



Linnea Sue Strottmann

June 29, 1956 - April 27, 2021

Linnea Sue (Duff) Strottmann (64) passed away on April 27, 2021 at her Omaha, Nebraska residence. She succumbed to metastatic triple negative Inflammatory Breast Cancer (IBC). She battled with Finnish “sisu.” From that culture, the term "sisu" - meaning true grit, determination and sustaining courage - described her well throughout adulthood. Her valiant fight versus IBC began near the onset of the COVID pandemic. IBC is a rare and aggressive cancer that is incurable and accounts for only about 1% of all breast cancers. Due to COVID protocols, Linnea was unable to travel to Houston, Texas for a second opinion with the IBC specialists at MD Anderson Cancer Center until October 2020.

Linnea was born on June 29, 1956 to Russell B. and Susanna M. (Pakkala) Duff in Cottonwood, Idaho. The second of the four beautiful Duff girls and she was raised primarily in Orofino, Idaho. During her high school years, Linnea worked at the Rex Theatre. Linnea graduated from Orofino High School in 1974. In 1975, she completed the professional office practice program at nearby Lewis-Clark State College (ID). Shortly thereafter, she began working at Western Appraisals & Surveys in Lewiston, Idaho as a commercial real estate appraisal report typist until 1992. Linnea was an exceptional typist (140 WMP) who enjoyed office work, office technology, and bookkeeping. She loved proofreading and typing appraisal reports using a Dictaphone and an IBM Selectric typewriter before word processors – the more complicated and

longer – all the better! She was an outgoing, friendly, and cheerful person which endeared her to co-workers. Linnea loved people and never met a stranger.

In 1979 through 1985, Linnea was blessed with three children. In 1986, she became a single mom that loved caring for and giving them all that she could. She surrounded them with her parents and sisters' families creating memories that she cherished. She was proud of each of her five children's and granddaughters' accomplishments and was looking forward to all that the future was to bring.

Linnea married Steven Strottmann on October 2, 1992 in Carson City, Nevada. Together they had two boys. During the early years of their marriage, they called the beautiful Inland Northwest home; living in Spokane and Pullman, Washington; and later in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. On October 30, 2000, her husband loaded up the family and moved to Omaha.

Linnea loved living and life with her husband, children, and three granddaughters. She enjoyed her extended Idaho vacations visiting family; and since February 2012, numerous road trips to Houston and Waco, Texas. Linnea was a devoted mother and raised her five children to the best of her ability despite challenging medical conditions throughout adulthood. She took pleasure in being a homemaker, grandmother, and caregiver. She was an avid reader, especially the KJV Bible. While in Omaha, Linnea was blessed to be a homeschool mom, hockey and Eagle Scout mom. Upon relocating to Omaha, she was baptized into membership at Westside Baptist Church. Linnea was active in the church's ladies Bible study groups. Linnea believed that she was one of the elect and knew the Lord. She had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Finally, Linnea is now pain free after many years, with her Savior.

Linnea's Finnish heritage and her parents' Iron County, Michigan roots were a source of pride. She excelled at making traditional U.P. (Cornish) Pasties from a recipe passed down from her Mother and Grandmother Hilma Pakkala. Linnea was also a proud USC Trojan and Baylor University Bear Mom.

Linnea is survived by her husband. She also left behind three children from a prior marriage to Mike Spinella: Joseph N. Spinella; Kara L. Spinella (John Owens) and her daughters (Taylor, Hailey, Olivia) all of Gresham, Oregon; and Matthew D. Spinella in Las Vegas, Nevada. Also surviving are sons Erik S. Strottmann (Schessa Garbutt) in Inglewood, California; and Carl D. Strottmann in Omaha. Her sisters Terri (Gary) Picone in Lewiston; Julie (Troy Townsend) McCoy in Coeur d'Alene, and Ila Duff in Clarkston, Washington also survive. Additionally, many beloved nephews, nieces, cousins; and uncles Jack A. (Sharon) Pakkala and Michael Pakkala survive. Linnea's parents and uncle Joseph V. Pakkala predeceased her.

Cemetery Details

Moscow Cemetery

1650 Troy Hwy
Moscow, ID 83843

Previous Events

Family will receive friends

MAY 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
P.O. Box 711
Elkhorn, NE 68022
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Funeral Service

MAY 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

MAY 8. 4:00 PM (PT)

Sunset Park
2602 11th Avenue
Lewiston, ID 83501

Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Linnea Sue Strottmann*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - April 29, 2021 at 12:22 PM

JM

Will be viewing this from Idaho. Thank you for this opportunity!

Joellen McGill - May 02, 2021 at 09:07 PM



“ *Linnea Sue Strottmann*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM

ID

“ *My deepest condolences to Kara, Joe and Matthew Spinella. I acknowledge your loss of your momma Linnea. Im sure she is looking down from Heaven and is so proud and touched by your presence at the service today. Thank you for being there for her.*

Ila Duff - May 03, 2021 at 12:53 PM

DF

“ Dick and Teri Fisher purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linnea Sue Strottmann.



Dick and Teri Fisher - May 02, 2021 at 05:13 PM

MB

“ Steve, my condolences and prayers go out to you and your family. I had the pleasure to work with Linnea between 1979 and 1986. She always greeted everyone with a smile and knew how to brighten someone's day. She would talk about her children a lot and you could tell they were her pride and joy. She took her job position seriously and all of us at work respected her tremendously for that. She was so quick at figuring out everyone's thought process on how it related to what we were trying to convey in print that she made all of us look exceptionally good at what we did. Although we both moved away, I was very happy for her when I heard that she and Steve, who I also knew beforehand, were getting married. Sounds like your time together was very special. You were a very sweet person and rest in peace.

Mark Bryant

Mark Bryant - May 02, 2021 at 09:44 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linnea Sue Strottmann.



May 02, 2021 at 09:29 AM

DD

“ Steve and family
Please know that I am very sorry for your loss- never, ever easy...

Deane Davenport

Deane Davenport - May 01, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linnea Sue Strottmann.



May 01, 2021 at 09:26 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linnea Sue Strottmann.



April 30, 2021 at 07:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linnea Sue Strottmann.



April 30, 2021 at 06:40 PM

TP

“ *Linnea and I became friends when our children were young and we became neighbors, while living in Lewiston. We were both single mom's and spent time together while our children played. I especially remember her cooking. So good! I learned a lot from her and loved her very much.* ”



Teri Predmore - April 30, 2021 at 04:46 PM

HC

Linnea was always so kind and just a great person. She loved everyone and a Heart of Gold . I went to school with Linnea and one day was able to catch up with her just a couple years ago . I thought to call her just recently and should have . Don't wait for anything . Life is too short and was for an amazing strong Lady ! Your Beautiful smile will be missed but never forgotten ! Blessings, of Comfort and Peace sent from the Barker And Coon Family

Hollie Barker Coon - April 30, 2021 at 08:27 PM

JV

“ *John & Dana Vargas purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Linnea Sue Strottmann.* ”



John & Dana Vargas - April 30, 2021 at 11:55 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Linnea Sue Strottmann.* ”



April 30, 2021 at 09:35 AM

JM

“ My memories of Linnea go back to the time she married my stepson, Steve Strottmann. She was a beautiful lady...had the cutest giggle and I loved her from that time forward. I know she is with Jesus now and is without pain. I look forward to seeing her in Heaven.

Joellen McGill

Joellen McGill - April 29, 2021 at 06:01 PM

AF

“ Audrey Harrison & Family purchased the Pink Po
tpourri Bouquet for the family of Linnea Sue
Strottmann.



Audrey Harrison & Family - April 29, 2021 at 12:53 PM