



Linda J. Opdycke

April 22, 1958 - March 19, 2021

FAYETTE, OH – Linda J. Opdycke, 62, of Fayette, OH, departed this life early Friday morning, March 19, 2021. Born April 22, 1958, in Montpelier, OH, she was one of eight children born of the union of Fred and Betty (Smith) Nowak.

Linda lived her early years in West Unity, attending grade school at the former Alvordton School before graduating from Hilltop High School with the Class of 1976. On July 14, 1979, she married Lyle “Butch” Opdycke at the Fayette United Methodist Church, and his family farm in Fayette became her permanent cherished home.

Linda selflessly joined Butch in business operations of the family farm, alongside raising three children. Possessing all of the qualities of a nurturing, loving and protective mother, she naturally assumed the respected role of the matriarch of the family. Her greatest honor, however, was granted to her upon receiving the title of grandmother, and she adored each of her grandchildren with every ounce of her being; dropping everything when opportunities arose to spend time with them.

In addition to farming, Linda also worked part-time positions at Fayette Tubular Products and in the kitchen at Fairlawn Haven in Archbold. Linda also enjoyed many years working at R&H Restaurant in Fayette, where she was able to market her domestic talents of delectable cooking, baking, and pie

making. She also loved travelling, cross-stitching, shopping excursions with her sisters, and trying her luck at nearby casinos.

In addition to Butch, her husband of 41 years, Linda leaves behind her two sons, Austin (Hilary) Opdycke of Fayette, Adam Opdycke (and Jaime Stembridge) of Pioneer, OH; her daughter, Lindsey (Jason) Ferguson of Adrian, MI; her beloved grandchildren, Caleb, Carly and Camryn Ferguson, Owen, Emersyn, Lydia and Layn Opdycke, and Nathan and Kaitlyn Stembridge; her seven siblings, Cheri Beagle of Bryan, OH, Cindy (John) Merillat of Fayette, Teresa (Ken) Watson of West Unity, Sheila (Galen) Siegel of West Unity, Angela (Mick) McGuire of Belmont, NC, Laura (Greg) Fleming of West Unity and Chad (Denise) Nowak of Stryker, OH; and numerous extended family members.

Welcoming her to Heaven are her parents; granddaughter, McKinley Opdycke; brothers-in-law, Bill Beagle, Albert "Buddy" Merillat, and Allan Lichtenwald; and her parents-in-law, Floyd and Hutoka Opdycke.

The family will receive friends for visitation at the Fayette UMC Family Life Center (306 E. Main St.), on Monday, March 22, 2021, from 3 – 7 p.m. A funeral service will be private with Pastor Jeff Bandy officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant View Union Cemetery in Fayette. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Wagley Funeral Homes, Adrian.

A live streaming of the service will be accessible from Linda's tribute wall on www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23. A link to view the recording will be available for 90 days.

The family suggests that memorial contributions to honor Linda's memory be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

View the tribute video here: <http://videos.lifetributes.com/1127950>

Cemetery Details

Pleasant View Union

Fayette, OH 43521

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Center
306 E. Main St.
Fayette, OH 43521

Live Video Stream

MAR 23. 11:00 AM.

www.WagleyFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Linda J. Opdycke*



Wagley Funeral Home - March 22, 2021 at 11:08 PM



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Linda J. Opdycke*



Wagley Funeral Home - March 19, 2021 at 03:28 PM



“ *Linda J. Opdycke*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM

JH

“ Linda Jo & Chick stayed with me several times. Once when I was living in Kirtland I took the girls to a play for youth in Cleveland. Afterwards we went to a Chinese restaurant where we were served a variety of Asian specialties. The girls were great about trying a little bit of each dish. So the following day I said maybe I'll just heat up the egg foo hung. Linda Jo said “ if you don't mind we would settle for a plain ole hamburger “ 😞
I'm sad to learn of her untimely transition, Cousin Jini (Nowak)
Hushak

Jini Hushak - March 22, 2021 at 08:03 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Linda J. Opdycke.



March 22, 2021 at 08:39 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda J. Opdycke.



March 22, 2021 at 08:29 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Linda J. Opdycke.*



March 21, 2021 at 10:56 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Linda J. Opdycke.*



March 21, 2021 at 08:46 PM



“ *Linda was a very dear friend of mine! She was always there for me! When I had both my sons & when I had surgery she was right up to the hospital to see me! Then when we had our house fire she come & helped me for days! We spent a lot of time together when we were raising our families! It made my day when ever I got to spend time with her! She was a treasure! I will so miss her! I was so blessed to call her my friend!*

Sherry Trowbridge - March 21, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ *I will always remember Linda as Noki. That is what she was nicknamed by my sister & Linda's friends when they were growing up. They were always laughing & having fun. She was a sweet girl. So sorry for your loss.*

Teresa Rettig - March 19, 2021 at 09:35 PM

JG

Who knew growing up as classmates that we would end up marrying first cousins and become family. Family get togethers always meant so much because we would get to catch up with each other. Even though we didn't see each other as often we would have liked we continued on like we spoke every day. Linda will be missed greatly!

Jean Gerig - March 21, 2021 at 03:45 PM

MC

Thinking of you all today, many great memories shared and unshared. So sorry for your loss.

mary crisenbery - March 23, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Linda J. Opdycke.*



March 19, 2021 at 07:12 PM