



Rosalind "Linda" Rutman

June 25, 1946 - February 28, 2020

Rosalind "Linda" Rutman, 73, of Traverse City, passed away February 28, 2020, with her loving family surrounding her.

Linda was born on June 25, 1946 to the late Jeremiah and Regina (Hogan) Moynihan in Chicago, IL.

Linda has been living in Traverse City since 2001 after moving from Troy, MI. She earned her Bachelor's degree and worked as an RN in home health care and consulting. She inspired one of her two daughters to become a nurse even though the joke was always for Linda to say don't ever become one. Linda was an Emeritus at Michigan Home Health Assoc. and President of HOA.

Her list of accomplishments continues with publishing a book, being a pretty achieved golf player, writing, puzzles and her grandchildren. Well beyond the listed items and so many more, her biggest accomplishment was being the worlds best mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, not to mention wife. Linda exemplified what it was to be a humanitarian, giving so passionately and selflessly to everyone. Her time of giving extended well beyond just her career and she was able to touch so many lives. She really did have a heart of gold.

Two very notable memories are "fun journeys" and "spoil town". To know of either of them and to participate, made you a very lucky and blessed person.

The legacy of Linda will live on in the hearts and the actions of her children, her grandchildren and her husband.

Linda is survived and missed dearly by her husband David, her daughters Michelle (Almantas Galvanaaskas) Stock, and Laura Gougherty, step sons; Larry (Mary), Brian (Joelle), Shane (Jane) and grandchildren; Saulius, Andrius, Mia, Kristian, Alyssa, Brandon, Alexandra and Jackson, as well as sister Jeanne (Donald) Piche and sister-in-law Susan Moynihan.

She is reunited with her brother Gerald, her stepson Brad and her parents.

A private family gathering will take place at a later date.

Please visit <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com> to share your thoughts and memories with the family.

Linda and her family are being cared for by the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cre

mation Services.

Comments



“ Every conversation I had with Linda included loving mention of her family whom I offer my sincere condolences for their loss. My life connected with Linda’s through the Michigan Home Health Association where she was a mentor and leader to home care nurses and caregivers for many years. She so enjoyed public policy debate and campaigns for legislation and regulations that solve real problems and supported the home care nurses and caregivers to better care for patients. As a nurse, Linda always thought from a perspective of “what is best for the patient”. She was inducted into the Michigan Home Care and Hospice Association (AKA, Michigan Home Health Assoc.) - Hall of Fame, a lifetime achievement award that recognizes her leadership within the home care industry. I believe she has found her place in heaven and will be remembered fondly by those whose lives she touched here on earth.

Barry Cargill, CEO, Michigan Home Health Association.

Barry Cargill - March 10, 2020 at 08:49 AM



“ Reading the tributes and hearing from people Mom knew during her life, I’ve reflected on her life, and recognized that she was an amazing role model. On this International Women’s Day, here is what I’d like to share.

I’m most proud of my mother for her leadership and her activism. She was always striving to solve problems in her industry and by engaging with government.

As a Registered Nurse, I believe that caring was natural to her. But it was her day-to-day practice of doing all she could to make this world a better place through leadership that I wish to highlight here: she was engaged in the governance of MHHA (Michigan Home Care & Hospice Association) and even appeared before a Senate Committee in 1999 to address burdens being placed on Home Health Care agencies at the time.

Those of us who knew her well know that she put others before herself. That is what she did, as so many women do, and our world is better for it.

-Michelle Stock

Michelle Stock - March 08, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ It is with a heavy heart that I see Linda's obit in the paper. I have not seen her since I retired from West Front Primary Care where I was her Nurse Practitioner for several years. We share many opinions about the status of nursing and advanced practice. . Linda's role as a nurse consultant exemplified her leadership in our profession, and for this alone she will be missed by many. My sincere sympathy extends to her family.

Annelle Kaspor, NP

ANNELLE KASPOR - March 05, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ Linda was our next door neighbor at the Crown in Traverse City, Michigan. Linda and Dave were such nice neighbors. Even though we were new to the subdivision, Linda checked in to see how Gail's recovery was progressing after surgery. We are saddened by Linda's passing and offer condolences to Dave and the Rutman family. Marshall & Gail

Marshall Roe - March 02, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ Where do I begin? We enjoyed such a friendship. We met through Michigan Home Health Association. Our mutual interest in politics and tilting at the windmills of health policy kindled our bond. Both of us Irish lasses enjoyed a good joke and could laugh for hours. As the years went by we became regular roommates for the annual National Association for Home Care March on Washington. Days of pressing our agenda. Nights of deep conversations about transcendence and the Celestine prophecy. We last saw one another last fall. She sent me the book she and Mia wrote. Linda's deep love and appreciation for life, David, her daughters and grandchildren shone through. She spoke of plans to write a book spiritual in nature. We reminisced for a great visit. I will forever miss her intellect, wit, passion and charm. Such a gift in my life which I shall always treasure. David, Michelle and Laura May you find peace as she would you nothing less. May the road rise to meet her. Love, Chris.

I am leaving the country tomorrow and won't return for a month. Please know I am with you all in spirit as you mourn your loss and celebrate her life.

Christine Chesny - March 01, 2020 at 05:56 PM



“ I learned so much from Linda...how to see the best in any situation, how to appreciate humor in everyday settings, and how important it is to be on time. (No matter how busy she was, or how many hats she was wearing, Linda was early for every meeting!!)

Judy Yrjanainen - February 29, 2020 at 10:54 PM