



Linda Lou Jurik

October 2, 1940 - July 24, 2023

Linda Lou Jurik of Luther passed away, July 24, 2023 at Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital. She was 82.

Linda was born October 2, 1940 in Reed City, Michigan to Fred W. and Bertha Hannah (Millington) Syers and they preceded her in death.

Linda graduated from Luther High School in 1958 and had a very successful basketball career there with her own mother not only as her teacher but coach as well. In 1970 Linda began her career with Pine River Area Public Schools. She was a bus driver for seven years until she became the secretary of Luther Elementary where she was for 20 years. The last few years of Linda's career were spent as the assistant to the superintendent of schools until retiring in 2001. In 2002 she was appointed to fill a school board vacancy and was reelected for an additional term, serving until 2008. She was influential in facilitating Luther High School Banquet and was a longtime emcee of the event. In 2018 Linda was inducted into the Pine River Area Schools Hall of Fame for all the contributions she made over the years.

Mrs. Jurik felt very strongly about education, she loved working in the schools and with the students. She had a gift of connecting with people and never met a stranger. Mrs. Jurik loved to take care of others, not only her family and ones close to her but students at school as well. She had a big heart and was

never slow to recognize and help with the extra needs of a student.

She also loved sports and was an avid University of Michigan football and basketball fan. Mrs. Jurik loved supporting her grandsons, from basketball to motocross; she was always interested in their lives. She cared deeply about her family. Mrs. Juik was an excellent baker and loved to share her baked goods; knowing the preference of those close to her. She had a spirit of generosity and community; always supporting organizations to better her community. Mrs. Jurik was a long time member of the United Methodist Church of Luther and played the organ and piano there for many years.

On June 18, 1960 at the United Methodist Church of Luther she married Eugene G. "Gene" Jurik and he survives her along with their children, Kimberly Miller of Hoxeyville and Jeffrey (Crystal) Jurik of Luther; grandsons, Marcus and Tyler Jurik; half sister, Aileen Carlson; in-laws: James (Arlene) Jurik, Thomas (Pat) Jurik, John (Janet) Jurik; a special nephew, Scott Fuller and many other nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Jurik was preceded in death by her parents; son-in-law, Harold Miller; siblings, Evelyn Thole and Ernest Syers; a special niece, Monica McDonald and parents-in-law, Thomas and Bessie Jurik.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM Friday, August 4, 2023 at the Luther Lions Club with Pastor Scott Loomis officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Her final resting place will be Bankers Cemetery in South Branch Township with internment at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to United Methodist Church of Luther Building Fund, Luther Library or Luther Lions Club. An online guestbook will be available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ Nicole A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Lou Jurik.

Nicole A. - August 04, 2023 at 05:34 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Lou Jurik.



August 02, 2023 at 05:36 PM

PP

“ We were so sorry to hear this, she was a lovely lady. I remember her from high school days, marveled at her athleticism and she had a lovely singing voice. She always advocated for the children in her care, whether she drove bus or was their secretary. She gave hugs where needed. Hugs to Gene, Jeff, Kim and families. Love you all.

Pat and Don Pacola - July 27, 2023 at 08:47 PM

HM

“ Pine River Area Schools, its staff and students, and the entire Pine River Community lost one of the most positive supporters with the passing of Linda Jurik. Linda was one of the most respected and valued members of my "Educational Family."

Harvey Miller - July 27, 2023 at 07:56 PM

SP

“ Linda was an exemplary woman, friend, consultant and teacher of administration of which I was one! Linda knew the community and the people, always advising and encouraging! She always seemed to know what to say and when to say it! I think I was the assistant and she was the person pulling the strings! It didn't matter what was going on she assured me that things would workout. We ate in her home several times and she always surprised us how she could whip up something so effortlessly after working all day. Always talked about her man, Gene, and children, Kim and Jeff! I am so sorry for your loss!

Steve Parker - July 27, 2023 at 02:56 PM

MK

“ RIP Linda, you were such a kind and gentle soul. You will be missed by all.

mark kassuba - July 27, 2023 at 01:45 PM

BP

“ We lived across from Luther School she keep an eye out for my dad . she was the most sweetest and kind person I know.
God got a beautiful angel
Bonnie Fullerton Pobilaitis

Bonnie povilaitis - July 27, 2023 at 05:33 AM

MT

“ Linda was a wonderful lady and a friend to many. RIP

Marcella Thornburgh - July 26, 2023 at 07:32 PM

GM

“ I don't have the right words to tell you what's in my heart, but know I'm here for you. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Ginger Mattos - July 26, 2023 at 04:45 PM

WS

“ Dear Gene and Family;
I am so sorry for your loss! I just lost my own wife, Patricia, two months ago and I can totally understand what you folks are going thru right now! Linda and my wife were close and, both being "lifetime" school bus drivers, shared many events that only a school bus driver could understand. We have always admired and loved Linda and she will be greatly missed, especially in the Luther and Pine River school family! My family and Myself are truly sorry for your loss!

Ward Smith and family

Ward H Smith - July 26, 2023 at 11:05 AM

KN

“ Linda was my dear friend from the the time Dave and I moved to Luther. David met her one morning before starting his bus driving job at Luther Elementary.
David had gotten to work early and laid down to take a nap. Linda arrived only to be scared by my husband as he snored very loudly. They became great friends, especially during football season. Linda and I were. Good friends at Church.

She played the piano for many years, and was a beautiful person.

Her entry into Heaven was well deserved 🙏❤️🙏

Love,

Karen Neiger

Karen Neiger - July 25, 2023 at 07:22 PM

LF

My dear friends, my heartfelt prayers are with you this day and everyday!

I have so many memories of Linda, that my memory bank is overflowing from the love, laughter and smiles she shared always. She had a special way of sharing her love through her smile. She had a special concern for everyone, especially my brother Jim. She knew his pain struggles, and life scars. She was proud of every Pine River students success and encouraged those who had struggles. I will miss her dearly at church and seeing her for coffee and baked goods that she would share with us. Linda you made a heavenly mark on this world, may you enjoy your new body and the love of Jesus in heaven. We will miss you dearly 🙏👤🌸🦋

Love,

Lorie (Neiger, Raven), Friess

Lorie Friess - July 26, 2023 at 08:28 AM

MH

Dear Kim, I am so sorry to read of the passing of your mom. I will always remember her beautiful smile and huge laugh. May God give you comfort during your time of grief and may He also, allow you to have the best memories. My deepest sympathy; Melanie (Beebe) Hall

melanie hall - July 26, 2023 at 09:51 AM

DB

Oh my goodness, this beautiful lady will surely be missed. I never saw her without getting a huge hug. She was my bus driver, my elementary school secretary, my fellow school board member, my customer at Twin Creek and most importantly a good friend. She always wanted to know how you were doing and she genuinely cared. I am so sorry for your loss, Gene, aka "Driving Ms Linda" as we called him when he brought her to board meetings and patiently waited in the car however many hours our meetings ran. My deepest sympathies to Kim, Jeff and family as you have lost one of the strongest women I've ever had the privilege to know. May you rest in peace my dear, Mrs. Jurik. You have left a mark on so many of us. You will never be forgotten. ❤️❤️

Denise Brock - July 26, 2023 at 09:39 PM

CB

God bless you, our Dear Neighbor! There is a very special place in Heaven for you! Our hearts go out to Gene, Kim, Jeff, Crystal, Scott, Marcus, and Tyler!

The Burns Family

Cathi Burns - July 27, 2023 at 08:47 AM