

# In Loving Memory

## Linda Petitt

July 25th, 1947- January 1, 2022



Linda K. Petitt, 74, of Berthoud, passed away at UC Health Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland on January 1, 2022. She bravely battled cancer for almost a year, and while she made it look easy until only the last weeks, she also made a clear choice to go quickly when things took a bad turn, shielding her family and loved ones from pain and suffering, as always. She was protective, loving and generous to all. She made it clear that she was at peace with things, that she was ready, and that she was not afraid. She had a fulfilling life full of love and gratitude that we can only hope to emulate.

Linda was born in Minnesota on July 25th, 1947, moved to South Dakota for a short time, and then moved to Longmont, where she graduated high-school, worked, married, and started her family. She then moved to Berthoud where she continued raising her family, living in the same home until her last days. Linda worked at Safeway for her entire adult life, choosing early retirement primarily to spend as much time as possible with her grandchildren. The love and care she showered upon them is evident in the grief they are feeling in her absence. Linda made the most of that “extra” time in retirement; in addition to the frequent, seven-grandkid slumber parties, driving kids to and from school, attending countless basketball games and plays and choir concerts, Linda also devoted an incredible amount of time to helping others. Whether that be in volunteering with Africa Bags, in generously spending her time and care on activities of the church that she adored, in working with others in her 12-step program, or in doing something for her family, she was constantly giving. Somehow Linda managed to fit in a few hobbies over the years as well – gardening, bowling, quilting and crocheting, lunches with high-school girlfriends, card-making, and bunko – making many, many friends along the way. Her children are still in awe at the number of people who reached out to Linda when she was ill – and how she managed to make thank-you cards for each one. One of the last things Linda said before she passed was, “I don’t want anyone to have any regrets.” For those reading this, you didn’t need to do “more.” She knew you loved her; she loved you too. No regrets, only gratitude. Linda leaves a legacy of love, faith, never-ending optimism, and a deep appreciation for all of life, including its struggles. She taught us that hard work does indeed pay off, that self-pity is a waste of time and energy, and that the more love you give, the more that comes back to you. If you look up into the night sky, there is a star named after Linda in the constellation Leo – it’s the brightest star you’ll see there; take a moment to say hello. She’ll hear you. Finally, please remember the most important message Linda shared with us, words she lived by throughout her life: look for the miracles.

Linda is survived by her children, sons Todd Petitt and his wife Holly, Ryan Petitt and his wife Karen, and daughter Alisa Hebert, brothers Larry Young and wife Terry, Brad Young, and sister Sandy Del Mar and husband Eric, seven grandchildren, Zoey Petitt, Hailey Hebert, Keely Petitt, Riley Petitt, Kira Hebert, Summer Hebert, and Renate Petitt, two great-grandchildren, Bryson and Serenity Lathrop-Melting, former husband but later pal and ally Kep Petitt, her nieces Holly Gergely, Sherri Fox, and Erin Donovan, and nephews Chris Young and Branden Petitt, as well as many dear friends. Linda was preceded in death by her father Floyd Young, her mother, Beverly Young, her brother, Dave Young, and her grandson Bryson Cole. A service honoring Linda will be held Friday, January 21st, 2022 at United Church of Christ of Longmont at 11:00 am. If you insist on flowers, please plant some daisies or sunflowers in our dear lady’s memory.