



## Linda Reed

September 19, 1946 - January 28, 2026

Linda Reed, Nan, Lindy

Preceded in death by Husband H.G. Reed, Grandparents Edward toy senior, Ella Lee Trimble toy, William Jennings, Bryan Myers and Melvia Frodge Myers. Mother Beulah May Toy, Father Edward toy jr, Sister Gayle Niemeyer, Niece Kelly Niemeyer, Beloved Dog, Bogey Reed.

Survived by Sister Cathy Whitt, Son James McGuire, Grandchildren Jerrod (Morgan) McGuire and Serena McGuire, great Grandson Theodore McGuire, Stepdaughter's Susanna(Todd) Whan and Kathy Stodghill, Step Grandchildren Emma Redd, Nick Whan, Sarah and Jack Stodghill, Nephew Jon (Jennifer) Niemeyer and children Alex and Ben.

She graduated from Mount Sterling High School in 1965, where she played clarinet in the orchestra and twirled as a majorette for the Mount Sterling marching band. Music was always part of her life. She sang with a quartet in high school and later sang with her family on the radio on Sunday afternoons and as guest singers in churches. She attended Eastern Kentucky University and Morehead State University, eventually majoring in paralegal studies.

Linda worked hard throughout her life and never shied away from a job. Over the years, she worked in a frozen French fry factory, sold and delivered office supplies and commercial typewriters, served as a substitute teacher, worked at Community Trust Bank (where she met her future husband, HG Reed), and ultimately spent 25 years as a paralegal with Angela Patrick, Attorney at Law, before retiring. No matter the job, she carried pride in her work and passed

along a strong work ethic to her son, Jim.

Her own family began with the birth of her only son, Jim, in the winter of 1969 in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Later, when Jim married and adopted a son, Linda happily became a Nan. Jerrod instantly became the apple of her eye, and she proudly followed him from little league baseball through Nuclear medicine school graduation. Jerrod and his wife Morgan made her a great-grandmother with the birth of their son, Theo, in December of 2024.

The last ten years of her life were spent living with Jim and her granddaughter, Serena Raine. Linda treasured that time deeply. Being “Nan” was one of her favorite roles, and she adored Serena. They loved shopping, cooking, creating art, and talking about Serena’s day and her dreams. She was an excellent artist, a gift she inherited from her mother and proudly passed down to Jim and Serena. Three easels now sit in their home studio.

Linda also knew how to enjoy life. From raucous weekends at her sister's house, to decadent beach vacations with friends and family, to traveling the world, Linda got to see and do so much. Her laughter filled the air, everywhere she went. She loved sports of all kinds, especially University of Kentucky basketball, which she coached passionately from her chair and from the bleachers at Rupp Arena. She followed golf, football, tennis, and faithfully watched both summer and winter Olympics every year.

She was pure love. Linda was kind to everyone, welcomed everyone, and made time for everyone. She loved to entertain, always ready to add another chair at the table, always laughing, often at herself, and always smiling. Her house was full of warmth, food, stories, joy and laughter. Linda was pure love. She was kind to everyone. She loved everything. She would listen and she would freely give you her most precious asset, time. She would make time for you and the only thing she would want in return, was a hug. She loved hugs. Her faith and community were also important to her. She frequently attended First Christian Church in Mount Sterling with her sister Cathy, participating in services, women’s activities, bunco nights, dinners, picnics, painting, needlepoint, baking for neighbors, and especially the Fat Tuesday chili

supper, where she never arrived without dessert. Wherever she went, she was the life of the gathering.

The last months of Linda's life were especially sweet. She spent treasured time with her sister, reminiscing and visiting with friends. She also spent extended stays in Tennessee with one of her best friends, Marta Dean(Mert), where the two played gin rummy nonstop for hours each day, carefully keeping score sheets they saved forever and laughing over college days. At home, Linda found a new best friend in Jim's partner, Shafika. Shafika would sneak Nan wine, while listening to her tell every secret she ever knew. The laughter and joy filled the house.

She was ready to leave and did so peacefully, knowing her family was strong and happy. She was an amazing daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She did so well. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered for her laughter, kindness, and boundless love.

In true Lindy fashion, because she never liked being the most serious person in the room, her family will celebrate her life with an Irish Wake for friends and family on February 21 at 2pm at 629 Brookmede Dr. Mt Sterling, KY 40353. Please send flowers to 629 Brookmede Dr. Mt Sterling, KY 40353.

# Previous Events

## Celebration

FEB **21**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Cathy's House  
629 Brookmede Dr.  
Mt. Sterling, KY 40353

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mike McGuire purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda Reed.* ”



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**Mike McGuire** - February 14 at 10:21 AM



“ *I have discovered the worst thing about being the baby in the family and that is I'm alone now without both of my sisters.* ”

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**Cathy Whitt** - February 10 at 06:08 PM



“ *Cathy Whitt lit a candle in memory of Linda Reed* ”



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**Cathy Whitt** - February 10 at 06:07 PM