



Linda Diane Schafer

October 11, 1946 - May 21, 2011

Linda Diane Orr was born October 11, 1946 in a log cabin in the mountains of Cascade, Idaho. Delivered and placed into the arms of her mother, Jerry, by her father, Jack, when the Dr. didn't make it up the snow covered incline in time. A year later, on their way west to "somewhere with more of a summer", they found themselves with a flat tire and few dollars in their pocket stranded in Moses Lake. They never left.

Linda and her 2 sisters, Anita & Janet, grew up in Cascade Valley with a close knit group of families where she and the other neighborhood children never got away with anything. "Everybody knew", she said, "if we got in trouble with another parent we were in trouble with our own as well." Evenings of fiddle music, dancing, homemade ice cream socials, horseback riding, swimming in the mud hole, and Bible school were common throughout her growing up years. At the age of 4, after a missionary lesson at Bible school, she jumped up from her seat and announced to the class that she was going to adopt 50 African babies and teach them all about Jesus. A life-long devotion to missions work began at that moment.

In 1965 she met and married Richard Schafer. The couple, unable to conceive, adopted a son, Kyle, in August of 1969; 2 weeks later Linda would find out she was pregnant. Their daughter, Deea, was born in May of 1970. Less than a year later, Linda found herself raising both babies alone when she

and Richard divorced. Determined to raise her little ones to love Jesus and serve Him, she found a 'family' in the people at First Church of the Nazarene in Lewiston, Idaho. For more than 10 years they loved, taught, and encouraged the little trio.

Knowing she needed to be able to provide for her children she enrolled in Lewis Clark State College and graduated 4 years later with a BA in Forensic Sciences. When she was not able to find work quickly after graduation, she reenrolled in college for 4 more years and obtained a BA in Clinical Sciences. Linda immediately found work in several hospital laboratories as a Medical Technologist, until she was hired in Odessa, WA as the director of laboratory services and remained there for 15 years. She returned to Moses Lake in 1998 to help care for her mother and began working at Moses Lake Community Health as a Med. Tech. until January of 2011 when she was diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

Linda served in many capacities during her 40+ years in the Nazarene denomination, but in 2009 she fulfilled the dream of going on a work and witness mission to the island of Dominica – nearly 60 years after the inception of the dream. Helping others was one of her greatest joys in life. If she could share the love God had shed abroad in her heart, or give of the resources God had blessed her with, she wouldn't hesitate to seize the opportunity. Prayer became her life's blood early on & she was passionate about it. Her grandchildren would say of her – “she inspired me to express my creativity, directed me toward the heart of my Savior, rewarded my diligence and hard work, disciplined the lack thereof, and lifted me up in prayer. I will remember her smiles, wise advice, and unconditional love.”

May 21, 2011, Linda went home to be with her precious savior, at the age of 64, filled with His love and grace. Living on, with the hope of a life that magnifies her great faith, are her children; Kyle Schafer of Moses Lake, Deea

Paul and son-in-law James Paul of Bozeman, MT, 3 grandchildren; Cassia Paul & Malinda Paul of Bozeman, MT, & Christopher Paul of Coeur d'Alene, ID. She is also survived by her father; Jack L. Orr of Roswell, NM. , 2 Sisters; Anita Graham of Moses Lake, and Janet Long of Roswell, NM, many nieces and nephews. Her heart 'adopted' children from Nigeria, Zachariah and Lami, Immashiya and Zigwei Tanko currently of Vermont, her 2 sisters-of-the-heart, Sue Calvert Scott of Nebraska, and Earlyn Key Tannhauser of Washington.

She requested that in, lieu of flowers, donations can be made to women's ministries in Dominica, made out to Church of the Nazarene, Global Treasury Fund, P.O. Box 843116, Kansas City, MO 64184 Linda's Home-going service will be held at the Nazarene Church, 422 South Balsam Street, Friday, May 27, 2011. 10 AM formal memorial, 10:30 AM Home-going hoedown.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 27. 10:00 AM (PT)

First Church of the Nazarene
5th and Balsam
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall



“ Linda and I grew up from toddler age together in Cascade Valley. Our families were friends; we sort of lost touch for some years but reunited several years ago. I was so thrilled when I discovered that Linda & I were both Christians; just one more thing in common. Linda was so good to go and visit my parents, have holiday dinners with them and always greeted them in church. When we were moving my parents over to be near us; Linda brought boxes over nearly every day; she was so thoughtful. I will miss her so much but I know without a doubt that she is where she has always wanted to be; worshipping at the throne!!!##imported-begin##Carol Bergenholtz DiGiovanna##imported-end##

May 30, 2011 at 02:00 PM



“ WE all ahve our strengths and weaknesses. Our Lord knows what combination each of us will have that will be of best service to Him. That is the mistery that He never discloses; we must try to find for ourselves in our personal life journey.

The essence of that journey is to learn to be the best at serving Him.

Linda always seemed to have an inate knowledge of that purpose.

She was an example.

Earlyn##imported-begin##Bill & Earlyn Tannhauser##imported-end##

May 27, 2011 at 11:42 PM



“ I will remember Linda as a kind and compassionate woman filled with faith. Remember that she will always live in your hearts and she is at peace in the Kingdom of Heaven.##imported-begin##Julie Weisenburg##imported-end##

May 27, 2011 at 12:27 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. God bless.##imported-begin##Michelle Escamilla##imported-end##

May 27, 2011 at 11:56 AM



“ Linda always met you with that smile no matter when or where. I worked with Linda at the Odessa hospital and enjoyed her as both as a fellow employee and a friend.
Best wishes to her family,
Patty Watters##imported-begin##Patty Watters##imported-end##

May 27, 2011 at 10:19 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your mother/Grandmother. Linda was a very kind lady and always helped anyone with a smile. She will be missed dearly i will always remember her.##imported-begin##Rosa Perez##imported-end##

May 26, 2011 at 11:13 PM



“ I always enjoyed visiting with Linda at lunch when she worked in Quincy, she was a very kind, caring person and will be missed over here in Quincy also.##imported-begin##Terri Witte##imported-end##

May 26, 2011 at 07:42 PM



“ Your Mother and Grandmother was a very remarkable lady, friend and co-worker and it was a great privilege to know and work with her and bare witness to her strong faith and her grace and courage, especially during her illness. She will be greatly missed by all. My one comforting thought, besides her being with the Lord, is of her being reunited with her mother.
God bless and keep you all,
Josie##imported-begin##Josie Bean##imported-end##

May 26, 2011 at 06:45 PM



“ I could never write all that I feel for Linda. She was a true Angel of God. Anyone who really knew her, knew that she lived her life dedicated to our Lord and Savior, which ultimately, would bring her the most comfort in the last of her days here on earth. She was excited to see Him and faced her adversity with more strength and courage than anyone I have ever known. Her faith, at times, incomprehensible to me. She is truly and inspiration and will be forever imbedded into my soul. I have missed and will always miss working with her. She was an amazing woman and I feel so privileged to have had her in my life. Her example of faith, hope and love will be something I will hang onto forever. I love you Linda!!!##imported-begin##Taffien Wright##imported-end##

May 26, 2011 at 05:32 PM



“ Linda definitely knew how to make her mark on people, and she will be missed and remembered!! I worked with Linda at Columbia Basin Hospital, Quincy Community Health Clinic and Moses Lake Community Health Clinic. She was fun to work with, and definitely let us in to her world as a friend as well as a coworker! She will forever be known to our CBH staff for the "Unknown Crystal" and "rouleaux" terminology, which I can never hear in my carrer without thinking of her! I also remember, while in training, she once told me that she would get on the internet during her break (not to "read emails", not to get information) to look up the prayer chain so she knew exactly what she needed to be praying for when she said her prayers. And I will assure everyone who reads this that LINDA PRAYED FOR YOU! She never left anyone out!! Her conviction in her religious beliefs is something to be admired. Linda was so brave and assured in facing her illness that she knew it was His will that had guided her to the place she was at. I admire her for her strength and her close relationship with God. I only would hope everyone could trust the peaceful comfort Linda knew.##imported-begin##Tara Dockery##imported-end##

May 26, 2011 at 04:13 PM



“ Will be truly missed.##imported-begin##AJ Campuzano##imported-end##

May 25, 2011 at 08:15 PM



“ I worked with Linda. You will be miss very much. The Payne Family..##imported-begin##Karen Payne##imported-end##

May 25, 2011 at 08:04 PM



“ Linda was a very special person who will be remembered forever. I always enjoyed working with her when I was at Columbia Basin Hospital. My thoughts and prayers go out to her entire family. God Bless you and may her faith in the Lord comfort you at this time.
Brenda Herr RN##imported-begin##Brenda Herr RN##imported-end##

May 25, 2011 at 03:13 PM



“ you will be missed linda you were an awesome co-worker and a friend.##imported-begin##belinda gonzalez##imported-end##

May 25, 2011 at 02:50 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Linda's family. I will miss her greatly and Linda you will hold a very special place in my heart. Your kindness, compassion and your wonderful stories will forever be with me. You are painfree and already an angel watching over all of us which is what you have always done. Thank you for being you. May God watch over your family and give them peace and calm... We will meet again my dear friend!!##imported-begin##Tina Lambert##imported-end##

May 25, 2011 at 12:06 PM



“ Deea, Kyle and family, With deepest Sympathy "Listen for angels hovering near, whispering words you are longing to hear...Love is not over...Life is not gone...now and forever, the spirit lives on. Even in your sadness, may you find comfort in knowing that the angels must be smiling because your loved one is among them now." "May your heart and your faith stay fixed upon Him as you go through this difficulty. Be assured that He is holding your hand and will not let go!" "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10 NIV WE will miss Linda & her life for the Heavenly Father.##imported-begin##Earl & Vickie Hubsmith##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 10:19 PM



“ Keith and I came to know Linda about four years ago. We sat through many a Sunday School lesson where she shared so much of the scriptures with us. She loved Jesus and shared her love with those around her. Upon learning of her cancer she shared her enthusiasm for entering God's Kingdom. What a wonderful example of a loving Christian. She will be missed. There is a hole left that cannot be filled. God bless the family for the love and caring for Linda.##imported-begin##louise bowman##imported-end##

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May 24, 2011 at 07:32 PM



“ My condolences to the Family of Linda Schafer.##imported-begin##guadalupe Torres##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 03:01 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the family and close friends of Linda. It was a pleasure to work with her and I will definitely miss her! I know she has a special place in the arms of the Lord.##imported-begin##Teresa Palmer##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 02:54 PM



“ Linda,
We love and miss you.##imported-begin##ROSALINDA TORRES##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 02:38 PM



“ When working in the lab on occasions with Linda she was not only a wonderful person to be around and work with but she was always teaching new things in the lab, God Bless You Linda and Your Family.##imported-begin##Nina D Reeves##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 02:27 PM



“ I had the privelige in few occacions to interact with Linda here in the clinic. She always had a smile and happy face. I know she is with the Lord now and rejoicing in her new body. My condolence to her family, may God's love confort and help you, as you move forward and remember and miss your belove Linda.

Sincerely Martha Lyles##imported-begin##Martha Lyles##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 02:09 PM



“ To Linda's family. My Condolances go out to all the family at this bittersweet time. As a follower of the Lord we are sad because we will miss her. But how can we not want her to be with our Lord! Dancing in fields of Grace! I knew her for a very short time and she still made an impact on me. Know that the Linda's family has another family here at MLCHC also. Linda Congratulations on your graduation to be with our Lord and Savior! To the family may God's Grace be with you at this time.##imported-begin##Susie Salinas ##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 01:50 PM



“ I will miss you terribly. I know that you are at peace with the Lord and that one day we will once again see each other. P.S.##imported-begin##Priscilla Seibel##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 01:48 PM



“ Linda,
You were an incredible inspiration of happiness. No matter the doubt, no matter the fight you never swayed from who you are. Always smiling, and positive. I will miss you greatly although its hard for us not to have you here, we know you are in a perfect place. And there is no doubt you already have wings.
Til we meet again.....
Jes##imported-begin##Jessica Hogge##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 01:45 PM



“ To the family of Linda, She was a wonderful person who I enjoyed working with, she was always smiling and always happy. Now she is with God in a better place. with heartfelt sympathy Sandra Bermudez. God Bless##imported-begin##Sandra Bermudez##imported-end##

May 24, 2011 at 01:40 PM



“ Linda, I had just been thinking about you. You will be remembered as, in addition to other things, a smiling face in the lab, a kind heart. You will be missed. My prayers are with your family. You are now in the presence of your Lord.##imported-begin##Jill Simon##imported-end##

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