



Linda Lou Ricketts

March 19, 1940 - March 16, 2026

Linda Lou Kraus Ricketts

Age 85

Of Bangor

Passed away Monday, March 16, 2026 at her home surrounded by family. Linda was born to Susie Tippet and Lester Kraus in Mishawaka, IN on March 19, 1940 and has lived in the Bangor area for the majority of her life. She enjoyed family gatherings, playing marbles with family, especially her grandkids. She loved going to the casino with Leland, her husband, and she was always one to join in the fun, whatever and wherever she could. Surviving are her husband, Leland whom she married October 12, 1979; 4 daughters, Debbie Lynn Sikes of Decatur, Diane Lynn Bailey of Hartford, Donna Lynn (Allen) Pullins of Bangor, Doris Lynn (Vincent) Smith of Bangor; 4 bonus daughters, Tammy Freeman of Middlebury, IN, Debbie Shorts of Niles, Cindy Sipes of Edwardsburg, Dawn Dewey of Elkhart, IN; many, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren; best friends, Pat and Floyd Johnson who meant the world to her; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Gordon Ricketts; great-granddaughter, Adriana Murff; 6 sisters; and 3 brothers. There will be a graveside service at 11:00 AM Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at Colburn Cemetery, Arlington Township. There will be a celebration of her life at a later time, please check back for further details. The family suggests memorials be made to the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Colburn Cemetery

53901 42nd Avenue
Bangor, MI

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HF

“ Our Thoughts & Prayers are with all of you during this time of Sorrow in the loss of your loved one. We extend our deepest condolences to Leland, Debbie, Diane, Donna, Dorie, and all her Grandchildren and Friends. ❤️

Hanners Family - March 27 at 04:41 AM

JU

“ Grandma Ricketts this is your great grandson Juju. Just want to start off by saying how much I love you. From the moment when my dad texted me about your death I thought I was dreaming I really didn't think it was reality, but then I texted grandma Donna and she told me it was true, my heart sunk and it fell into piece, and I told myself not to cry but the veracity of how much I love you made me cry because you where gone. I didn't really think my last goodbye wasn't going to be face to face. Going to your funeral made my heart sink even more. I tried my best holding everything in but the first song that played was Amazing grace and I broke down instantly. My favorite memory was always seeing you and when that happened we would joke around like we was best friends. You would always pick on me just for the fun of it. We would laugh together just for the hell of it. Thinking of everything that you done for me I'm greatly appreciate for it. The bond that we had couldn't be unbroken. I wish I got to hug you one last time before you had to go. It was god timing and your timing was up. But grandma just wanted to say "you cant beat me up" :).
I love you so much truely your great Grandson Juju...



Julian - March 18 at 05:53 PM

SF

“ Aunt Linda my heart aches so bad at the loss of you.you was my second mom and your daughters my cousins//Sisters . The memories we share and the bond we have was influenced by you .you where always a shining light and a rock we found true and steady our whole lives through. Your stern side ,and your silly // meanie butt side,your soft side ,and your compassionate side will never be forgotten and live on in us .,Thank you for being such a great example of a true woman They don't make them like you anymore love Sandy

sandy fowler - March 17 at 10:47 PM

RF

“ Aunt linda I know I didn't come into the family until 1997 .but in that short of time I managed to fall in love with not only my wife sandy but your whole family.And the losses of uncle Paul ,aunt Betty,Mom Pauline,Aunt Mickey,And now you.Its just hard but I wouldn't change a thing about meeting and getting to love you all... THANK YOU FOR MY MEMORIES love Randy

Randy fowler - March 17 at 10:33 PM

DS

“ My Momma my best friend the lady that taught me so much in life. She taught me to be strong to be silly to forgive but most of all to love with all your heart and soul. She truly showed us what a mother's love is. Life Definitely is not going to be the same. I miss you so much, love you forever and always. I'll carry you in my heart until we meet again



Doris I Smith - March 17 at 10:15 PM

DP

“ You were my angel on earth now you're my angel in heaven love you momma you will be missed but I have my memories I carry with me forever until we meet again love you



donna pullins - March 17 at 08:07 PM

TR

“ I will miss you so much great grandma, thank you for all the laughs. I love you so much and can't wait to see you one day again. You will always be in my heart.



Taylor Rose - March 17 at 05:58 PM

LR

“ Louise Rupczynski lit a candle in memory of Linda Lou Ricketts



Louise Rupczynski - March 17 at 05:15 PM

JR

“ *Judy Rainey lit a candle in memory of Linda Lou Ricketts*



Judy Rainey - March 17 at 08:01 AM

MB

“ *Maggie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Linda Lou Ricketts*



Maggie brooks - March 16 at 07:58 PM

CM

“ *Linda Lou what are we going to do without you. We all enjoyed spending time with you especially Easter with all the kids. I enjoyed the times where we got together to play marbles. Love and miss you Linda Lou*

Connie Mccaig - March 16 at 01:57 PM