

Linda Kay (Morrisey) Cournia, 74, a lifelong Crookston, MN resident, was surrounded by family when she passed away September 27, 2023, in Abbott-Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, where she was being treated for recent health issues.

Linda Kay Morrisey was born on November 3, 1948 to John and Dorothy (Glass) Morrisey and attended St. Joseph's Academy, graduating in 1966. She was united in marriage to Robert Cournia in 1967 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Linda and Robert made their home in Crookston with their three children: Michelle, Christopher, and Rebecca. She worked for the Polk County Sheriff's Department as a court bailiff for 42 years. She also spent many years working as a telephone operator, for Town & Country, and at The Hobby Shop, where she furthered her love of crafts and sold lots of candy and snacks to high school students on lunch breaks. As a result, she was really good at sales tax and percentages, but we jokingly never asked her for help on math homework after 4th grade! Linda could be found volunteering at the Villa St Vincent, participating in her St. Rebecca's church circle, serving as an election judge each November, driving around the countryside picking up farm parts, or helping move equipment from one field to another. But she never learned to drive stick shift – which was sage advice from her mother-in-law!

Family was of utmost importance to Linda, and she was always keeping tabs on us and making sure we were okay. Growing up, Linda spent many cherished times with cousins, aunts and uncles and kept in touch with them through the years. She was always the first person to sign up for the family reunion, having attended one this past July. Linda knew people wherever she went and was often referred to more as a sister than a friend or cousin. If she didn't know you yet, she simply made you her new friend.

Linda was fondly known as 'Grandma Linda' not only to her grandchildren, but also to their friends who quickly became adopted grandkids. But when you hung out with Grandma Linda you best mind your words. If she heard any swearing you would be told, "that's a quarter!"

Linda enjoyed spending time at the lake in the summer and Arizona in the winter. She, Robert and the kids would haul their camper to campgrounds throughout Minnesota as the kids grew up until finally settling at Potato Lake. Over the years Linda cross-stitched many projects including personalized Christmas stockings for each family member. She always had a book on the side table that was half read, handmade birthday cards at the ready, and a warm smile greeting you when you walked in the door.

Linda was loved and cherished by so many and made a lasting impact on everyone who knew her. We love and miss our mom/grandma/great grandma with all of our hearts. Our conversations with her never ended without an "I love you". Our hearts are broken and our lives will never be the same. We know she is greeting everyone in heaven with that big, bright smile of hers.

Linda is lovingly survived by her children: Michelle (Rod) Erdmann and Chris (Jacqueline) Cournia of Crookston, and Rebecca (Raymond) Broadwell of Grand Forks; grandchildren, Amber (Paul) Smith, Justin (Jen) Erdmann, Ashleigh Erdmann, Lindsay Cournia, Caitlyn (Patrick) Warren, Ian Cournia, and Johnathan Cournia; great grandchildren, Emersen, Sutton and Braxton Smith, Landon Kraft, Ella, Cullen and Brenna Anderson, and Graham Warren; sister-in-law, Barbara Cournia; extended family and many friends.

Linda was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 46 years, Robert; parents John and Dorothy Morrisey; sister, Sharon Morrisey; parents-in-law, Delmont and Lorraine Cournia; and many beloved aunts, uncles and cousins.

Blessed be the memory of Linda Kay Cournia

In Loving Memory



*Nobody else held me so tight or mde me feel so right
No one's eyes shined so bright with love
As my mom, who is now high above.*



*Remember me with love and joy, let gratitude fill your heart.
Thankful for the time we had, gone... yet not aart.*

*If we measured life in moments, not in months or years,
I lived a hundred lifetimes, Loved by all who hold me dear.*

*I hope you'll find your smile, and generously speak my name.
Share stories and my heart, your love for life unchanged.*

*Celebrate the life I lived, I will be watching from above.
I am always with you, sending you my light and love.*

IN LOVING MEMORY

Linda Kay Cournia

November 3, 1948 ~ September 27, 2023

Prayer Service and Memory Sharing

Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Led by Msgr. David Baumgartner

Music and Readings

"Yahweh, I Know You Are Near"
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 11
"Shepherd Me, O God"
John 14:1-6
"Here I Am, Lord" "Be Not Afraid"
Jean Rock and Matt Proulx, musicians

The Mass of Christian Burial Honoring Linda's Life

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Fr. Bryan Kujawa, Celebrant
Msgr. David Baumgartner, Concelebrant
Rev. Mr. Nick Revier, Deacon

Music and Readings

"Canticle of the Sun"
Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9
"Shepherd Me, O God"
Romans 6:3-4, 8-9
Matthew 5:1-12
"On Eagle's Wings" "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"
"May the Angels" "Amazing Grace"
Jean Rock and Matt Proulx, musicians

Casket Bearers

Justin Erdmann	Ian Cournia	Johnathan Cournia
Denny Brekken	Nancy Kay Kujawa	John Richards
Duane Hanson		Toni Schrantz

Honorary Casket Bearers

Crookston Firefighters and Auxiliary

Interment

Calvary Cemetery, Crookston, Minnesota

We would like to sincerely thank everyone for your very kind expressions of sympathy which have given us so much comfort during this difficult time. Thank you also for your presence, whether in person or in spirit, as we Celebrate the Life of Our Wonderful Mom, Grandma, Great-Grandma, and Sister.

With love,

*Michelle and Rod – Chris and Jacqueline – Becky and Ray
Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren – Barbara – and Family*