



Linda E. Barden

August 26, 2023

Linda E. Barden of Narragansett (Johnston) passed away peacefully on August 26 after a hard fought battle with heart failure. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph K. Richard Sr. and Margaret R. (Hebert) of Johnston. She leaves her children, Christin L. Barden of New Mexico (Johnston) and Phillip R. “Bob” Barden (wife Katherine Edwards) of Connecticut, and a grandson, Christopher R. Barden of Greene, RI. She leaves brothers Joseph K. Richard Jr. of Foster and Jeffrey K. Richard of Dayville, CT; and a sister, the late Heather Martino. She also leaves several nieces and nephews as well as her beloved beagle, Houdini.

Linda was a warrior — she raised her children as a single mother, working as an EMT. She then found her true north working to support survivors of domestic violence, dedicated to ending homelessness and helping disadvantaged populations overcome poverty. An unwavering advocate, she was feisty and outspoken and always bold in her beliefs and opinions — like it or not! She lived on her own terms, finding peace living near the ocean in recent years as she bravely endured declining health.

Linda had many dogs over the years and was a frequent visitor at the South Kingstown Dog Park where she cultivated many friendships. She enjoyed baking and gifting delicious cookies to family and friends. Linda was a vocal champion of many social causes and regularly advocated for awareness and

change.

She is in the care of Winfield & Sons in Scituate, RI. Per her request, services are private, and a Celebration of Life will be held in October. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Exeter Animal Shelter, where she adopted Houdini.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Linda and I were friends many years ago. We shared daycare driving our kids. She was a decade person to family and jobs. Sincere thoughts to her children. Love to you Jerilyn Berube and Renee Berube.

Jerilyn Berube - September 19, 2024 at 10:05 AM

BS

“ I am so sorry to Hear about Linda's passing. She did advocacy work with me for Moms Demand Gun Sense. I saw her a few months ago . She was definitely a force with a happy kind spirit. She talked about her son and daughter often and was so proud of them. Always good fun memories of Linda.

Barbara Swanon - October 13, 2023 at 09:47 PM

PA

“ Pamela lit a candle in memory of Linda E. Barden



Pamela - September 09, 2023 at 11:54 AM

VA

“ Vicki Altieri lit a candle in memory of Linda E. Barden



Vicki Altieri - September 07, 2023 at 01:01 PM

LH

“ *What a beautiful tribute to a very special lady. I had the pleasure of meeting Linda at the SK Dogpark, she with Houdini and I with my Rigby. We would talk about so many different things. She was so well versed in so many subjects. I will miss our chats and laughter. I feel very fortunate to have met her and spent so much time together.*

Christin I gave you my number the other day. Please feel free to call if I can help you in October in any way.

Leslie Heller-Scarcello

leslie heller-scarcello - September 05, 2023 at 10:31 PM

LR

“ *Lisa Richard lit a candle in memory of Linda E. Barden*



Lisa richard - September 05, 2023 at 07:12 PM

LR

Linda was the best influence you could ask for. She was not only a cousin but a mentor and teacher of many things early on life...especially how to wrap presents easily with neat corners! She always reminded me to stand up for myself...I will miss her...

Lisa richard - September 05, 2023 at 07:15 PM

LG

We are so saddened to just learn of Linda's passing. Having known her for the past forty plus years, first as a co-worker in the medical field and later as one of her physicians, we've witnessed not only her capacity for compassion and advocacy for both the human and animal world, but also her wit and tenacity for life. Her spirit was always "willing" even when her flesh became weak. Our deepest sympathy to Christin, Bob and her family and we wish her a peaceful rest.

Dr. Jim and Lyn Gloor

Lyn Gloor - October 15, 2023 at 10:06 PM