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Linda Kay Blais, age 68, died peacefully in her sleep on December 18, 2015 at home in Tucson, Arizona. Linda was born on January 13, 1947 in Missouri, the daughter of Granville E. Smith deceased and Edie Smith (Tipton, MO.)

Linda graduated from Tipton High School where Linda was a top-notch lead baton twirler. After graduating from Tipton High school in Tipton, MO, she quickly enrolled in Missouri University (located in Columbia MO). Later that same year she became pregnant and was advised by her doctor to discontinue college at that time. After a difficult pregnancy she gave birth to twin girls. Ten years later she luckily had an easy birth of a son, her final child.

Then a few years later she moved to Colorado where she had family. She began her time there by doing something she had always wanted to complete which was to get her college diploma, and she did. She was very proud to have that diploma though it was much later than she had planned for it. It must have been fate in some way though because it was during this time that she met the man who soon became her husband of over 30 years. He stood by Linda's side always with love in his heart through sickness and health.

Linda most enjoyed her family and spending time in her garden tending roses. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

A Celebration of the Life she lived is planned for 2:00 pm on Saturday, January 2nd, at her home.

Linda is survived by:

Her husband Joe Blais (of the home), her mother Edie (of Tipton, MO), her brother Richard Smith, spouse Debbie & children (of Tipton), daughter Shari Wilson, spouse Tess Hyatt & son, daughter Jari Wilson-Long, significant other Tracy Marshall (all of Tucson), son Matthew Wilson (of Pueblo, CO), Granddaughter Hayley, Grandsons Zachary, Tristan & Connor and several cousins,



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In lieu of flowers it was Linda's wish for donations to be given to the Multiple Sclerosis chapter of your choosing.



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Jari Wilson-Long shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

A year ago today you went with the angels. I know your wings were ready though our hearts were not. We miss and love you. We still talk about the memories, feel the love and pain in our hearts and carry you with us at all times.



December 18 at 1:37 AM



Jari Wilson-Long lit a candle in honor of Linda.



May 24 at 6:55 AM



Jari Wilson-Long posted:

I sure missed you on Mother's Day this year mom. I know how you love to have a nicely set table with beautiful flowers, fine China and all of us moms celebrating together. I hope you still look down on us and see the love in our hearts and how much you are missed. With much love your daughter, Jari

May 9 at 9:42 AM



Jari Wilson-Long lit a candle in honor of Linda.



April 27 at 12:24 AM



Jari Wilson-Long shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I miss you so much mom. I miss our weekly talks. I miss the sound of your voice. I miss you sharing all your thoughts and feelings with me. I miss your loving smile. I miss your caring. I miss you always reaching for me, needing me and being so thankful for anything I would do for you. I miss hugging you, holding you and sometimes wiping your tears away. I miss your presence, your beauty inside and out. I miss the love you shared with all of us around you. I think of you and miss you every day mom. I love you!! ❤️



April 26 at 6:47 AM



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April 26 at 6:38 AM



Jari Wilson-Long posted:

After an emotional & difficult day I thought I would share some thoughts with you. Those of you who know me just a little or a lot know that family and friends mean everything to me. So, my mother's passing unexpectedly a few days before Christmas was a blow to say the least. Today was our celebration of her life. I know mom was smiling down on us today as we gathered in her most favorite place, her rose garden. I know for certain we never lose the people we love, even to death. Those we love, don't go away; they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near; still loved, still missed and very dear. They continue to be connected to us because they are part of who we are. Mom's love has left an indelible imprint in our hearts and memories. May we all find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared this love. Tracy, Mom was VERY happy to have you become a part of our family. She loved you and talking flowers with you. 🌷🙏 Zachary, Tristan, Connor, and Hayley, grandma is always with you in your memories, and in your hearts as we have always talked about. Grandma will continue to be with you and watch you all to continue to grow into adulthood. 😊 So Mom, our family is not saying goodbye to you, instead we say, we love you Mom & we love you grandma. 💜🙏 For me, forever in this heart of mine, an everlasting bond, you'll stay, until we meet again someday. ❤️🙏

January 5 at 8:59 AM



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Matthew Wilson posted:

Hey Folks, This is mostly for the family but I wanted to be the first to write something here as well. My Mom is one of the bravest and strongest people I have ever known. She raised three children with a good portion of that life being single and working her tail off just to put food on the table, clothes on our backs and we were never out on the street. In 1980 she packed up and moved to Pueblo Colorado without a job and only the support of my extended family to make a new life for herself after my sisters graduated high school. I was only 5 or 6 at the time and sat in the front seat of that car as we crossed from Missouri thru Kansas and finally into Colorado. I had never seen the mountains before and I remember sitting in the front seat of the car singing America the Beautiful because in my mind the line "For purple mountains majesty..." fit with what I was seeing. After several years she finally met my step-father Joe Blais and to be frank we had many of the issues that step parents and step children run into. Looking back now I realize that no matter what happened I know that he loved her more than anything and that we were both very lucky to have him. I know this is supposed to be about remembering Mom but really if you think about it life is about the connections we make and the relationships forged from those bonds. None of this would have been possible for me without Mom. Whatever you might believe of the afterlife I am certain that my Mom is receiving the best there is. She is a beautiful soul and will be greatly missed.

January 1 at 8:07 PM



Jari Wilson-Long January 25 at 7:19 AM

Well said bro!



Matthew Wilson shared an album called **Linda Blais through the years.**



December 31 at 4:49 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Linda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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