her life, Lola, her 14-year old,

registered Quarter Horse she acquired in 2009. Lola gave Linda daily happiness visiting, feeding, and brushing her pride and joy.

After her second surgery in August 2019 and her condition growing more concerning, Linda, Rick, Lauren and Rob visited the Napa Wine Country for the last time. The winery visits, the hikes in the Napa hills, and quiet moments in the California sun seemed to complete her life.

With travel behind her, Linda enjoyed CSU football games with family and friends, reflective moments at home, and getting to celebrate her birthday, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's one last time.

Linda will be remembered for her ALWAYS positive attitude, radiant smile, and gorgeous blue eyes.

She seldom angered and never had a cross word for anyone. For those in stress or anxiety around her, her favorite advice was "... take a deep breath and relax."

Linda, wife, mother, sister, aunt, friend to many, and businesswoman, will be missed by all those whose lives she touched.

Rest in Peace, Sweet Girl- we all love you very, very much.

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Sue Roesener*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Dear Rick,
I am very sorry to learn of Linda's passing. My thoughts and prayers
are with you and your family. Jeanette Meyer*

Jeanette Meyer - May 06, 2020 at 08:02 PM

CH

“ Rick, Lauren, and Spencer, I could write a book about Linda and me. Knowing her since I was 3, I find in reading her obituary that I didn't know the woman she grew to be. I knew she like horses, because she forced me to play horses many times - she made the rules and I dutifully followed. Aside from that, we spent so many hours riding bikes, playing baseball in our back yards with the boys on the block, playing dress up...mostly pretend weddings - she was always the bride and me the bridesmaid. I'm sure Evelyn had movies of it. Having birthdays so close together, we often had combined birthdays. We went to church together, took piano lessons from the same teacher, walked to Creighton Junior High every day of the year together, rode bikes to the store over on Garrison and 6th together, and the list goes on. I could write forever. I have attached a picture of a party at my house. I'm not sure what it was for, but a November birthday probably would have required coats, so this was not our birthday. I'm in the middle with the white dress and Linda is second from the left and Barbie is on the far right. We were darling, weren't we? What wonderful memories. Thank you for arranging for us to be together again these past 6 months. I will love her always.



Carolyn W Hartsog - March 24, 2020 at 12:48 PM

CR

“ Dear Rick,
We are so sad to learn about Linda. We had no idea she was ill.
We would always say we would get together after seeing each other
out somewhere and then get back to our lives and think there would
be a chance later to catch up.
Another terrible lesson about thinking there will be more time.
I have such great memories of working together on projects, fun
social events and sharing the joy of our babies!
Our sincere sympathy to you and your whole family.
Cindy & Ken Roper

Cindy Roper - March 22, 2020 at 03:50 PM

MH

“ Rick and family, very sad to learn of Linda's passing. When I saw
her a few times at The Group, in the middle of her struggle, she was
always upbeat and and you wouldn't have known her situation.
Thanks to her contribution to the excellent ADS services you
provided over the years.

Michael Hurd - March 22, 2020 at 01:53 PM

RR

Thank you, Michael. Lin will be missed by many including many of our
great friends and associates at the Group including yourself.

Rick Roesener - March 23, 2020 at 08:41 AM

SC

“ Her smile and positive attitude touched everyone who was blessed to know this remarkable woman. I haven't lived in Ft Collins since 1998, I have fond memories of working on advertising project with her at First National Bank (as Susan Forge). Sending love, sympathy and support to Rick and the family and huge network of friends.

Susan (formerly Forge) Costonis

susan costonis - March 22, 2020 at 11:45 AM

GH

“ Rick and kids, Linde and I never had a chance to have that last lunch together. I am devastated and had no idea she was sick. I will miss her positive presence in this world. There is too much to say about her positive influence on me. As a young married she took me to Steele's Market to show me how to buy in bulk and then individually wrap and freeze. We laughed about that in our later years. She loved without condition. What a loss to me.

Gaye Hoffman - March 20, 2020 at 06:35 PM

RR

Thank you Gaye- she REALLY enjoyed seeing you when you'd come up to visit.

Rick Roesener - March 21, 2020 at 11:49 PM

RR

“ We saw very little of each other after high school yet I will never forget that smile, nor the fact that her mother was my Sunday School teacher.

As a family, know that others will be saying prayers for all of you, as well as Linda. Give Rick a lot of support as he is on a lonely trail. I am ahead of him as Penny, my wife, passed 10/10/2018. Remember the fun times is the best advice I can give. They have helped me through many sad days.

She now has no pain and is in the House of the Lord forever. May God Bless you all.

Ron Roesener

Ron Roesener - March 20, 2020 at 01:31 AM



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



March 18, 2020 at 09:43 PM

LS

“ So sorry to hear this.
My favorite memory is when we brought our daughter Jackie home from the airport. Rick and Linda has left us a cake and our dog had eaten it.



Linda Stern - March 18, 2020 at 02:58 PM

DM

“ Linda's smile is such a bright light - and she always had a smile. Kindness and grace radiated from her presence. I will miss seeing her in our Group office hauling piles of boxes taller than her and always with a smile.

Deanna McCrery - March 18, 2020 at 02:38 PM

RM

“ Ray and Caiti Mondragon with Rick and Linda Roesener, out on the town in Downtown Loveland enjoying dinner and cocktails in December 2016.



Ray Mondragon - March 18, 2020 at 02:33 PM

JP

“ Oh I am so sad and sorry for your huge loss. I found through the years that Linda was one of the most gracious ladies I have ever know. So sweet so kind such a go for it attitude so helping never a complaint about anything. She will be so so missed I love your family and want to love and support you all. Love Joey Porter.

Joey Porter - March 18, 2020 at 02:24 PM

RR

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



Rick Roesener - March 18, 2020 at 01:38 PM