



Linda C. Collingwood

March 24, 2016

Linda C. Collingwood, 75, with her family by her side, died Thursday, March 24 at Lancaster General Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Richmond, Va., she was the only daughter of William Henry and Marion Curtis Camper, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Dave, with whom she celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Linda retired from The Sunday News in Lancaster after 30 years. She was named editor of the Montage section in 1978 and held that position as the section evolved into Style, then Living. She is best known for her Recipe Exchange that ran for more than 30 years, ending Dec. 28, 2008. Her column not only talked about local foods and shared recipes, but foods from wherever she travelled, offering local readers a taste of other cuisines. Linda also shared her family with readers, talking about her daughters and grandchildren as they grew up. She wrote about her oldest daughter's marriage, her younger daughter's college graduation, the birth of her first grandson and a tribute to her German Shepherd dog, Duke.

A self-taught writer, she got her start in journalism with The Skipper magazine in Annapolis, Md.

She received numerous awards from Women in Communications, The Pennsylvania Women's Press Association, and a Keystone. She served as

South Central director of Pa. women's Press Association and president and membership chairman of central Pa. Chapter of WICI.

Linda met Former First Lady Nancy Reagan in the state dining room of the White House while attending an American Press Institute seminar in Reston, Va. In 1981. She volunteered her time to help the Snapper staff and her daughter cover Former President Ronald Reagan's visit to Millersville University in October 1984.

Linda attended Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va. to study dance. She enjoyed boating on the Susquehanna River, cooking, and traveling to Jekyll Island, Ga. and Fort Pierce, Fla. with Dave each winter. She also was an avid dog lover and leaves her beloved Indie behind.

She was a member of St. James Episcopal Church, Lancaster.

Linda is survived by two daughters, Lynn C., wife of Mark Thomas, Mount Joy, and L. Cris, wife of Ed Foehlinger, Lancaster; five grandsons: Adam Thomas, Michael Foehlinger, William Foehlinger, Aleksei Foehlinger, and Aiden Foehlinger; four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Memorial Service for Linda on Monday

April 4, 2016 at 11:00 am at St. James Episcopal Church, 119 North Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17602. The family will receive friends at the church from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Interment will be in St. James Memorial Garden.

Memorials may be made in Linda's name to St James Episcopal Church, 119 North Duke Street, Lancaster, PA 17602 or the Pet Pantry, 26 Millersville Rd, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. James Episcopal Church
119 N. Duke Street
Lancaster, PA 17603

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda C. Collingwood*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *When I first started working at LNP, back then smokers were banned to out back in the alley, she was the first person I met other than my Classified department. I asked her if she had two daughters who went to Manheim Twp. and she beamed while thinking about you and we were instant friends. She was a great lady, she knew life and people and had a greatly creative mind. I really enjoyed our daily 10 minute interactions and conversations which were about anything and everything. I'm sorry for your loss. I can tell she is going to be greatly missed.*

*With great sympathies,
Deb (Boardman) Kachel*

Deborah Kachel - April 05, 2016 at 06:26 AM

RS

“ *Linda was iconic.*

She was my first friend as my editor for features and I really don't remember her for recipes. I remember her for her kindness and her wonderful way of knowing herself. I never gave up nagging her to go out on the street with me, for the lunch hour, "Linda, let's go out there and find the stories. It's so much better than being in this room with your Diet Coke and Cigarette." But she always had "so much to do." Never minded I, she would listen with so much respect when I came back off the street with dozens of zany ideas. I would write them down for her. And, one day, months and months later, I would ask her for a certain piece of paper....she would put down her cigarette and think a moment. Then she would turn into the trifecta that was her desk. And that desk is the icon I will always remember. The piles of paper were taller than her short body sitting down and they surrounded her on three sides. After a short hesitation she would unerringly lift up a pile, maybe 6- or even 10 - inches high, and shuffle out the desired piece of paper. Perhaps I asked more often than necessary because I was always like a wide-eyed kid going through this ritual.

Linda had that wonderful graphic sense that every writer needs for a team-minded editor. She would take my words and my thoughts and put them on a page in such a way that you just could not stop yourself from reading the story. She had that gift.

Roberta Strickler

Roberta Strickler - April 04, 2016 at 07:51 AM



“ I would like to send my condolences to Lynn, Cris and the families on the loss of a great person, Linda. I enjoyed reading her articles all the time in the LNP. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.

Jennifer (Cooke) Maketansky

Jenn Cooke - April 02, 2016 at 12:07 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda C. Collingwood.



April 01, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“ I have many fond memories of your Mom & Dad when I often was their server many years ago at Kegel's Seafood Restruant. We had many great conversations about cooking. They both were special people and truly loved their family. I know you will miss them. Enjoy all those great memories that will help to keep them close.
Dottie (Dee) Jamison

Dottie Jamison - March 30, 2016 at 02:05 PM



“ Dearest Cris, I send you and your family my deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers on the death of your wonderful, talented mom. Meg Graham

Meg Graham - March 30, 2016 at 01:31 PM

KW

“ I have such fond memories of Linda! She took me under her wing when I was a young reporter at LNP. She was always full of fun and laughter!

Kim Herr Wingert - March 30, 2016 at 08:50 AM

BR

“ My deepest condolences to Cris, Lynn and their families. I have known the Collingwood family for most of my life and losing Mrs. Collingwood is like losing a 2nd mother. I wish you all peace through this difficult time.

-Bobbie (Johns) Ramsey, Maumee, Ohio

Bobbie (Johns) Ramsey - March 29, 2016 at 01:32 PM

SK

“ My deepest sympathies and best wishes to Lynn and Chris and all of Linda's family. She was always terrific to work with at the old Sunday News (always feisty and full of funny stories). We were both dog-lovers and she would always ask my about how my dog was doing. She was a force of nature and will be missed.

Stephen Kopfinger

Stephen Kopfinger - March 28, 2016 at 11:21 AM

DM

“ Condolences to Linda Collingwood's daughters from Dave and Audrey Marschka, neighbors for many years.

Dave and Audrey Marschka - March 27, 2016 at 07:36 PM

RF

“ Dear Lynn and Chris,
I want to express my condolences to you both on the death of your Mother.
You may not remember me, but we were neighbors on Amity Drive.
I was also the Father of Robin, who went to Hilton Head Island on vacation.
I still live @ 1817 Amity Drive, but I am currently in Fort Myers, FL with my fiance. I will be back in June.
I wish you both well.
Ron Ford

Ron Ford - March 27, 2016 at 07:35 PM