



In Loving Memory

*Linnea Erickson*

1957-2021



*Remembrances from Family and Friends*



Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

John 11:25-26 (NIV)



God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him.

I John 4:9 (NLT)



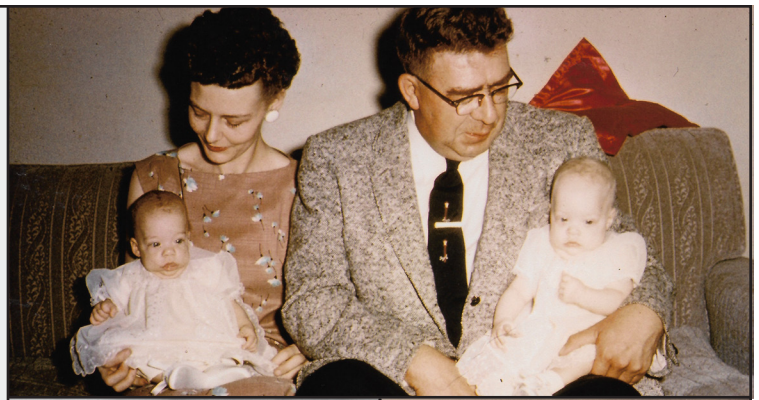
I am Gayle Erickson DeMatoff, Linnea's sister. I have so many memories of her! She was a Great Cook, A Talented Artist, A Compassionate Caregiver, A Fashionista from Head to Foot ... AND ... was a Shopaholic!

She lived with our family for a short time in Las Vegas. She loved the hot weather! One day she talked me into going shopping at Saver's Thrift Store. They had a big sale going on and she was like a kid in a candy store! I found one thing I wanted, so I was basically done. She was NOT! I watched her go up and down every aisle and search through every rack. She moved so fast as she loaded up her cart, that I lost track of her.

After 2 hours of this, I found her and said I wanted to leave. She said that we couldn't leave yet because she had to look through her overflowing cart to decide on what she wanted to buy. Another hour went by and I was nearly in tears, begging her to get the hell out of there!

On the drive home, she said "You don't like to shop do you." I blurted out: "NO, not like this I don't!" Needless to say, I have never stepped foot into a Saver's store ever again.

– Gayle Erickson DeMatoff (sister)



Well first of all since the day I met Linnea we always got into a bit of trouble and I don't mean bad trouble I mean good trouble. Let me tell you about a time that we went down to the loop. We took my moms car which was an almost new Ford with rust cloth interior and we got ourselves some cigars went down to the loop and lit them up and well wouldn't you know Linnea accidentally dropped ashes on the cloth seat and it burnt a hole in it about the size of a marble.

We freaked out and we thought we would never be able to hide the spot but low and behold we thought of nail polish. A rust colored nail polish. So we bought it, got back into the car and polished it up but the hole was still there and just looked like a polished hole. The next day my dad went to take the car and low and behold he noticed it right away. Well that's all I'm going to say about that. He noticed it! Lol!! All memories I have of my Nea from the time we were kids into adult hood are amazing and she will be terribly missed. I love you Nea!!

– Debra Mays (friend)







Dear family and friends of Linnea Erickson,

My name is Denis Wesenberg, Linnea's Brother-in-Law. I knew Linnea as the twin sister of my wife, Lauren. I also knew Linnea as a caretaker to her Mother, Father and Siblings. Linnea was a great aunt to her nephews and all her friends' children.

Linnea had an interesting sense of fashion and good skill with her drawings. Linnea had flexibility enough to follow her family in motion. Moving from Minnesota to California, Colorado and Nevada. What an opportunity for diversity and culture for Linnea.

Despite Linnea and my differences and opinions, we could rely on each other. Many memories of the events in Linnea's life. Deepest sympathy to all on the death of Linnea. May Linnea enjoy eternal peace, and the Glory of our Lord.

– Denis Wesenberg (brother-in-law)

Cuzin Linnea,

I cherish the loving bond we share. The times we laughed until we cried and then we laughed some more. How we enjoyed the pleasure of each other's company while drawing for hours ... May God grant you blessings and peace in heaven and all the loving angels give you joy ... Always with Love,

– Kay Johnson (cousin)







My memories with Linnea are were mostly with our band families coming to our Lemon Pepper/Genesis/Vixen shows. And sweet Mom LaDonna had many parties at their house on Wheelock Parkway. We were all a social bunch! Linnea was friendly and had a good sense of humor.

– Laurie Hedlund (friend)



My aunt Linnea was only 63 when she passed away, but had been battling several serious conditions for a while. Her twin sister Lauren died almost exactly a year before her, and I like to think they're reunited now. Linnea was one of the first adults in my life who was actively creative. She was constantly drawing and loved expressing herself through bold fashion. She was funny and irreverent up to the end, and I'm glad we were able to have a video call with her before she passed. She will be missed!

– Adam Erickson (nephew)







Dear God,

I pray for your encouragement to light my path today. I humbly ask for a renewal of hope within me. Forgive me for my times of doubt and for getting caught up in self pity. I know it is not of you. Lord, I pray for someone to help today. Put them before me and help me to make a difference in their life. I pray about my impatience and anxiety. O'Lord, calm me down; steady me. Please guide every step I take and every decision I must make today. Watch over me and keep me from harm.

Amen.

– C.L. Murphy (2015)





Linnea had a creative, bold, and unapologetic sense of fashion — and footwear was a defining statement for her. Here is just a small sample of her collection.

