



## Linda Joyce Riley

March 8, 1942 - December 22, 2021

Linda Joyce Riley, of Rochester, passed away on December 22, 2021 at the age of 79. Linda was the cherished wife for almost 52 years of George K. Riley; the loving mother of David (Vicki) Riley and Pamela (Bill) Lary; the adored grandmother of Sarah, Griffin, Kendra, Elaine, and Kneale; the dear sister of Ron Schmidt, Judy (Tharon "Bud") Neil; and the beloved aunt of Dan (Carol) Neil. Linda was preceded in death by her sister, Nancy Wilkinson. Linda was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Utica for 45 years. A memorial gathering and service will be held on Friday, January 7, 2022 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 45160 Van Dyke, Utica from 10am until time of the service 11am.. Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Glen Eden Memorial Park - West

35667 W. 8 Mile Road  
(between Newburgh & Farmington)  
Livonia, MI 48152

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

JAN 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
45160 Van Dyke  
Utica, MI 48317

## Memorial Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
45160 Van Dyke  
Utica, MI 48317

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors** - January 06, 2022 at 06:53 PM



“ *Thank you Pam for letting me know about your Mom's passing as I did not know. As an old Eden Park neighbor, Linda and I had kept connected with our Christmas cards updates. I loved receiving her card and looked forward to it. This year when I didn't get a card, I wondered what had happened. I wanted to share a fond memory of when we were in a cookie exchange with all the neighborhood ladies. We exchanged two dozen cookies to each neighbor and received two dozen back of theirs. Well Linda's was the Chocolate surprise cookies. I loved them and asked for her recipe. Well one year my brother in law came over and I was in the basement and had all the exchanged cookies on the counter. He ate all my Chocolate surprise cookies from her and my kids kept saying my mom is going to be mad. He just couldn't stop eating them. I relayed to Linda what had happed as we chatted one day. I couldn't believe it, and in the next few days, a knock at my door and there is Linda with another two dozen cookies. What kindness. I cherish my Chocolate Surprise cookie recipe and will always remember her.*

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**Susan Fraczek** - March 08, 2022 at 01:14 PM



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



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January 05, 2022 at 03:20 PM



“ *Uncle George, David, Pam, and families. So sorry for your loss. I always think fondly of Aunt Linda, she was so kind. I also have good memories of Aunt Linda and Uncle George bringing large box of potato chips and candy at Christmas every year as a child (I so much look forward to that). I saw that comment from another family member, and thought "me too". My Mom (Wanda), also sends her love and condolences.*



*Love,  
Brenda Cassidy  
Traverse City*

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**Brenda Cassidy** - January 05, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Joyce Riley.*



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December 30, 2021 at 04:15 PM

DN

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Dan Neil** - December 25, 2021 at 06:31 PM

RS

“ *As the only son in the Schmidt family, I feel extremely fortunate to have three of the greatest sisters a guy could ever want: Nancy, Judy and Linda. Our family and lives will not be the same without you. All my love, your brother Ron* ❤️

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**Ron Schmidt** - December 25, 2021 at 03:36 PM

DN

“ Aunt Linda was our captain and the quiet leader of our family who made sure everyone was taken care of. She always reminded me so much of her mom and our grandma. She gave so much more than she ever got. I always made sure to give her a kiss when I got there and before I left. I knew she loved me and I know she was loved by our entire family. We will miss the smile that came across her face as she watched her grandkids play. We will miss her voice telling us to wash up so we can eat. Even at 50 years old I knew I could count on a birthday card from her in the mail with a loving message inside each year. That’s just a small snippet of who she was and what she meant to us. Heaven gained a special angel tonight. I just wish it didn’t hurt so bad. Love you Aunt Linda. Our family will certainly not be the same without you 😭



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Dan Neil - December 25, 2021 at 12:01 AM

KC

“ Our deepest sympathies to Uncle George, cousin David and Vickie, Cousin Pam and Bill and all their children. Aunt Linda will always be remembered as such a kind and caring Aunt. As children my siblings and I always looked forward to their Christmas visit bringing us the biggest box of chocolates and giant box of potato chips! She and Uncle George would attend family events thru the years in Genesee county as much as their schedule allowed. I always looked forward to seeing them. I also cherished each Christmas card she would send yearly, as I wrote out this years card to her, I thought to myself strange we haven't received hers yet. I thought of her and a uncle George often and had always planned on making a visit to them. \*So if your reading this and you have someone you have planned on visiting, take the time and do it, you will not regret it, I regret not making the time. The last time we saw Aunt Linda was pre COVID and she had just recovered from Orthopedic surgery and looked so healthy, it was a joy to talk and visit to her and Uncle George. She will always hold a place in my heart as my most adored Aunt. Heaven has gained a beautiful, sweet, and kind Angel. I hope that all the ones who went up before her have hugged and welcomed her home. 💕

Loving,  
Kimberly & Tom Cameron  
Lennon MI



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Kimberly Cameron - December 24, 2021 at 09:20 PM