



## Linda Relihan

September 1, 1954 - January 30, 2007

Linda Kay Hughes Relihan, of Topeka, passed away Sat, Jan 27, 2007 at home at the age of 52. A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving will be held 4:00 p.m., Tues, Jan 30th at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home. Linda was born September 1, 1954, the second of two children to Donald Lee and Wilma Arleen Conaway Hughes. She grew up in Smith Center, Kansas, graduating from Smith Center High School in the spring of 1972. She attended the University of Kansas, graduating with a B.S. in education in May of 1976. On June 5th, 1976 she married David J. Relihan, also of Smith Center. Over the next few years her family grew by two. Cale Arthur was born in March of 1977, Erin Kate was born in October of 1979. Linda worked as a substitute teacher in Smith Center, Lawrence and finally Topeka before teaching full time at Landon Middle School upon its reopening. She earned the Instructional Improvement Career Award from Topeka Public Schools. Linda is a member of the KU Alumni Assoc and former member of United Methodist Church in Smith Center. She believed in God the Ten Commandments and the Golden Rule. Beyond family and work Linda's hobbies and other interest included landscaping, gardening, reading, custom sewing, home decorating, collecting antique hand painted porcelain, quilting, calligraphy and exercise. There was also a special place in her heart for children. Her most adventurous and 'once is enough' experience was skydiving. Linda was preceded in death by her son Cale Arthur. Survivors include husband, David, daughter, Erin, parents, Don and Wilma, brother, Randy, a niece and three nephews. Memorial

Contributions may be made to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, Midland Hospice of Topeka, American Cancer Society, Landon Middle School Library, Helping Hands Humane Society, and the Topeka Rescue Mission sent c/o Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Relihan*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *Dave, I just found out about Linda's passing. I want you and your family to know how sorry I am. Many of my fondest memories of high school include her. Please accept my most sincere condolences. Richard Steen*

**Richard Steen** - February 12, 2007 at 01:06 PM



“ *Dave and Erin,  
Just wanted to send our sympathy to you from some of your "tv and radio fans". I met you once years ago and remember how you talked so sweet of your wife. We were so sorry to hear of her death. God bless you.*

**Sue** - February 01, 2007 at 02:11 PM



“ *Dave, sorry to hear about your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

**john green** - January 31, 2007 at 04:37 PM

DD

“ Dave & Erin, Don & Wilma, We were so saddened to hear of Linda's death. We know she fought a long battle, and did so with dignity and grace. As classmates of Linda, we both have fond memories of her. You have our deepest sympathy, and our prayers and thoughts are with all of you.

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**Doug and Jo Durr** - January 30, 2007 at 07:39 PM

MB

“ Dave and Erin, I am so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. She was a wonderful person with a beautiful soul. Mary

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**Mary Barnes** - January 30, 2007 at 07:05 PM

AR

“ My heart and prayers are with all of you. Linda was an amazing woman who will be missed terribly. Take comfort to know Cale was waiting as she arrived, to welcome her home. God bless.

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**Allison M. Reynolds** - January 29, 2007 at 10:12 PM

AM

“ Dear Family, I am very sorry to hear of your loss....i had her as a teacher about 10 years ago and she was by far one of my favorites! She will be missed greatly.

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**Amanda** - January 29, 2007 at 08:44 PM

DF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you.

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**Dave, Erin, and Family** - January 29, 2007 at 08:27 PM

JM

“ David and Erin, I am so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. She was a wonderful person. My fondest high school memories always include her. Her gracious spirit will live on. Jane Merriweather

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**Jane Merriweather** - January 29, 2007 at 08:12 PM

JE

“ Dave, Erin, Wilma, and Donnie,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Linda was a very sweet person and will be deeply missed. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very hard and sad time. Our deepest sympathy,  
Steve and Jan Ellenberger

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**Jan and Steve Ellenberger** - January 29, 2007 at 06:50 PM

DI

“ Erin, I am so sorry to here of your mother's passing. She is well now though. Please remember if you need anything let me know. Even just a good friend to talk to. I love you girl. Please take care of yourself and keep your head up!! :)

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**Dia** - January 29, 2007 at 05:44 PM

SM

“ Dave & Erin,  
My deepest sympathy goes out to you both at this difficult time! I remember Linda so well when I was growing up in SC...always looked up to her! Then when I became a lifeguard she would bring the kids (always so adorable) to the pool in the summers and I would love seeing them all there...she was such a sweet kind person and awesome mother! She truly left a legacy for all of us to follow! Many blessings at this time!

Donnie and Wilma~  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time! What a beautiful daughter you raised! She was truly a kind and caring person that has always left a great impression on me! She was always so happy and her love for life showed! Many thoughts are with you both! Love, Scottie and Shelly Montgomery

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**Scott and Shelly (Ellenberger) Montgomery** - January 29, 2007 at 05:12 PM

DW

“ Dave--  
Sorry to hear of your loss. My condolences to you and your family.

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**Deb Woodall** - January 29, 2007 at 05:11 PM

JW

“ Dave,  
  
I'm so sorry to hear about Linda... Please know that I'm thinking about you and praying for your entire family.

Jillene

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**Jillene Wahl** - January 29, 2007 at 04:57 PM

JH

“ Dear Dave and Erin,  
We were so sorry to hear of Linda's death. My fondest memories of elementary school are of her slumber parties. She was so much fun! Please know that we are thinking of you at this most difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Jeff and Jeri Herman

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Jeff and Jeri Herman - January 29, 2007 at 04:05 PM

KS

“ Dave, Erin and family,  
May God bless you and be with you at this difficult time. Linda was a very brave, kind, and gentle soul with a great sense of humor. I will always remember her with respect and a smile.

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Kyle Shively - January 29, 2007 at 01:22 PM

DD

“ Dave, Erin and Nancy,  
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. How blessed you were to have such a wonderful person in your life. She was a gift and I am sure she felt the same about each of you.  
Diane

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Diane Deeter - January 29, 2007 at 11:42 AM

KE

“ Dave and Erin..I am so very sorry to hear about Linda. She was just a wonderful person. I will always remember how she took the time out of her busy life to take Kim to KU to check out the campus, etc. And how Kim and Blake enjoyed babysitting Cale and Erin. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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Kay Epperson - January 29, 2007 at 11:12 AM

JH

“ Dear David, Erin, and family,  
Please accept my sincere sympathy at this time of your loss. I can't find words to express my sadness for all of you. I pray for your comfort and healing.

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**Jean Hawes** - January 29, 2007 at 11:08 AM

MG

“ Relihan & Hughes Families,  
Our heartfelt sympathy for the loss of such a beautiful sprit Linda Reliahn here on earth. She was a good friend and I will miss her. May we soon take some comfort in knowing she is reunited with Cale. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you all during this difficult time. May God bless you all. Peace!  
Marcia & Jerome Gutierrez

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**Marcia Gutierrez** - January 29, 2007 at 10:29 AM

JS

“ Dear Erin, I wanted you know that I am thinking about you and your dad during this hard time. I know you were struggling with your mom's cancer and how hard it was to watch such a wonderful woman and mother suffer for so long, and I know how much you will miss her. But she's not suffering any more, and she is with Cale now, smiling down on you and your dad. Sending you lots of love,  
Jessie.

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**Jessica Shields** - January 29, 2007 at 09:24 AM

LB

“ Dearest Erin,

*I was saddened to see when I got into work this morning, that your mother had passed away. I regret not being able to meet her but I hope that you know that your mother in an e mail to me expressed how much she cared about you and was happy to see I had met you. You have had such an impact on my life and I know had I had the honor of meeting your mother, I would have felt close to her as I do you.*

*Please let me know if there's anything I can do for you or your Dad.*

*Love you,*

*Laureen*

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**Laureen Bryant** - January 29, 2007 at 08:14 AM

JP

“ Dear Dave, I am so very sorry to read of Linda's death. My prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely, Juliane Pruitt, Beloit

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**Juliane Pruitt** - January 29, 2007 at 12:10 AM

MK

“ Erin and family,  
*I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your mom. She was such a wonderful and beautiful woman. I know that you must miss her terribly. I pray that God helps to ease the pain of her passing.  
Love always.*

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**Megan ( Williams) Ketterl** - January 28, 2007 at 11:28 PM

PC

“ *Dave, Erin and family,*

*We are deeply saddened to hear about Linda. She was a wonderful person. Linda was an inspiration to all of us. Our hearts go out to you. We pray that God will guide you through this painful time.*

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**Paul and Marilyn Louderman, Arvada Colorado** - January 28, 2007 at 10:51 PM

TA

“ *Dear Dave, Erin and family,*

*I was so shocked and saddened to hear of Linda's passing tonight. I know words cannot even begin to replace the loss you all are suffering right now.*

*Linda was always a wonderful, warm and gracious person. I am deeply sorry for the loss of you and your family right now.*

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**Terri Anderson** - January 28, 2007 at 10:33 PM

NR

“ *Dave and Erin,*

*I have been blessed by sharing in Linda's life since childhood. Linda was first my friend, then my sister-in-law, but throughout the years she truly became my sister at heart. I will miss her dearly. Linda was a gentle soul with a kind heart. She was a wonderful wife, mother, daughter and more. I hold the fondest memories of time spent with all of you as a family. May God Bless you both and provide you comfort today and always.*

*Love,  
Nancy*

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**N Relihan** - January 28, 2007 at 06:23 PM

BM

“ Dave, Erin, and family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Linda. It is impossible to put into words how much she touched my life and the life of my family as well. She was an incredibly brave woman and a true inspiration. I feel deeply blessed to have had her in my life. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Beth Molleker** - January 28, 2007 at 05:55 PM

CP

“ Dave, Erin and family, Our deepest sympathy for your loss. We were blessed to have Linda teach our children at Landon Middle School. She was a very caring person and wonderful teacher. She has touched so many lives. May God comfort you in this very difficult time.

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**Curt & Stacy Puderbaugh** - January 28, 2007 at 10:42 AM

SK

“ Dave, I know you don't know me, but I knew Linda through teaching. I was so saddened to read about her death in today's paper. She was a beautiful lady with such a sweet spirit. My heart is heavy for you and your family. Sharon Kibbe (retired teacher from Shaner)

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**Sharon Kibbe** - January 28, 2007 at 10:16 AM

PA

“ Dave, Erin and Family,  
My deepest sympathy for your loss and the loss of an amazing woman. I know that there is nothing anyone can say or do will make it better. Please know there are so many people that have been touched by having Linda in their lives. May God help you thru this time of pain and sadness. Erin, I love you and am here for you whenever you need me.

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**Paige Alonzo** - January 27, 2007 at 07:24 PM

MA

“ I am very sorry to hear this news. My prayers and thoughts are with you. xxoo

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**Mandy** - January 27, 2007 at 07:24 PM