



Linda Christine Lackey

February 18, 1948 - December 28, 2016

Linda Christine Lackey, age 68, of Versailles, passed away peacefully, at Good Shepherd Care Center on December 28, 2016. She was born on February 18, 1948, in a hospital at Ames, Iowa. Linda was the daughter of Frank and Mary (Cox) Grimes.

On July 4, 1970, she married Ross Reinheimer. On February 11, 1978, Ross passed away with terminal cancer. On October 5, 1979, Linda married Larry Lackey, at the Larkin Avenue Baptist Church in Elgin, Illinois. They shared thirty-seven years together.

In 1971, she graduated from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, with a BA degree in English and secondary education. In 1980, she graduated from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, with a MS ED in curriculum and supervision. In 1998, Linda completed an additional thirty-eight graduate course hours from Northern Illinois University related to the instruction of language arts, computers and gifted education.

As a substitute, her first teaching role was at Durant High School, Durant, Iowa. In the fall of 1972, she was hired full-time at U-46 Eastview Junior High School, Bartlett, Illinois, as a 7th and 8th grade english teacher. During the summer and fall of 1989-1990, Linda accepted a part-time position at Waubonsee Community College, Sugar Grove, Illinois, as an instructor of

freshman english composition and literature. After twenty-seven years, she retired from U-46 public school system and relocated, with her husband, Larry, to their retirement farm in Versailles, Missouri. During the fall term 1999, Linda was accepted in the School District No. 1 of Moniteau County, California, Missouri, as a high school english teacher. In the fall of 2000-2003, she completed her teaching career at Morgan County R-II School District, Versailles, Missouri as a high school english teacher.

In 1989, Linda received Exemplary Educator Award from the Illinois Math and Science Academy. From 1992-1998, she was selected Who's Who Among America's Teachers. Some of her student groups sponsored were: National Honor Society, Pride Group, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Freshman Class Sponsor, Young Authors, Odyssey of the Mind and Literary Guild. At both the California and Versailles High School library and english departments, she developed a college bound reading list for her American literature and english literature and dual credit English composition 113 classes. (Shortly thereafter, Stanford University and Yale University put out similar lists on the internet).

Linda had a strong faith base. She enjoyed her family, reading, traveling and friends. Linda strived to see her students succeed and attain their goals. Linda and Larry were members of the Versailles United Methodist Church. Linda is survived by her husband Larry; her step-daughter, Sandra Lackey, step-daughter, Patricia Perna, son-in-law, Joseph Perna and grandchildren, Samuel Perna and Matthew Perna.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 7th, at the Versailles United Methodist Church with Pastor Lora Cunningham officiating. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Versailles Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Friday, January 6th, at the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home in Versailles. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Versailles United Methodist Church or the Good Shepherd

Care Center.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home - Versailles Chapel
207 North Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084
(573) 378-4655

Service

JAN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Versailles United Methodist Church
201 N. Monroe St.
Versailles, MO 65084

Tribute Wall



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Larry and the rest of Linda's family. She was a beautiful cousin. And we love that you posted a picture of her with Cherub!

Love, Jenifer, Chris & Faith

Jenifer, Chris & Faith Johnson - January 12, 2017 at 01:10 PM



“ *Natosha Lancaster lit a candle in memory of Linda Christine Lackey*



Natosha Lancaster - January 06, 2017 at 09:54 PM



“ *Linda was one of the sweetest persons I have known and we always enjoyed our birthday get-togethers and other activities with Larry, Linda, and Dan and Earlene. Such a special lady! My condolences to Larry and his daughters. Nelma Masden*

Nelma Masden - December 30, 2016 at 12:23 PM



“ *Mid-America Physical Therapy lit a candle in memory of Linda Christine Lackey*



Mid-America Physical Therapy - December 30, 2016 at 07:03 AM

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Rhonda Vogt - December 29, 2016 at 10:47 PM

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Linda always had that beautiful smile that made you just naturally love her. Larry, you are in mine and Rick's thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if there is anything you need.

Rhonda Vogt - December 29, 2016 at 10:50 PM

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“ *I owe much of my love for English and grammar to Mrs. Lackey! She fervently loved all her "squirrel butts" and taught with such passion! She has always and will forever hold a special place in my heart! I will forever cherish the blankets she knitted for my 3 children. Much love and prayers to her family!*

Veronica Martinez (Wenger) - December 29, 2016 at 09:53 PM

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“ *Linda was the best English teacher I had. She cared so much for all of her students, aka her 'squirrel butts'. She will be greatly missed.*



Mattie (Riddell) James - December 29, 2016 at 08:07 PM



“ *She was one of my favorite teachers. She made such a difference in every life that she touched. She will be missed deeply.*



Christina Hutchison - December 29, 2016 at 07:29 PM

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“ *Tammy Wilson Fields lit a candle in memory of Linda Christine Lackey*



Tammy wilson fields - December 29, 2016 at 06:47 PM

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“ *Tracy Wilson lit a candle in memory of Linda Christine Lackey*



Tracy Wilson - December 29, 2016 at 06:19 PM

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My sincere condolences to the family.

Tracy Wilson - December 29, 2016 at 06:20 PM

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“ Michele Miller lit a candle in memory of Linda Christine Lackey



Michele Miller - December 29, 2016 at 04:32 PM

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So very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family

Michele Miller - December 29, 2016 at 04:34 PM