



Linda R. McGrath

March 7, 2013

Linda R. McGrath of Chesapeake, Virginia passed on 07 March, 2013 at the McGrath home surrounded by her dog Jimmy, two cats, Oscar and Felix and her husband of 22 years, John. Three times, starting in 1996, Linda fought cancer and she with a lot of help from her Doctor Dr. Thomas Alberico and his nurses beat it twice.

Linda was born in 1946 to Jean and Harry Reiter in Fairmont, WV. She was a Portsmouth girl and graduated from Churchland HS, received her math degree and teaching credentials from Radford University in 1967. Linda joined the US Civil Service in 1969, worked in various cities in the US and Europe, received the Defense Information Systems Agency Meritorious Civilian Service Medal and retired in 2002. After retirement she found her passion in quilting and received various awards for her efforts. Linda was also a gardener, dog walker, painter, piano player, reader, yoga exerciser and always ran out of hours in the day. Linda is survived by her husband and her "kids", a brother, Ron Reiter and her sister, Jan Osborne.

The McGrath family is eternally grateful to all of our neighbors in the Silverwood section of Western Branch for the help, support, prayers and food during Linda's battles with cancer. The professional staff from the Sentara Hospice organization provided compassionate care to Linda and solace to her husband during this difficult time.

A Viewing and Memorial Service will be held at the Loving Funeral Home in Portsmouth - 3225 Academy Ave. visitation starting at 1PM and a funeral service at 2PM on Monday 11 March. Memorial gifts can be donated to any Cancer fighting organization.

Tribute Wall



“ Linda and I were co-workers years ago. Her smile and laughter were always a welcome relief from some of the work difficulties. She will be fondly remembered and always in our prayers.##imported-begin##Vince Pietsch##imported-end##

March 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ John and family,
Rusty and I are sincerely sorry for your loosing Linda in your lives. It is times like these that I need to remember that there is nothing I can't handle...with God's help.
Denny and Rusty##imported-begin##Dennis McBride##imported-end##

March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Linda & I used to ride together to the pennsula guild meetings and we continued to enjoy our quilt interests at the suffolk guild. She will be missed. I know you, John, are experencing pain & sorrow and I pray the Lord will comfort you.##imported-begin##Linda McNeil##imported-end##

March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Linda McGrath was a beautiful person and loved by many. My sympathies go out to her family and friends.*

Sincerely,

Connie Lane

Portsmouth, VA##imported-begin##Connie Lane##imported-end##

March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *John,*

Im here for ya brother.

Greg##imported-begin##Greg Freeman##imported-end##

March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Linda fought the good fight. I'm so proud to have known her. Libby##imported-begin##LIBBY MORRISON##imported-end##*

March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Linda. I worked with her for many years, and enjoyed every minute of it. She was really a great person.##imported-begin##Harry E. Baird, Jr.##imported-end##*

March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ John, I know Linda will be missed by so many, such a beautiful and brave person she was! I will always remember how I first noticed the two of you as customers at Nix, it was long before this last bout with cancer. You two would come in to eat and just laugh and talk and laugh some more, it was obvious to all that you were best friends. I know you will miss her all the rest of your days she was a great lady! I

will come tomorrow to say goodbye to my friend and it will help knowing that she is not suffering. I believe that Jesus took her in his arms and said "I have you now child, all is well".##imported-begin##Shirley Kosch##imported-end##

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“ I met Linda at a quilt retreat. I so enjoyed her company... I introduced her to sudoku before it was popular here, it was so great to find someone who enjoyed a logic puzzle rather than a crossword. At the last quilt symposium we took the same class, I think we were the dunces, but we enjoyed laughing about it. I'm going to miss you Linda.##imported-begin##Helen##imported-end##

March 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ To say that Linda will be missed would be an understatement. I've never known a kinder person or a more couragous spirit.##imported-begin##Misty Haines##imported-end##

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“ Dear FRIEND for over 37 years, and co-worker several times during those 37 years. Sad, but so glad she was one of my dearest friends; remembering her unique laugh, strong will, and someone I could always trust!##imported-begin##Ralph Price##imported-end##

March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ This is so sad. I started working with Linda at NAVCOSSACT starting in 1969. She was a great team mate and a great person. She will be missed by so many.##imported-begin##Dennis Picano##imported-end##

March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ So sad to hear of Linda's passing. Linda loved quilting. I always enjoyed her and Patty visiting Ladybug. They would laugh and joke....and it was so nice to see her happy and smiling. John, I am so sorry that you have lost your best friend. May you find peace knowing that she is no longer suffering. ##imported-begin##Cynthia Cossu##imported-end##

March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I worked with Linda several years and we even carpoled to work together. She was so smart and had such a strong work ethic. She fought such a valiant battle against the cancer for so long. I'm glad she is at rest now but will miss knowing she is in the world.##imported-begin##Twyla Pearson##imported-end##

March 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM