



Linda L. Forbes

January 11, 1943 - September 25, 2023

Linda Forbes of Petersburg, Illinois, deemed one of PORTA'S finest by many of her former students, died on September 25, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in Springfield as a result of a hemorrhagic stroke. The legendary Ms. Forbes began her teaching career in Missouri, but soon after transferred to PORTA where she remained until her retirement in 2003. Most every seventh grade student for more than thirty years studied social studies (including the Constitution) under her tutelage.

Linda was born in Winterset, Iowa, in 1943. The family later moved to Missouri where Linda attended School of the Ozarks for both high school and junior college and graduated from Southwest Missouri State. She later earned a graduate degree in history from Sangamon State University. Linda was an active member of numerous organizations including IEA, NEA, Masonic Eastern Star, Petersburg Garden Club where she served as an officer, and the Petersburg Library, where she served on the board. Linda was a member of the Hollister Presbyterian Church in Hollister, Missouri. Additionally, she was a pilot who earned private and instrumental ratings.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents Warner and Mabel (Rogers) Forbes, brother Robert W. Forbes, nephew Mike Forbes, and niece Vicky Forbes Burns. She is survived by brother James Forbes in Iowa, sister-in-law Helen (Robert) Forbes in Missouri, niece Joni Forbes Schuler (Gary),

nephews Jeff (Gena) Forbes, Robert (Marian) Forbes, Tom (Tiffany) Forbes, nieces Lisa (Brian) Hollis, and Rhonda Bader plus many great nieces and great nephews. Additionally, she has many friends who mourn her passing.

Private family interment will be in Winterset, Iowa, on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. Memorials may be made to the PORTA Foundation, the Petersburg Garden Club, or the Petersburg Library, and sent to Hurley Funeral Home at 122 West Douglas Street, Petersburg, Illinois, 62675. Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Linda was a good friend to me while we attended School of the Ozarks. I always looked forward to seeing her at our Homecomings.

Catherine E. Williams - November 01, 2023 at 02:35 PM

BV

“ I am going to always remember her as one of the best teachers at PORTA. She was kind and smart and not judgemental. She cared if we learned. One of the greatest teachers I ever had. Please give her past students a chance to say goodbye. You would be surprised how much she was apart of our lives and affected us. Good bye to a true educator and wonderful soul.

billi vincent - September 29, 2023 at 12:24 PM

JS

She was my aunt, she loved her students tremendously

joni forbes schuler - September 29, 2023 at 01:21 PM

JH

Linda requested no services.It was her decision. You are saying goodbye with your wonderful comments and memories. She would be deeply touched. Thank you for sharing them.

Judy Hurdle - September 30, 2023 at 08:07 PM

DP

One beautiful great teacher and neighbor.

Diana Sherren Pratt - October 14, 2023 at 11:39 AM

PY

“ She was an outstanding teacher. She taught me a love of Political Science in high school that led me to pursue a bachelor’s and master’s in the field. I can easily say she was one of the best teachers I’ve ever had and know she impacted so many others. PORTA and Petersburg we fortunate to have her for so many years. Sending strength to her family and friends.

Paetra Yates - September 29, 2023 at 12:00 AM

H'

“ Wonderful teacher. No nonsense. Fair. Great example. Always looked forward to her class.

Heather K. class of '92 - September 28, 2023 at 11:37 PM

RA

“ Ms. Forbes would never tell us who she voted for. Something I always appreciated about her. I’m thrilled to read so many people became teachers because of her. She has left an impression that will last decades and beyond.

Rachel - September 28, 2023 at 10:16 AM

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“ Ms. Forbes will be missed. I grew up blocks from her house and I frequently rode my bike or walked past her home on my way to play with my friends. She always had a warm smile and a kind word for me.

She was a beloved teacher. Her family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers.

Amanda Woolsey (Angel) - September 28, 2023 at 09:27 AM

EL

“ Ellen lit a candle in memory of Linda Forbes



Ellen - September 28, 2023 at 09:19 AM

LH

“ Larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda Forbes



larry and Mary Hundt - September 28, 2023 at 08:43 AM

RR

“ Had her in Jr. High for social studies. Great teacher! I'm sure she will be greatly missed❤️~Rebecca (Cade) Ray

Rebecca Ray - September 27, 2023 at 06:27 PM

RL

“ One of the best teachers I had. She was the first teacher that helped me enjoy history and that has done nothing but grown. Thank you Mrs. Forbes

Richard Lynn - September 27, 2023 at 06:13 PM

PV

“ Linda was a great teacher and a wonderful friend. She always had a positive outlook and enjoyed life. She will be missed and we all have memories of good times with her at garden club activities. May she rest in peace.

Patricia Vig - September 27, 2023 at 05:38 PM



“ She was one of my all-time favorite teachers. Granted, I brought her Dairy Queen coupons all the time. :) It is teachers like her that made me want to be a teacher. I always looked forward to seeing her around town. She will be greatly missed and she impacted a ton of kids over the year!

Brent Davis - September 27, 2023 at 04:22 PM

LE

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Ms Forbes passing. What a wonderful teacher. I have fond memories of her as one of the many students to sit in her class room. May her family find solace and peace knowing how many lives she touched. She truly was dedicated and earned the title of "teacher".

Leslie Esslinger - September 27, 2023 at 02:36 PM