



Linda Hanebrink

August 29, 1962 - January 5, 2025

Linda Carol Hanebrink, 62, of Cape Girardeau, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 5, 2025, after a long, courageous battle with cancer. She was surrounded by her loving daughters and siblings.

Linda was born on August 29, 1962, in Kirkwood, Missouri, to Carol Miller. Her family moved to Cape Girardeau when she was young, and she graduated from Cape Central High School in 1980. She then attended Southeast Missouri State University. In 1985, she began her career at the university, where she worked for 35 years until retiring from the President's Office in 2020. For the past three years, she worked in the office at First Presbyterian Church of Cape, where she was dearly loved by the entire congregation and staff.

There is no doubt that Linda's greatest joy in this life was her family, especially her two girls. She was a loving and devoted mother to Amy and Grace, and she cherished any time spent with them, in particular their trips to Gloucester, Massachusetts. She was also a precious daughter, sister, and aunt, who would do anything for her "peeps." Her homemade mashed potatoes were a family favorite, and she loved any chance to gather with loved ones to visit, play games (especially LCR, of which she will forever be the reigning champ), and just be together.

She was also an avid runner. She ran six full marathons, 33 half-marathons, and a 50-miler, among many other races and training runs. She made lots of special memories and dear friends through running. In typical Linda fashion, she was always cheering on others-whether in races, or when she saw someone running in Cape ("Go runners!" she would call out in her cheerful way), or just in life in general.

Linda was a woman of incredible kindness, strength, bravery, and faith, and an inspiration to many. She was a member of St. Andrew Lutheran Church, where she attended worship and Bible classes and was loved deeply by her women's group. She also served the community through the meal ministry. Her faith was most evident, however, in the way she lived her daily life. Linda took every opportunity to share her unwavering faith and trust in God with those around her-her doctors, nurses, friends, family, and even strangers. She was a true light in this world.

She is survived by her mother, Carol Miller; daughters, Amy (Aaron) King and Grace Hanebrink; brother, Steven (Sharon) Miller; sister, Janet (Anthony) Varnon; brother, Mark (Shannon) Miller; nephews, Joshua Varnon, Paiton (Maci) Miller, Samuel Varnon, and Tysen Miller; aunts, Patricia Boyd and Jane McMahan; several cousins; and many friends, including lifelong friend Patty Portell. In addition to family and friends, she is survived by her loyal dog Cooper, who rarely left her side. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Harold and Carol Rudert; grandmother, Kittye Miller; aunt, Marcia Hayes; uncles, Butch Boyd and Ken McMahan; and cousin's son, Jacob Boyd.

Linda ran her race of life with endurance, as Hebrews 12:1 says. Her smile, laugh, sense of humor, and sweet and gentle spirit will be deeply missed by the many, many people who love her, but her family finds comfort in knowing that she has finished the race and kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:7).

Visitation will be from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 18, at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, with a memorial service following at 3:00 p.m.

The family would like to thank all of Linda's doctors and nurses for their excellent care. Memorial contributions can be made at <<https://gofund.me/37e35362>> and will go toward honoring Linda's wishes of having her ashes spread in Gloucester, MA.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Andrew Lutheran Church
804 N. Cape Rock Dr.
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Memorial Service

JAN 18. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

ES

“ Dear Amy and Grace,
I worked with your mom in the President’s Office at Southeast when I was in college. We had so many fun memories of your mom and you girls. She taught me many memorable lessons, not only in the office, but also about life. She was a very special part of my time at Southeast. My most memorable, hilarious Linda quote, (after she has gotten some new perfume) “ I just got a whiff of myself...and I smell delicious!” I am just so incredibly sorry. Your mom was such a wonderful person and will always hold a special place in my heart.
Love,
Emily (Brown) Sampl

Emily Sampl - January 31, 2025 at 11:14 PM

PR

“ January 12, 2025: in memory of our beloved friend, Linda
Flowers in the Lanesville St Paul Lutheran Church, Linda’s
Gloucester church home. God Bless Linda and her loved ones.



Patty and Joel Ray - January 26, 2025 at 10:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Linda Hanebrink.



January 17, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Hanebrink.

January 17, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ The Volleyball Crew purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Linda Hanebrink.



The Volleyball Crew - January 14, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Hanebrink.

January 14, 2025 at 03:24 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Linda Hanebrink.



January 14, 2025 at 11:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Hanebrink.

January 14, 2025 at 11:05 AM

TD

“ I first met Linda in 1988. I so enjoyed visits and always looked forward to our next meet up. I loved her sweet little voice and how nice she was. She definitely left her impression on this world. Prayers for her daughters and her entire family.

Tammy Deimund - January 13, 2025 at 08:08 PM

BR

“ Linda, was so wonderful to help me with all my "publishing" projects for all the outreach missions at First Presbyterian as our administrative assistant. I would come in with unusual ideas and she would put them to the paper! What a battle she fought, and always in an uplifting way.

Brenda Randolph - January 13, 2025 at 09:30 AM

DC

“ I shall remember serving with Linda at the STA shower ministry and these last years at the HUB! She stands as role model of Loving Others. Regardless of how hard her journey was at a particular time she came to serve others, to share their "life journeys" with them. She always remembered their names and greeted them warmly. When she wasn't, able to be at the HUB or 2nd's, the clients always ask "Where's Linda, How is Linda"? Her journey has been hard but she remained selfless. The way she "lived her life" and in everything she did, reflected her deep faith. She is my role model and I pray that my life may reflect her inspiration of. How to Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples.
Dolly Cowan

Dolly Cowan - January 08, 2025 at 04:38 PM



What a beautiful way to describe Linda ❤️ she was such a blessing to so many including my husband & I. We look forward to seeing you again Linda. I envision you sitting at the table with Jesus enjoying your feast ✨

Tamiko Lee - January 08, 2025 at 08:22 PM

DF

Perfectly said Dolly!

Debra Ford - January 09, 2025 at 02:52 PM

CS

I totally agree, well said Dolly.

Cindy Stone - January 09, 2025 at 09:50 PM

BW

Oh Dolly Babe!!

Bill Williams - January 13, 2025 at 10:03 PM