



Linda R. Christensen

June 17, 1946 - December 11, 2022

Linda R. Christensen, 76 of Springfield, IL passed away on December 11, 2022, in Menard County. She was born on June 17, 1946 in Effingham, IL to Burl and Jean (Cihak) Mitchell. Linda married David Christensen On December 16, 1967 in Effingham, IL.

Linda is survived by her husband David; two daughters, Kari (Brendan) Murphy of Leesburg, VA and Erin (Sam) Clayton of Morton, IL; four grandchildren, William and Daniel Murphy, and Coraline and Stella Clayton; a cousin, Martin Moore of OH; and sister-in-law, Susan Christensen of Springfield. Linda was preceded in death by her parents; her son, James “Jay” Christensen, her mother and father-in-law and her aunt, Arlene Moore.

Linda was a member of the Petersburg United Methodist Church. She taught elementary school in the PORTA School District for 34 years before her retirement. Linda was a devoted daughter, wife, mother and grandmother, a very loyal friend and a beloved teacher. She wrote notes of encouragement to others at just the right time using the perfect words. The highlight of her week was joining her retired teacher friends at coffee group and also when the birthday group gathered. Linda was an avid reader, loved musical theatre and retail therapy and of course spoiled her grandchildren well and often. A plaque that hangs on one of her home’s walls reads “Petersburg is my heart’s home.” A visitation will be held for Linda on Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Funeral service will be held on Thursday, December 29, 2022 at the Petersburg United

Methodist Church at 11 a.m. with an additional visitation at 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Rev. Rick Pierce will officiate. Burial will follow at Oakland Cemetery in Petersburg. Memorials may be made to the Petersburg United Methodist Building Fund or the Menard County Rescue Squad. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **28**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg
122 West Douglas Avenue
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-2500
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Visitation

DEC **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Petersburg United Methodist Church
221 W. Jackson
Petersburg, IL 62675
(217) 632-7689

Funeral

DEC **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda R. Christensen.* ”



January 01, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Don & Bridget purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Linda R. Christensen.* ”



Don & Bridget - December 29, 2022 at 09:02 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda R. Christensen.* ”



December 26, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Linda R. Christensen.* ”



December 24, 2022 at 06:04 PM

LC

“ Love, Laura, Pam, Erica and Celesta purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Linda R. Christensen.



Love, Laura, Pam, Erica and Celesta - December 24, 2022 at 01:25 PM

GW

“ Gary Wright purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Linda R. Christensen.



Gary Wright - December 23, 2022 at 02:28 PM

DD

“ Darcey and Shane Daker purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Linda R. Christensen.



Darcey and Shane Daker - December 21, 2022 at 03:36 PM

GS

“ Prayers and condolences to you Kari and your family. Thank you for sharing wonderful stories of your mothers service in education and impact on her community!

Grant S. - December 19, 2022 at 10:33 AM

AN

“ Linda was one of my sweet high school friends and FB ones too. I will greatly miss her and will always hold special memories of her deep in my heart. Heartfelt prayers are with Dave, her family and friends too, 🙏❤️🙏

AnitaMontgomery - December 18, 2022 at 05:30 PM

JR

“ Dave, I was sadden to hear of Linda's passing. My condolences to you and your family. Judy Reiser

judy Reiser - December 16, 2022 at 09:07 PM

CM

“ Dear Mr. Christensen and Erin,
I am Brendan's sister. I am sending my most sincere sympathy to you. Please accept my condolences and my prayers.

Cullene Murphy

Cullene Murphy - December 16, 2022 at 07:51 PM

DT

“ So sorry for your loss.



Dona Temple - December 16, 2022 at 06:40 PM

JH

“ Linda was always such a graceful lady. The first time I met her years ago, i remember wishing I could have been tall and willowy, not my destiny, for sure. Clint and I are beyond sad to hear of her loss. Her life was full of love and caring for others and that love will always be there and will continue on through the lives of her students, friends and family. The good thing, you see, is that love never dies. Blessings to Dave, Kari, Erin and all the family. Clint and Judy Hurdle

Judith K Hurdle - December 15, 2022 at 07:19 PM

NG

“ Nancy Grosboll purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Linda R. Christensen.



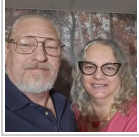
Nancy Grosboll - December 15, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Linda R. Christensen.



December 15, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *Mrs Christensen was a wonderful women,
she will be missed*



Robin Logue-Baughman - December 15, 2022 at 11:41 AM



“ *Dave, condolences to you and your family. I'm so sorry. As you
know there are a lot of fond memories from high school days.
Prayers for you and your family.
Marty Williams Smith*

Marty Williams Smith - December 15, 2022 at 11:23 AM

SE

“ Christensen Family,

We, are truly saddened to hear of Linda's passing.

Our family always felt like she and Dave both were those "ones called to teaching."

Dave was a true mentor to our son Gabe, who also taught and now is in Education Administration.

Linda, so kind and helpful always. Was lucky to run into Dave & Linda this past summer and had a nice visit remembering the old days in Petersburg when our kids were all going to Porta.

The school district was so blessed to have them both on staff.

Hoping, soon your tears will be replaced by smiles of your many wonderful memories of your wife, mother, & grandmother.

God Bless You All !

*Johnny, Sandy, Erica & Gabe Estill
Petersburg*

Sandy Estill - December 15, 2022 at 11:06 AM

CG

“ Dear Family, both my sons had Linda as a 2nd grade teacher. She was such a dedicated, devoted teacher. I have good memories of her and wish to convey to you my heartfelt sorrow at her passing. Love to you as you remember her for the rest of your lives.
Cindy Godbey

Cindy Godbey - December 15, 2022 at 09:00 AM

DB

“ Linda was such a kind and gentle soul with a wonderful personality. I enjoyed working with her at the Elementary School. Sending loving thoughts and prayers to Dave and his daughters.

Debby Baumhardt - December 14, 2022 at 10:29 PM



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



December 14, 2022 at 10:10 PM

BS

“ Sincere sympathy to the Christensen family. Bernie Sarff, Decatur

Bernie Sarff - December 14, 2022 at 08:46 PM

LE

“ Leslie Esslinger lit a candle in memory of Linda Christensen



Leslie Esslinger - December 14, 2022 at 06:45 PM

DK

Deepest sympathy to the family. Mrs. Christensen was a huge loving and positive influence on many youngsters here in Petersburg. John & Diane Kube

Diane Kube - December 15, 2022 at 09:17 PM

ST

I remember Linda at her granddaughters birthday parties, swimming with them in the pool, laughing and helping set up the luncheon table. She was such a grand lady to know.

SANDRA TOLLEY - December 16, 2022 at 11:35 AM