



## Linda Joy Leffler

January 9, 1945 - July 28, 2023

Linda Joy Leffler left this world and joined the angel choir on July 28, 2023. She is probably already its director. She leaves behind a family who loves and misses her, many friends who admire her, and a world much less bright-but she left not a single regret. Her life was full and beautiful, and we should all be blessed to be so brave and so loved.

Linda was born on January 9, 1945, to Vernon Lewis and Dora Goodman-two extraordinary people who loved her immeasurably and who no doubt met her at Heaven's gate. She grew up on a farm outside Hamilton, Ohio, and lived every girl's dream of having her own pony, Candy-except that her pony liked to toss her over the fence when he was tired of riding. Her sister, Jo Ellen, was her childhood and grownup best friend and constant companion through the many ups and downs of their lives. Her brother, Ben, is a treasure who grew more precious with time, one she wouldn't trade for the world.

Linda met her future husband, John, at a church bowling event, and together they raised a beautiful family that started with a son Steve and two daughters, Julie and Lori. There has never been a woman who loved her children more or who has been more proud of the people they've become. Their loving family has grown to include ten grandkids ranging from age 28 to 11. Their lives are blessed with wonderful memories of their grandma attending their games, recitals, and milestones, always their biggest cheerleader. Her time with them

was her life's greatest joy, and they will treasure those memories always.

But Linda wasn't content to just be on the sidelines. She was an active member of her community and her church. She was well-respected and loved by her coworkers at the Taubman Company where she was an executive administrative assistant. She taught piano lessons, led Boy Scout and Brownie troops and pitched for the church softball team. She reveled in many life-long friendships. Her neighborhood euchre and pinochle friends were always a highlight even if no one ever knew what trump was. In her 60's she joined Heart of Hills theater group where she sang and learned to tap dance. Her favorite role in one of the performances was Pinnocchio.

Anyone who knows Linda knows about her love of games and puzzles. Right up to the end she could still beat you in a game of Scrabble, Chess, or Rummikub, even if it was due to "Grandma rules". Speaking of shortcuts, Cliff Notes got her through many months of Book Club when she didn't have time to read the book due to her busy schedule but didn't want to miss the time with her friends.

Linda loved to travel. It didn't matter if it was an elaborate cruise with her church friends or the girls or a cross country road trip in a pop-up. She made it to 48 states but somehow missed North Dakota and never got to Hawaii. But her hearts ultimate destination has always been Heaven and the Savior she fixed her eyes upon so faithfully here on Earth. May she find comfort and rest well in His arms forever.

Linda is survived by her husband, John; children, Steve (Jennifer) Leffler, Julie (Jerry) Parks, Lori (Ryan) Leszczynski; grandchildren, Justin, Brett, Logan, Alex, Jake, Carson, Natalie, Abbey, Brady and Camden; sister, Jo Ellen (Keith) Cramer; brother, Ben (Lidia) Goodman; sister-in-law, Sandy McFann; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Linda's family will receive friends for visitation on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks East of Van Dyke, Utica. A funeral service will continue on Wednesday, August 2, at 10:00 a.m. at Rochester Church of Christ, 250 W Avon Road, Rochester Hills. The funeral service will be live-streamed and can be viewed here: <<https://www.youtube.com/live/WZVRZ23EzWI?feature=share>> . Entombment at Christian Memorial Cemetery, Rochester Hills.

Please share a memory or tribute of Linda at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Christian Memorial Gardens West

521 E. Hamlin Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

AUG 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Rochester Church of Christ  
250 W. Avon Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Linda Joy Leffler*



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - July 29, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - August 02, 2023 at 12:58 PM

TS

*Beautiful!* ❤️❤️🙏

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**Tlhonda Smith** - August 08, 2023 at 01:12 AM



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



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August 01, 2023 at 03:22 PM

NM

“ I always enjoyed talking to Linda as well as dancing with her in some of the shows with HOH.  
She will be missed.  
My deepest sympathy to the family.  
Wishing you all much peace in the days to come.  
Nancy McPharlin  
HOH Member

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**Nancy McPharlin** - August 01, 2023 at 03:07 PM

AG

“ I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Mrs. Leffler. My childhood has so many great memories from the many camping trips, brownie/girl scout meetings/outings, many slumber parties, heck just camping in the driveway! I still remember many nights where our parents would get together to play cards on a Saturday night, so all of us kids would find things to do in the basement to stay out of their hair. Since we lived behind the Lefflers without a fence there was not a time when we were not running between the yards pool hopping or dragging my big'ol box of barbies! Mrs. Leffler was always there with a smile to greet me! My heart goes out to Steve, Julie & Lori... Big hugs to you guys as you enter this next chapter. I didn't mention Mr. Leffler, but he was always there too! Hugs to you all. Amy Tisler Gillis

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**Amy Tisler Gillis** - August 01, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Linda Joy Leffler.



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August 01, 2023 at 08:30 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Joy Leffler.



July 31, 2023 at 07:13 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Linda Joy Leffler.



July 31, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Joy Leffler.

July 31, 2023 at 03:38 PM



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



July 31, 2023 at 03:38 PM



“ Jim and Dawn Pierce planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Joy Leffler.

Jim and Dawn Pierce - July 31, 2023 at 02:00 PM

JP

“ Jim and Dawn Pierce purchased the Garden Accent - "Gone yet not forgotten..." for the family of Linda Joy Leffler.



Jim and Dawn Pierce - July 31, 2023 at 02:00 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Linda Joy Leffler.



July 31, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Joy Leffler.



July 31, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Joy Leffler.

July 30, 2023 at 04:13 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Joy Leffler.



July 30, 2023 at 04:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Joy Leffler.

July 30, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Linda Joy Leffler.



July 30, 2023 at 01:24 PM



“ Bill Pepin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Joy Leffler.

**Bill Pepin** - July 30, 2023 at 11:42 AM



“ Bill Pepin purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Linda Joy Leffler.



**Bill Pepin** - July 30, 2023 at 11:42 AM

WP

“ *Linda was the best assistant ever and became a great friend. The world has lost one of the good ones. Rest in peace. My heartfelt condolences to the family.*

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**William Pepin** - July 30, 2023 at 11:39 AM

RS

“ *I was in Book Club several years ago and Linda was always cheerful, smiling and positive. I'm so very sorry and will keep the family in my prayers.*

*Rosanne Serra*

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**rosanne serra** - July 30, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Linda Joy Leffler.*



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July 29, 2023 at 10:33 PM

CT

“ Linda and I have been friends for over 45 years, 43 as neighbors. We were Brownie and Girl Scout leaders together. When we moved from the old neighborhood we were surprised to find out Linda and John were building the house behind us. Linda loved her flowers and plants, some with a family history. When the quarantine started Linda and John would cross the yard in the cover of night and come over to our house. We sat there with masks on playing cards and laughing because we couldn't eat with them on, so we took them off and played the rest of the night. Last fall Linda told me her goal was to live past Christmas and her birthday in January. You made it Linda, rest in peace. Char and Tom Tisler

Char and Tom Tisler - July 29, 2023 at 08:47 PM

LL

Thank you Mrs. Tisler, she so enjoyed your friendship.

Lori Leszczynski - July 29, 2023 at 11:42 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Joy Leffler.

July 29, 2023 at 08:29 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Linda Joy Leffler.



July 29, 2023 at 08:29 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Linda Joy Leffler.*



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July 29, 2023 at 04:54 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Joy Leffler.

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July 29, 2023 at 04:32 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Linda Joy Leffler.*



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July 29, 2023 at 04:32 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Joy Leffler.*



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July 29, 2023 at 04:18 PM