



Linda Lou Drexler

November 17, 1948 - May 16, 2025

Linda Drexler, a devoted wife, mother and grandmother passed away with family by her side on Friday May 16, 2025, at the age of 76 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She is joined now with her husband Thomas Drexler, father John Hoffman, mother Margaret Hoffman, and sister Brenda McDermot

She is survived by her sons, Thomas J. Drexler (Nancy Ermon) and Justin Drexler (Shea Murray); grandsons, Pierce Drexler (Brianna Suranovich), Parker Drexler, and Peyton Drexler; also nieces and nephews.

Linda was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA, then married her late husband Thomas Drexler, moved to Greenfield, where they raised their two sons, "Tommy" and "Judd". Linda was devoted to Pittsburgh Public Schools beginning in Greenfield elementary school working in the cafeteria. She later went on to become a paraprofessional and finished her career in the working Autistic support at Pittsburgh Classical Academy/Greenway. There she found her passion and calling. She loved every day having the opportunity to guide youth in education. It brought her purpose and happiness to be part of all the children's lives. She enjoyed every moment working in the classroom and considered all of her coworkers and students extended family. She was a kind and loving woman that with a hug alone could ease all your worries. She had many nicknames she was given over the years from her sons and their friends such as Helmet and Gonzo that they still remember and call her by to this day. To her grandsons she was their one and only "Nanny". The love she had for

them was unconditional and special. She lived for her family. She had found a love for horse from her daughter-in-law, Nancy and could tell you everything there was to know about horses and racing. One of her favorite memories is when she took a trip to Kentucky with her eldest grandson Pierce to visit the horse stables. Linda later picked up watching basketball and loved watching Jason Tatum play for the Boston Celtics and Steph Curry with the Golden State Warriors. They were her two favorite players she would often stay up late to watch.

She carried a special place in her heart for her home care nurse, Amy and her Hillman nurse, Gina. She affectionately called them her "Amy-Girl" and "Gina-Girl". She looked forward to seeing them and would light up when they walked into the room. They made her darkest days a little brighter with their care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers family is asking to consider donating to the Hillman Cancer center at www.upmchillman.com/donate or to plant a tree in her honor.

Professional services entrusted to Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 930 Center Avenue Blawnox, PA, 15238; www.thomasmsmithfuneralhome.com.

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“ *Linda was such a beautiful and loving lady! Her family learned from the best and are stellar examples of a good upbringing . Rest in peace dear friend, my deepest sympathies to the family!* ”

Terri Rapp - May 30, 2025 at 04:32 PM



“ *Loved going to her place by Kelly school as a young girl* ”

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“ *Linda was an exceptional human being with her generous love and affection to everyone that she encountered. I will miss "Helmut" and all the fun and laughter we shared. Because of her love of anything horses, I have made a donation in her name to the EQUUS Foundation which protects the welfare of horses in the U.S. Love and sympathy to all the family.* ”

Joyce Modispacher - May 30, 2025 at 01:15 PM