



Linda T. Lombardo

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Linda Teresa Lombardo, Ph.D.
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Dr. Linda T. Lombardo passed away peacefully on August 7, 2023, in the hospital after a grueling fight with head and neck cancer. Born in Elizabeth, NJ on May 12, 1949, Linda was the third of four daughters of Agnes C. and Anthony F. Lombardo. She lived in Linden, NJ throughout her childhood and teen years surrounded by a community of extended family and numerous friends until she left for Georgetown University after completing high school. Throughout her life, Linda was a student who never ceased to search for knowledge and understanding of the world and the people in it.

After entering Georgetown's School of Foreign Service, Linda changed the direction of her studies and in 1971 was the first woman to be graduated from Georgetown's College of Arts and Sciences, even though she was never "officially" accepted into it. Linda then spent a year at the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, MA where she focused on writing poetry. She later received a Master of Fine Arts degree in creative writing from The University of Iowa.

After teaching in Maryland and Philadelphia, as well as serving as principal of St. Patrick's school in Phenix City, Alabama and Program Director at Trinita Family Life and Development Center in Connecticut, Linda settled in Maryland and attended Loyola University Maryland where she was awarded both her masters and doctoral degrees in pastoral counseling. She served as an intern and later as the Executive Director of Lighthouse Youth and Family Services in Catonsville, MD for many years. Linda also maintained a private practice up until the time of her death.

Linda had a very rich and active spiritual life and a great love of books and music. She was an active member of The Catholic Community at Relay, The Catonsville Women's Giving Circle and various book clubs and professional groups. Her absence in the community as well as in her family will be felt by many for years to come. Linda is survived by her three sisters, Mrs. Mary L.



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Naiman, Mrs. Kathleen Buchanan and Mrs. Barbara Hemmings, as well as by her many nieces, nephews, cousins, godchildren, and friends.

To quote Linda herself as she described her life - "... I have made a career out of working for love, not for money. And I have always worked with children when possible."

A celebration of life will be held at The Catholic Community at Relay, 5025 Cedar Avenue, Relay, MD 21227, on Saturday, October 21st at 2:00 PM.

Donations in memory of Linda can be made to the following:

The Foundation for Baltimore County Public Library,
<https://www.foundationforbcpl.org/support-the-foundation/make-a-gift/> (In the Comment field you can specify for the Catonsville Branch)

The Catholic Community at Relay, <https://www.ccrelay.org/>

L'Arche - Frederick, MD (a community of people with and without intellectual disabilities),
<https://www.larchefrederick.org/donate>

The Catonsville Women's Giving Circle, <https://www.catonsvillewomengiving.org/>. Donations can be made by check payable to Catonsville Women's Giving Circle, P.O. Box 3263, Catonsville, MD 21228.




Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

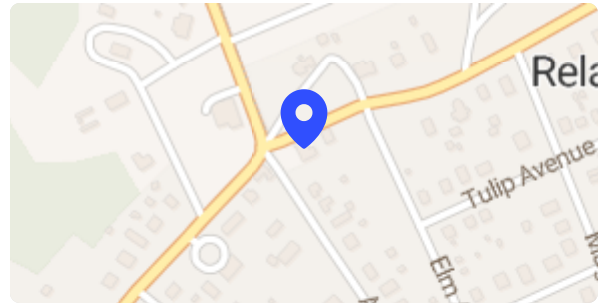


Events

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Celebration of life

-  **Saturday**, October 21, 2023
-  2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET
-  **Catholic Community At Relay**
5025 Cedar Ave, Halethorpe MD 21227-4928





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The Murin's sent a Heavenly Heights Bouquet to the Lombardo family.



October 18 at 12:25 PM



Renee Fischer posted:

Whenever Linda spoke at Relay, I knew I would be inspired and that I would learn an entirely new way to consider a passage or idea. She truly had a wonderful intellect along with great generosity of spirit. She will be missed!

September 8 at 6:01 PM



Judy Lorenz posted:

I have a great appreciation for Linda and will always remember the spiritual leader she was while my husband and I were at Relay. A beautiful, down to earth person who served her God and community while teaching us all how to live and love humbly. Thank you Linda. We will still feel your presence. Judy Lorenz

September 5 at 12:43 PM



Maria Gamble-Farkas posted:

Linda was ahead of her time in so many ways. If the Church would have caught up with her, she would have been one of the best priests I've ever known. I'll always remember her Martin Luther King weekend Civil Rights Homily during which she shared her experience at a lunch counter sit in. Her words stay with me these 20+ years later. Linda — your leadership at the Catholic Community at Relay helped shape our faith community and many of our individual faith journeys.

August 31 at 10:43 AM



Anna Maria Gamble October 1 at 5:18 PM

Linda , Accomplished, teacher , student, activist, humble, Lover of books and music, open , protector, generous, appreciative, leader , follower, prechet, approachable, FRIEND! Hope the meatballs were enjoyable!



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AP

Ann Pollack posted:

Her personal example and leadership helped me to grow and become a better, more faith-filled person. I miss her. Ann

August 30 at 4:10 AM

ML

Mary Jane And Jacque Levasseur posted:

We will miss Linda at The Catholic Community at Relay. Linda was among the best preachers we ever had!

August 27 at 3:53 AM

SM

Susan C Middaugh posted:

Linda was a leader at our church, the Catholic Community at Relay, and in the wider community. She loved books, good food, and laughing.

August 25 at 5:12 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Lombardo family.



August 22 at 2:35 PM

DK

David Kraemer posted:

She is greatly missed. Such a thoughtful person.

August 22 at 1:39 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Linda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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