



## Linda Kay Soderstrom

May 6, 1947 - April 30, 2015

Linda Kay Soderstrom passed away April 30, 2015. The family requests private family services.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Walker-Brown Funeral Home.

Linda was born May 6, 1947 about 9 months after daddy, Perry, came home from WWII. She was born in Hamburg, Iowa, as was her mother, Wanda, and also her grandmother, Gladys Hayes. She has strong family roots in Iowa. In 1947, soon after Linda was born, Perry and Wanda were both baptized into the SDA church.

In 1949, when Perry felt a strong call from God to be a SDA minister, the family moved to Lincoln, Nebraska to attend Union College, they lived there until 1953 when he graduated.

In 1950, Linda was made a big sister when Susan was born. She loved Susan greatly because she was the most beautiful baby anyone had ever seen in their lives and Linda absolutely loved babies and baby dolls so she was one happy little girl. When Perry graduated from Union College the family moved again to Lander, Wyoming where Perry had his first job as a pastor of the Lander church. Linda and Susan were absolutely adored as the Pastors

daughters and every head would turn when the Pedersen girls walked into church. To Linda's great disappointment her second sister, Jan, was born and another disappointment was that she was a girl. Linda always told Jan that she was supposed to be a boy. (Linda always did like the boys.) But again, Linda loved babies and Mom said Linda would pinch Jan's foot to make her cry so she could have an excuse to pick her up and hold her.

In 1955, after two years in Lander, the family moved again to Casper, Wyoming where they lived until 1960. Linda attended a one room, one teacher SDA school that provided 1st through 8th grade education. She went there from 3rd to a few weeks of 8th grade. At the beginning of the 8th grade the family moved once again, this time to Minneapolis, Minnesota where she attended Minneapolis Junior Academy for her 8th, 9th and 10th grades. Her junior and senior years she attended Maplewood Academy, a SDA boarding school an hour's drive from Minneapolis. Linda hated the rules and regulations and restrictions of Maplewood, but loved the friendships and excitement of breaking the rules. Her parents received many calls from the school about her having more "fun" than was allowed.

Linda met Don Soderstrom at the Southview SDA church where the families attended services.

Linda graduated from MWA in May of 1965. The war in Vietnam was going strong and the draft loomed over her male friends' heads. She attended Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska for her freshmen year in 1965. She loved college and the friends that she made there. She was in love with Don by then and knew he was the one. They became engaged their freshmen year at Union. She stayed home the next year so she could work and save money to help with the wedding expenses.

Don and Linda were married June 2, 1968. They moved to Lincoln after the wedding so Don could continue his schooling. That summer Daddy was asked to come to the Central Union Conference in Lincoln to work so the rest of the

family followed Linda back to Nebraska. (They didn't want to let her out of their sight for too long.) They had a daughter, Kristine, Nov. 3, 1969 and son Richard, Jan. 30, 1972.

Linda and Don lived in Lincoln from 1968 to 1974 at which time they moved to Burlington, Iowa. In 1980 they left Iowa to make Ochelata, OK and the Bartlesville area their permanent home.

Linda was preceded in death by her father, Perry Pedersen and her mother, Wanda Hayes Pedersen.

She is survived by her husband, Don Soderstrom, two sisters; Susan White of Columbia, MD and Jan Kramer of Redlands, California, daughter, Kristine McLaughlin of Ochelata and son Rick, Soderstrom of Bartlesville, plus five grandchildren that were the center of her world.

# Tribute Wall



“ Posted by Brad Anderson erson from Melbourne Australia ,  
Oklahoma

*a lovely lady, whose love for her friends & family, spread across the world. She will be sadly missed. That record was never meant to be broken.... RIP Linda xo  
05/06/2015 at 04:48pm*

*Posted by David & Alma Henning from Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
Dear sweet Linda rest in peace, we loved when you call David 'son' we are going to miss you at church but your beautiful memory will be in our heart. Your family is in our prayers. Love you Linda  
05/06/2015 at 08:25pm*

*Posted by Deanna Evans from Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
Linda was such a special person. I feel blessed for having known her. She touched many lives and will be remembered as a wonderful, loving mother and a great friend! Happy birthday, Linda. I look forward to seeing you again!  
05/06/2015 at 10:32pm*

*Posted by Sue Monkress from Gulfport, Mississippi  
Though I never met your Mother, I feel I know her, from all her friends' messages and Kris' heart-felt messages. She was truly a woman of great value to her family and friends. What a wonderful legacy this beautiful angel left to all who love her. Keeping the family lifted in my prayers.  
05/06/2015 at 10:41pm*

*Posted by Duane and Brenda Evans from Ochelata , Oklahoma  
We are so sad to hear of the death of Linda. We extend our love and sympathies to the family and send prayers for your comfort. We look forward for the fulfillment of the promise at John 5:28,29 of the resurrection of our loved ones waiting in the memorial tombs.  
05/06/2015 at 10:53pm*

*Posted by Tammra Young from Ramona , Oklahoma*

*My prayers are with this family that my children grew up with..Linda was the nicest lady one could meet.I pray the sweet memories overflow their hearts...God bless all of you....*

*05/06/2015 at 11:30pm*

*Posted by Pastor Timothy Scull from Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
Deepest sympathies for the family, loved ones, & close friends. She has left a gap in our hearts that only God can fill with His love. Linda will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. My family was truly blessed to have known her. God's abundant grace, Pastor Tim ,  
Brenda, Allison, Alissa, Alexis, & James*

*05/08/2015 at 08:51pm*

*Posted by g c from Greenblat, Maryland*

*Please accept my sincere condolences to the family. May the God of all comfort give you the comfort you need to endure this difficult time and the days ahead (2 Corinthians 1:3,4)*

*05/14/2015 at 11:53am*

*Posted by Angela Miller-Chada from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma  
Sweet Linda.....still so hard to believe you're gone. You were such a blessing to so many. Thank you for being such a kindhearted and loving woman of God. I cherish our times together throughout the years riding to church, talking at the gas station, enjoying weddings and births. And in the end....just talking as I held your hand reminancing about the old days and times. Your strength and courage were amazing.....God Bless you My Sweet Sister in Christ.....*

*06/12/2015 at 01:46am*

*Posted by John Feher from Casselberry, Florida*

*I am so saddened by your loss .....i just found heard this news and please accept my deepest condolences...To me Linda was a very good person and we played and talked our game mafia wars for hours at times .I am deeply saddened and may God Bless Her and comfort her.....I miss You Linda!! John*

*06/28/2015 at 01:55pm*

**Carter Davis** - January 14, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ Posted by Caron Smith from Ochelata, Oklahoma  
*I loved Linda very much. She and Don are both so important to our whole family. We share in your grief and any of us are available to each of you should any of you ever need us. Caron*  
05/04/2015 at 03:46am

Posted by Chris Smith from Claremore, Oklahoma  
*I am so sorry for your loss. You guys have meant so much to my family over the years. You are in my thoughts and prayers. - Chris*  
05/04/2015 at 04:02am

Posted by Tammy Larmore from Bartlesville, Oklahoma  
*I miss you so much Linda. I still can't grasp that you are gone. Forever in my heart, R.I.P. SWEET LADY !!!*  
05/04/2015 at 04:04am

Posted by Nancy McCoy from Decatur, Illinois  
*I am so sorry for the loss of your dear sweet mother...may she rest in heaven and have no more pain.....*  
05/06/2015 at 11:55am

Posted by Steph Mills from Perth. Australia , Oklahoma  
*Words can't express the gratitude, respect and love I have you and your family .for being part of my life.. you pulled me trough my toughest time . your in my thoughts all the time.. It just seems like a bad dream, not possible, iam lost for words and my hart breaks for you .. your a truly amazing lady.. you have a hart of gold.. your a beautiful soul, love you beyond words, My life is the way it is now cause of you, you have left me with many memories, strength and given me a family i love dearly..Thank you for the 6 years we had together, Steph oxoxo My Love to all the Family You all will Always Be in my Hart ...*  
05/06/2015 at 11:58am

Posted by cal johnson from skiatook, Oklahoma  
*Ms.Linda was definitely a much loved woman. As a friend you*

*couldn't ask for any better. I pray you all find peace in knowing she was loved by many*  
05/06/2015 at 01:42pm

*Posted by Sara Neill from Puyallup, Washington*  
*I am so sorry for your loss. We loved the time our family spent in Bartlesville and with dear, sweet Linda. May the Lord come soon so we can be reunited with the ones we love and there will be no more sorrow. I will continue to pray for the Soderstrom family. May God give you peace. Love you all.*  
05/06/2015 at 02:30pm

*Posted by Debra Decker from bvl, Oklahoma*  
*Kristi this is such a beautiful gesture from them and such a comfort knowing she's being remembered on her special day. We used Walker Brown and I cannot say enough good things about their services. Happy Birthday Linda!!!! God Bless you n your family!*  
05/06/2015 at 02:32pm

*Posted by Jean Peterson from Keene, Texas*  
*Linda was one of "my girls" when her family lived in Casper, WY. I was the teacher of the one-room school she attended, and as a 7th and 8th grade student, was a big help to me with the younger students. She would listen to them read or help with their other studies while I would be teaching other grades. She and her sisters were about the same age as my three girls, so they became very close friends, thus their mother, Wanda, and I also became great friends. Since Perry and my husband, Howard, were both ministers, their friendship became one, like brothers. When Perry moved to Minneapolis, Howard took his place in the WY SDA Conference office. When Perry moved from Minneapolis, Howard and our family took his place there. So it was, a lasting friendship. And now, my heart goes out to Susan, Jan, Kristi and her family as they pick up the pieces to do the good works of their loved ones. Your lives will never be the same, but they will go on and you will be stronger than you believed you could be. God bless.*  
05/06/2015 at 03:11pm

**Carter Davis** - January 14, 2019 at 11:43 AM