



## Linda Stith

July 31, 2013

Linda Stith of Lithonia, Georgia passed on July 31, 2013. Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett and Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory Inc, 4347 Flat Shoals Parkway Decatur, Ga 404-241-5656.

# Tribute Wall

YO

“ *she was my chemistry teacher in new York in 1981. she was such a great leader!*

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**yvonne ortiz** - January 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Linda was my math teacher, over 20 years ago, when I was a patient at Parkwood Hospital. She made an indelible impression on my life, & her contributions in my life, cannot be measured. I have never forgotten what she did for me; the love, the care & all that she taught me. She helped me to learn to believe in myself, & encouraged me on every turn. She taught me that learning could be fun & that I could defy all odds, & have not just a good life, but a great life. Thank you Linda, for making a difference in my life. You will be remembered always.*

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**megan malik** - December 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Linda taught our daughter and our daughter lived with her because at that time Gables didn't have housing for girls. Linda was her second Mom, we loved her and she truly will be missed, God has called home one of his angels.*

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**C W Witchard** - September 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Linda was undoubtedly the greatest and most dedicated teacher I have ever had. She had a unique ability to connect every person she came into contact with. She instilled in me a love of learning, and helped me develop confidence as a student and individual. Linda taught me a great deal about many things, but most importantly she helped teach me how to be a happy, independent, and successful person. I am forever indebted to this wonderful person. The world would be a much better place if more people were like Linda Stith.

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**Jonathan** - August 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Linda was one of the most exceptional women to share our lives. She had a light from within her very soul. Linda tutored both of our children and their lives were enriched by her teaching and caring. We are ever grateful to have known and loved her for many years. Her spirit lives on in each of us. The DiChiara Family

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**The DiChiara Family** - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Our family was so fortunate to have Linda in our home for an hour or so each week for the last year and a half. Linda, with endless patience, grace, caring, and intelligence, was my son's math tutor. She was also much more than that. She was on our team and helped our son , and my husband and I, negotiate the first year of middle school at a new school. She discussed study strategies, school strategies , and kept in touch during the week. She was the first person my son wanted to contact with news of a good test grade. In my son' s words I made C- s on my math tests and then after Linda started helping me I made A- s. Linda wrote thorough and extremely helpful summaries with study recommendations after each meeting with my son. She also didn't keep to her scheduled hour . Frequently, she stayed until he mastered the concept they were working on. Linda's knowledge of all the different permeatations of learning differences and the way they manifested in various subjects was truly amazing. Linda liked our dogs - and they rushed to greet her each week. She didn't mind a dog sleeping on her feet while she taught our son. She never judged. She was warm and kind and fit right in with our family. I could tell her when it had been a bad day. I think she could let me know the same. Linda talked about her love of tennis and her spring breaks in Hilton Head when she got to play tennis everyday. Sometimes she would talk a bit about NY. She talked about how the new technology meant her former students sometimes skyped her for help from college :) Linda rescheduled one tutoring session and was late for a second. We knew something must be very very wrong. Most of us reschedule things.... Run late.... But Linda didn't. The day she was late she tracked me down at work via phone so i could call my son ( who was at home) to let him know she would be late. I heard noise in the background- she didn't quite sound like herself - but she was thinking about my son at a time that must have been enormously stressful for her. We have been shocked and saddened by her quick passing. We miss her very much and would like to express our deepest sympathy to Linda's family and loved ones. The Bortnick family

**susan chance bortnick** - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I met Linda at Parkwood where we shared a student. We worked together for ten years (Linda, part-time, as she juggled her other positions) at a Learning Disabilities clinic. Over the next ten, as I took positions at two different schools, we coordinated, and she tutored (wonderfully) many of my students. We shared student updates, ideas, teaching strategies, life experiences, news of mutual friends, visits, and the occasional lunch. Lately, with both of us busy, our contact was reduced mostly to phone calls. Sadly, this summer’s planned lunch will not occur. Linda, you are missed! Thank you for all the love and help you have shared and for all the lives you have touched. --Jule Satterfield

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**Jule Satterfield** - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ We send our deepest sympathies to Linda's family. She tutored my daughter every week for the past 3 years. She was so much more than a tutor to Martha. She was a dear friend that we loved.

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**Kim Selph** - August 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ As I was deleting VERY OLD e-mails, one of which was a chain message/expression, from Linda, who usually doesn't forward those messages and/or expressions. However, it opened with the message *This Is a Must Share!!* - sent Feb 2010. Below is a portion/excerpt of it, which I am sure expresses how she lived and how she would like all of us to continue to live. *Even if you are not a dog lover, you will enjoy this!!* - Linda *Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Remember, if a dog was the teacher you would learn things like: When loved ones come home, always run to greet them. Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure Ecstasy. Take naps. Stretch before rising. Run, romp, and play daily. Thrive on attention and let people touch you. Avoid biting when a simple growl will do. On warm days, stop to lie on your back on the grass. On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree. When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk. Be loyal. Never pretend to be something you're not. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it. When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently. ENJOY EVERY MOMENT OF EVERY DAY!* To all who have met and known Linda, we feel this loss of a true friend and a wonderful human being. Especially to the Stith Family, who are enduring a much greater loss, I wish to express my deepest sympathies to all the family. May God keep you in his arms to protect and comfort you during these trying times. As time passes, may her fond memories make it easier for all of you. *Barry Jamison and Family*

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**Barry Jamison** - August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ We were high school classmates in a program that created a life-long bond that, in my heart, was never broken throughout these many years and distances. So even though we were not family by blood, I do feel the loss of a member of my family. My deepest, most sincere condolences are extended to Linda's family. I want to express to you something that was told to me on the death of my mother.....She is well now. Those few words brought me great comfort, because while grieving my loss, I also felt the relief of knowing she was no longer suffering. I hope you all too, can take comfort in that knowledge.

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**Karen Cousin** - August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ My name is kenneth bellamy, 'BELL' and I've had the opprotunity to know and love Linda sence July, 1966. I loved LINDA she taught me how to write lesson plansback in 1983, and I was able to start to teach. Over the years she was a person who I love for hermine. I loved her for nature and I was luckily to love her for her intellangent mind. She had a B.S. degree in Chemistry.

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**kenneth Bellamy** - August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HN

“ Linda was a truly beautiful woman and I'm blessed to have called her my friend. Love, Helen

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**Helen Najarian** - August 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Linda has been a member of our tennis team for years. I had many opportunities to partner with her. She was an amazing player and competitor. She always encouraged you with her positivity. She amazed all of the younger players on the team with her energy and stamina. She was tireless...she NEVER sat down between change of games or change of sets!! No matter how hot it was, she seemed fresh as a daisy! We are all shocked to learn of her passing as she finished the Spring season playing every match for the team!! She will be missed by the Smash Gals. RIP Linda.

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**Tracy** - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ Lit a candle in memory of Linda Stith

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**Faye Longmire of Jacksonville Florida** - August 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Linda and I worked together at Parkwood Hospital and at Gables Academy, she was one of my best friends for the last 16 years. Linda had integrity, was extremely generous with her heart and time. And even though she was from New York she was humble and made you feel like u were the only person who mattered. I love u Ms Linda, we miss you. Suzi Meffen

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**Suzi Marsh Meffen** - August 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM