



Linda Ridenour

December 5, 2022

Linda Darlene Ridenour, 80, passed away on December 5th, 2022. She was a native of Alexandria, Virginia.

Linda was predeceased by her sister Donna Levin and her son Paul Ridenour. She is survived by daughter Leigh Ann and husband Chris; grandchildren Mitchell and wife Amanda, Abby, and Emily and husband Zach; great-granddaughter Evangeline; nephew Joel and wife Amy; and cousins Jeff, Jody, and Zak.

Linda was a published author; she was a passionate educator in Portsmouth for over 30 years. She was director of the Aerospace Magnet Program. Served on the Portsmouth School Board for several terms and served on the Tidewater Community College Board. She loved people, never met a stranger, and cared so deeply for her family.

A memorial service will take place at Loving Funeral Home Friday, December 9th at 5pm with visitation immediately after. The family suggests memorial contributions in her memory to the Portsmouth Schools Foundation. <https://www.portsmouthschoolsfoundation.org/donations>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 9. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave.
Portsmouth, VA 23703
(757) 484-3373

Tribute Wall

AD

“ Linda was a passionate educator who made a lasting impact on each person she came in contact with. We are honored to be a recipient of the generous donations given by family and friends in her honor. May her legacy live on in the lives of all she touched,

The Portsmouth Schools Foundation

Arial Jones, Executive Director - December 14, 2022 at 12:41 PM

MR

“ I suppose time marches on, but I will always treasure the days I had at Hunt-Mapp Middle School in Portsmouth. Linda Ridenour was the facilitator for an aerospace magnet program at the school, and her enthusiasm and dedication made the program very special. May God bless the family as they transition to a new normal. Linda will live within those she touched forever.

Mark Rowe - December 10, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ Linda was an enthusiastic educator. We worked together on many projects at Wilson High School and Hunt-Mapp Middle School. She always had encouraging words and many acts of kindness. She will be truly missed. I just found out about an hour ago. I am so sorry and I am praying for strength and comfort for the family.
Dr. Marie N. Shepherd



Marie Norfleet Shepherd - December 09, 2022 at 04:20 PM

CS

We worked together from the old Wilson days through the HuntMapp days. She was a joy.

Carolyn Smith - December 09, 2022 at 09:09 PM

LM

“ *Laurel Cooke Miles lit a candle in memory of Linda Ridenour*



Laurel Cooke Miles - December 08, 2022 at 09:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Ridenour.*



December 08, 2022 at 08:14 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Ridenour.*



December 08, 2022 at 04:05 PM

DB

“ I was truly blessed to have such an amazing, talented and witty lady as a neighbor and cherished friend- I enjoyed our chats and time together- and that incredible smile! You hold a special in my heart. Prayers and comfort to your family you loved so much!!! -Debi Britt



Debi Britt - December 08, 2022 at 10:31 AM

DO

“ Mrs. Ridenour was a great business teacher at Woodrow Wilson, it was an honor to have her in my life, she took me under her wing and guided a shy young girl through her high school years. Many blessings to her family. Know within yourselves, your mom, grandma touched so many lives.

Denise Owens - December 08, 2022 at 09:04 AM

SD

“ Linda was a wonderful friend and a fantastic educator. She was devoted to the field of education and continued to show her dedication serving on the Portsmouth School Board as well as numerous other important boards and committees always doing all that she could to improve public education. She will always be remembered by all who her life touched and influenced in so many positive ways. There is no doubt there will be a classroom full of angels waiting for her arrival.

Skipper Duck

Skipper Duck - December 07, 2022 at 10:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Ridenour.*



December 07, 2022 at 08:57 PM



“ *May love surround this family as they celebrate the life of Linda. She was a passionate educator, loving mother, sweet & funny. RIP Linda*

Becky James - December 07, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Shirley McCullough lit a candle in memory of Linda Ridenour*



Shirley McCullough - December 07, 2022 at 07:03 PM



“ *I have many pleasant memories of the years I taught in the Business Department at Woodrow Wilson High School with my friend, Linda. She loved life, but most of all, she loved her family!*



Deanie Boyd - December 07, 2022 at 06:40 PM

BM

“ I know my Linda is in her heavenly home now and free from all earthly worry.

She is now encompassed in the glory and majesty of our Almighty God's presence.

It is this steadfast belief we shared that takes away a small part of the sting of her physical loss.

She was a true believer and never held any pretences she was worthy of receiving God's grace more than anyone else.

Her "little light " shined out upon everyone she met, stranger or friend.

Thank-you , my friend, for loving me without judgment and for shining so brightly in my life.

I promise to shine my light a little brighter down here, knowing yours will burn even brighter now for eternity.

Sending my deepest sympathy and prayers for God to comfort her family .



Beverly Moore - December 07, 2022 at 06:03 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Ridenour.



December 07, 2022 at 02:52 PM