



Linda Lawlor

January 13, 1942 - July 29, 2024

Linda Lee Lawlor, 82, of Topeka, Kansas for the last nine years and formerly of Council Bluffs, Iowa and Ralston, Nebraska passed away July 29, 2024, at the Healthcare Resort of Topeka. She was a member of Sacred Heart-St. Joseph Catholic Parish in Topeka and formerly a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Council Bluffs.

Linda was born on January 13, 1942, to Irene and Henry Risley in Ralston, Nebraska. She graduated from Ralston High School in 1960 and Peru State College with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. Linda worked as a teacher in Julesburg, Colorado, Bloomfield, Iowa and Council Bluffs. Linda loved teaching in elementary schools and has touched numerous lives. She loved her Nebraska Cornhuskers, golf, and was active in volunteering at Hospice, leading bereavement groups, and the MICA house. Linda never met a stranger. Everyone that knew Linda loved her. Her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren brought her so much joy. Her friends were also such an important part of her life as she always talked about the pancake group, Sunday brunch after Mass, game nights with her friends and her golf leagues.

Linda was preceded in death by her husband, William Lawlor; daughter, Kelly Sangster; parents, Irene and Henry Risley; stepfather, Edward Bourbeau; sisters, Guelda (Norman) Huebner, Marilyn (Ray) Selk; and stepsister, Ann (Bill) Whitfield.

Linda is survived by her son, Dennis (Jolene) Lawlor, of Topeka; son-in-law, Bill Sangster of Missouri Valley, Iowa; grandchildren, Christa (Kevin) Ziegler, Celine (Raymond) Gragg, Jacob Sangster, Tim Sangster, Mary Lawlor, Katherine Sangster, Monica (Mike) Sangster, and Raven (Grant) Appelberg; great-grandchildren, Harper, Haddie, Hazley, Houston and Lakelyn; brother-in-law, Tom Lawlor; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, August 2, 2024, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 312 NE Freeman Ave, Topeka KS 66616, where Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Graveside service will be 10 a.m. Saturday, August 3, 2024, at Memorial Park Cemetery in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Micah House in Council Bluffs or to Hospice of Southwest Iowa and sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
312 NE Freeman Ave
Topeka, KS 66616

Mass of Christian Burial

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Graveside Service

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Memorial Park Cemetery
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Tribute Wall

DT

“ Darrell & Jess Wallace (and BMcD team) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda Lawlor.



Darrell & Jess Wallace (and BMcD team) - August 01, 2024 at 10:30 AM

WF

“ Whitfield Families purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Linda Lawlor.



Whitfield Families - July 31, 2024 at 08:25 PM

LH

“ Love, Benedict's and Huebners purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Linda Lawlor.



Love, Benedict's and Huebners - July 31, 2024 at 06:12 PM

LH

“ Love, Benedict's and Huebners planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Lawlor.

Love, Benedict's and Huebners - July 31, 2024 at 06:12 PM

FF

“ From Shacklett & Soural Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda Lawlor.



From Shacklett & Soural Families - July 31, 2024 at 01:01 PM

RC

“ Dennis, Jolene, and Family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Lawlor sounds like she was an amazing mother, grandmother, teacher, and example of Christian faith. We'll hold your family in our hearts during this difficult time.
Hugs and prayers,
Rod and Susan Chilson

Rod and Susan Chilson - July 31, 2024 at 10:40 AM

DH

“ Deb Hampton purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Linda Lawlor.



Deb Hampton - July 30, 2024 at 08:34 PM

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“ Deb Hampton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Lawlor.

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