



## Linda Rae Burns

September 2, 1951 - February 5, 2021

Linda Rae (Nelson) Burns died peacefully on February 5, 2021, in Clarkston, MI, at the age of 69. She is fully healed in the Lord and reunited with so many people who loved her.

Linda was born on September 2, 1951, to Gilbert and Devona Nelson and grew up on a farm on Quick Road. She started dating Tim at Holly High School and went on to marry him in July of 1971. They would have celebrated 50 years of marriage this year. The young couple welcomed daughters Christina, Cynthia, and Casandra, of whom Linda and Tim were so proud. You may have gotten stuck at some point listening to them reciting a litany of their girls' accomplishments. Linda taught her girls early on that anything boys could do girls could do better. She also taught them the importance of family, friendship and believing in themselves even when it was difficult.

As a life-long resident of Holly, Linda wore many hats. You may have known her as Arlo, Mama Burns, Aunt Linda or Coach. She may have been your Girl Scout leader, chaperone for a class trip, or stand-in on Parents Night. Maybe you attended Nelson's Naughty Nightlies, an MSU tailgate or as a member of her beloved book club. Some of you were part of her bowling team, 4-H Trail Riders, or church family. Linda was also a photographer, a Master Gardener, and a Stephen Minister. No matter where you knew her from, you experienced Linda's smile and her kindness toward others.

Linda is survived by her devoted husband of almost 50 years, Timothy; proud daughters, Christina (Jason) Strockis of Grand Rapids, Cynthia (Chad)

Bredernitz of White Lake, and Casandra (Gregg) Nigl of Columbus, OH; sisters, Nancy (Ron) Yokom, Carolyn (Arnold) Denson, and Jeannie Lewis; sisters-in-law, Barb (Tim) Stallcup and Patti Nelson; and grandchildren, Anna, Nathalie, Tyler, Brendan, Jack, Kaiden, Spencer and Maya, as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends. Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Gilbert and Devona Nelson; mother-in-law, Josephine Burns-Hillman; and brother, Robert Nelson.

Visitation will be held at Dryer's Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. Due to COVID restrictions, a private funeral will be held for the family with Rev. Dr. Sharlyn Gates officiating. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Linda's name to the Holly Presbyterian Church or the Holly Kiwanis Club. The family would like to thank Linda's caregivers over the past two years, Marsha, Beth, and Lucy, and the staff at Addington Place of Clarkston, especially Barb. You each made Linda's final months peaceful and filled with loving care. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)

## Cemetery Details

### Lakeside Cemetery

Holly, MI

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home

101 First St.

Holly, MI 48442

<http://dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Linda Rae Burns*



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**Dryer Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 10, 2021 at 09:44 AM

MS

“ *Just heard about your loss Tim. Our sympathies go out to you and your family. God's blessings.*

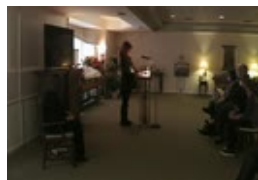
*Mike & Sherry Stevens*

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**Michael Stevens** - February 13, 2021 at 04:24 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service for Linda Burns*



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**Bruce Dryer** - February 11, 2021 at 10:51 AM

CN

*Thank you for this video. It was a beautiful service and because of this video I felt like I was attending. I learned some things from the family that I hadn't known about Linda. She was truly a extraordinary person and I'm proud to be her cousin.*

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**Cynthia Nelson** - February 11, 2021 at 09:17 PM

JW

*God Bless Her Soul. Eternal rest grant onto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace, Amen 🙏🙏*

**John C Wollet** - February 12, 2021 at 07:51 AM

CE

“ *No teenaged girl could hope to have a better friend than Linda. I was lucky to be on the receiving end of her kindness and generosity--which turned out to be what she extended to everyone! The images in the video speak loudly of how she lived her entire life, and her legacy will continue to bless others through these next generations.*

**Caryn (Everly) Ellison** - February 11, 2021 at 08:03 AM

JB

“ *Dear Tim and Family,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. I have such love and fond memories of Linda and your family. Always smiles and laughs when I would see you. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
💖 *Jean Bertram*

**Jean Bertram** - February 10, 2021 at 06:42 PM

CR

“ *Linda was always so cheerful and fun to be around. We had many years of laughter bowling against each other. She was always generous with her smiles and friendship. She will be truly miss by all that had the privilege of knowing her.*

**Chris Roche** - February 10, 2021 at 11:43 AM

SE

“ Linda was one of the West Quick Road girls. She had a horse and a car! She will forever be smiling and kind in this "little sister's" memory.

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**Sherlynn Everly** - February 10, 2021 at 08:09 AM

SA

“ Wonderful memories of Linda and our families growing up in the neighborhood. I can remember girls night out gathering at her house and eating rolls or goodies someone made earlier that day. Of course there was the women's softball league that we played in together. Linda was one of the most friendliest people I've ever know and always felt right at home with. Prayers for you Tim and the girls.....she was a beautiful soul.  
Sherry & Duane Addis

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**Sherry Addis** - February 09, 2021 at 11:41 PM

LK

“ We will always remember Linda's beautiful smile and welcoming hugs. Our lives were blessing by knowing her. Chuck and Lori Keefer

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**Lori Keefer** - February 09, 2021 at 10:07 PM

LK

“ We will always remember Linda for her beautiful smile and welcoming hugs. We are blessed to have known her. Chuck and Lori Keefer

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**lori Keefer** - February 09, 2021 at 07:38 PM

BR

“ Dear Tim & girls, Burns and Nelson families,

*I was so heart-broken to hear of Linda's passing. She was a wonderful woman and a terrific friend. She had a heart of gold and a generous spirit...Linda always made you feel special. Her beautiful smile and infectious laughter will be forever in my memory. My thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy go out to each of you in this incredible loss. So very sorry...*

*Barbara (Zueck) Rau*

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**Barbara Rau** - February 09, 2021 at 04:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Rae Burns.



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February 09, 2021 at 03:16 PM

FF

“ From Miss Dori and the Dance Dynamics Family purchased the Angel Wind Chime - Silver for the family of Linda Rae Burns.



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**From Miss Dori and the Dance Dynamics Family** - February 09, 2021 at 02:46 PM

BM

“ God truly received a very beautiful lady , I shall miss her Tremendously💜💜💜



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**Barbara Mercer** - February 09, 2021 at 12:08 PM

PW

“ Tim,  
God received one amazing Lady to Heaven. She filled everyone's life with her Love and Laughter. I cherish my memories of Linda in our High School years at Holly High School. Linda is whole and Healthy and dancing through the streets of Heaven.  
You, your daughters and family are in my prayers and thoughts.  
God Bless you,  
Patti Walters

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**Patti Walters** - February 09, 2021 at 08:32 AM

DO

“ From all of the Dance Dynamics family, we send our condolences. Our prayers are with you Cindy and family. Jack will shine with us in your honor.



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**Dori** - February 08, 2021 at 10:01 PM

JG

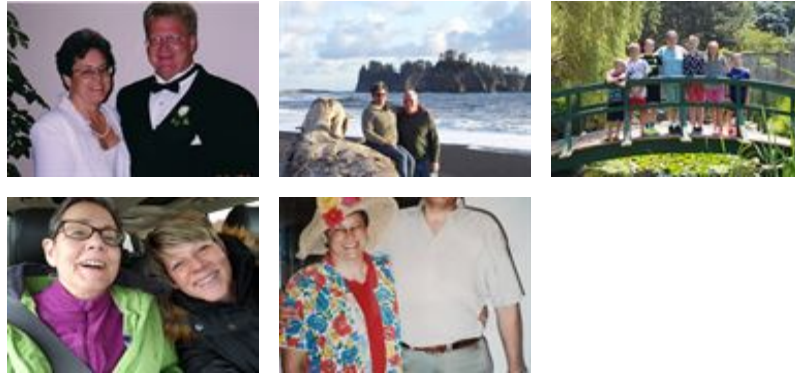
“ Linda was a great neighbor to have if you need her she would be there. She always had a smile and good things to say She will be missed  
The Greens

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**janet Green** - February 08, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - February 08, 2021 at 03:54 PM

JB

“ *Tim, I hope you and your family will accept my sincerest condolences. My memories of you and Linda are from the high school years. One of my fondest would be the time when our entire class gathered at the Nelson farm to work on the homecoming float. It was good clean fun and it appears that Linda's life never strayed from that.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Jim Bradley*

Jim Bradley - February 08, 2021 at 03:52 PM

KR

“ *Kathy And Dan Rolls lit a candle in memory of Linda Rae Burns*



Kathy and Dan Rolls - February 08, 2021 at 03:35 PM

TN

“ *Tim and family. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We still think about how nice it was to share some time with you and Linda at the Nigl going away party and also, the MSU vs Purdue tailgate party. Linda was an awesome lady!!!*

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**Tom and Kathy Nigl** - February 08, 2021 at 01:03 PM

DD

“ *Big smile, big heart, awesome family. She will be missed by many. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Deb Diehl** - February 08, 2021 at 12:38 PM

CK

“ *Claudia Kirkon lit a candle in memory of Linda Rae Burns*



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**Claudia Kirkon** - February 08, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ *I Have You In My Heart Plush Blanket was purchased for the family of Linda Rae Burns.*



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February 08, 2021 at 12:05 PM

NM

“ Norm and Lois Martin lit a candle for Linda Burns (and spelled my name right, Linda!)



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**Notm and Lois Martin** - February 08, 2021 at 12:02 PM

NM

“ So sorry for the loss of a great lady and a great mother of three great ladies. Such a wonderful and loving person to have in the community. Great personality and didn't hesitate to fire off anything that she was thinking of either. 😊 She'll be missed tremendously. ☐

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**Notm and Lois Martin** - February 08, 2021 at 11:51 AM

HN

“ My first crush and love as we attended Holly schools. Tim, my heart and thoughts go out to you and the girls in this time of sorrow. She, as always leads us on into the next life. May God bless you all.

*Sincerely,*

*Hank Norton*

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**Hank Norton** - February 08, 2021 at 11:46 AM

LA

“ Linda was such a huge part of my life growing up. We lived across the street, so from probably 4 years old or maybe earlier I was always over at the Burns house. Linda always made me feel so welcomed with her smile and generous ways. Whether it was me overstaying my welcome at their house, taking me on vacation, being my scout leader, or softball coach; Linda was an inspiration not just to me but lots of young ladies.  
Tim, Chrisy, Cindy, Casey and family, I am sorry for your loss. I wish you all healing and peace.

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**Laura M Addis** - February 08, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ Connie Austin-Davis lit a candle in memory of Linda Rae Burns



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**Connie Austin-Davis** - February 07, 2021 at 11:47 PM

RS

“ Always a great smile. A great hug. Forever in my heart. Here's to you my friend! I'll always remember sharing a Moose Drool with you after a hard day of gardening. ❤️❤️

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**renee smalley** - February 07, 2021 at 10:34 PM

RM

“ So sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy to you & your Family. Linda was such a Fun loving person. Ray & Lori McConnell.

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**Ray & Lori McConnell** - February 07, 2021 at 08:19 PM

DO

“ *Our hearts go out to you, Tim, and your family. May your memories give you comfort. Our sincere sympathy, Amos and Dottie Bradsher*



Dottie - February 07, 2021 at 07:43 PM

AJ

“ *Amy Jones lit a candle in memory of Linda Rae Burns*



amy jones - February 07, 2021 at 06:40 PM



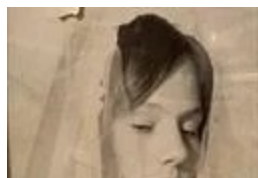
“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Linda Rae Burns.*



February 07, 2021 at 06:05 PM

CN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Casandra Nigl - February 07, 2021 at 05:04 PM

FB

“ *Frances and Bob Baker purchased the Pretty Ple  
ase for the family of Linda Rae Burns.*



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**Frances and Bob Baker** - February 07, 2021 at 04:41 PM

AP

“ *Aunt Sue, Brandy and Polly purchased the Pink  
Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Linda Rae  
Burns.*



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**Aunt Sue, Brandy and Polly** - February 07, 2021 at 03:03 PM

BW

“ *Mrs. Burns raised three amazing daughters. I am proud to say I  
have known (Chris) Burns since High School and enjoyed many a  
kitchen chat with Mr. and Mrs. Burns. Her love and support of any of  
Burns many friends was strong and ever present. May you find  
comfort in her peace.*

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**Brandy Walters** - February 07, 2021 at 01:47 PM

WR

“ *Willie & Maggy Russell lit a candle in memory  
of Linda Rae Burns*



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**Willie & Maggy Russell** - February 07, 2021 at 01:25 PM

SY

“ Linda was truly a special person. She had a personality that could bring light and laughter to all. I would say that she is most proud of her three girls. They have well carried her kindness, humor and tremendous love for all.

This world could so use more people like all of them. I send sincere and heartfelt condolences from myself and my family. May God bless. Steve Yokom and family.



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steve Yokom - February 07, 2021 at 01:25 PM

JB

“ Linda, Linda Hendrickson and I used to have more laughs till our sides hurt. We all three had the same exact shorts, so we wore them on Sat mornings and laughed at people laughing at us. I remember as a strong, funny, caring and spiritual woman. I marveled at her humor she shared with her husband and kids. What a great mom and wife. Remember yours memories with a smile. As she always had a smile to give away. ❤️

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john brummeler - February 07, 2021 at 01:13 PM

WM

“ Linda was one of the kindest most supportive people I have ever known. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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William and Cheryl McDougal - February 07, 2021 at 01:01 PM

LW

“ Love- The Hardin's, Leach's, and Wampler's purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Linda Rae Burns.



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**Love- The Hardin's, Leach's, and Wampler's** - February 07, 2021 at 12:27 PM

DB

“ David Burns lit a candle in memory of Linda Rae Burns



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**David Burns** - February 07, 2021 at 12:19 PM

JM

“ Janice Swanson Mcbrien lit a candle in memory of Linda Rae Burns



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**janice swanson mcbrien** - February 07, 2021 at 10:16 AM

DJ

“ Tim, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts.



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**Denise Jensen** - February 07, 2021 at 10:05 AM



“ *Jinx Kincaid lit a candle in memory of Linda Rae Burns*



**Jinx Kincaid** - February 07, 2021 at 09:44 AM

AM

“ *My deepest sympathies to Tim and the entire Burns family. I will always remember playing on the same golf league with Linda for many years. Linda was a force of positivity - always there with a smile and ready to listen. She will be deeply missed by those of us who knew and loved her. Keeping Linda's family and friends in thought and prayer during this tough time.*

**Amy Mayhew** - February 07, 2021 at 05:07 AM

KB

“ *Such a beautiful person inside and out. The best smile ever! Linda will be missed. Hugs and prayers to you Tim and your family.*



**Kathy Bacon** - February 06, 2021 at 08:58 PM

LH

“ *Linda Hart-Young sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda Rae Burns*



**Linda Hart-Young** - February 06, 2021 at 06:33 PM

DA

“ Tim and family my deepest condolences to you at this time of sorrow. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Doug Alexander - February 06, 2021 at 03:24 PM

MA

“ Linda and Tim were very supportive through my life and I appreciated our friendship. I Loved our Softball days, lots of fun with them. Such a wonderful wife, mother and friend. I will miss you my dear friend, Linda. Until we meet again. Peace.



Marti Addis - February 06, 2021 at 02:19 PM

BA

“ We will forever remember your beautiful smile, my friend! Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Tim!  
God Bless  
Brad and Barb Addis

Brad Addis - February 06, 2021 at 01:48 PM

LY

“ Linda Hart Young lit a candle in memory of Linda Rae Burns



Linda Hart Young - February 06, 2021 at 01:29 PM

VT

“ Dearest Burns family, I just got word of Linda's passing. She was such a wonderful friend. May she rest in the arms of the angels. My love and prayers go out to all of you. . I will always cherish the fun times, her easy smile and good heart. My love, Valorie Tiderington.

Valorie Tiderington - February 06, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Linda Rae Burns.



February 06, 2021 at 01:03 PM

HF

“ My deepest condolences to you, Tim and the family! I could always go to Linda when I worried about something. She was such a good listener. She helped so many people when she was on the Stephen Ministry team! God be with you as He is now with her. Love, Lore

Hannelore Felch - February 06, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Rae Burns.



February 06, 2021 at 11:19 AM

SP

“ Sue Prose lit a candle in memory of Linda Rae Burns



Sue Prose - February 06, 2021 at 10:55 AM

JL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jeannie Nelson Lewis - February 06, 2021 at 10:47 AM

SC

“ Sylvia Cameron lit a candle in memory of Linda Rae Burns



Sylvia Cameron - February 06, 2021 at 10:29 AM

BS

“ Condolences to you Tim & her family, Linda was a beautiful person inside & out, she'll be missed by all, she was fun loving woman & had a such a sweet smile, God bless her & all of you 🙏🏻🙏🏻

Bev Suski - February 06, 2021 at 10:26 AM

JH

“ We will miss her kind heart and beautiful smile. Hoping Tim and the girls will share lots of smiles and laughter thinking of her. Jim and Nancy

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**Jim and Nancy Hanks** - February 06, 2021 at 10:06 AM

JP

“ Judy Prose lit a candle in memory of Linda Rae Burns



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**judy Prose** - February 06, 2021 at 09:28 AM

JB

“ Tim and girls our deepest sympathy to you all during these most difficult time. You are in our prayers.

*John and CJ Brummeler*

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**john brummeler** - February 06, 2021 at 09:00 AM

EP

“ Linda took such beautiful photos and matched her photos with scriptures. She had a heart of gold. Linda loved her family and loved to spend time with them along with Tim.

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**Ellen Pease** - February 06, 2021 at 07:13 AM

JP

“ Janet Prescott sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda Rae Burns



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**Janet Prescott** - February 06, 2021 at 03:19 AM

EN

“ I remember Linda as a person who invested her time and heart in the things she cared about...her family and her community. My heart goes out to her family.



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**Eva Newman** - February 05, 2021 at 08:40 PM

KP

“ Kim And John Phillips lit a candle in memory of Linda Rae Burns



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**Kim And John Phillips** - February 05, 2021 at 06:49 PM