



## Linda L. (Marco) Donnola

September 20, 1949 - May 1, 2017

Linda L. (Marco) Donnola, 67 of Willoughby, formerly of Middlefield, died Monday May 1, 2017 at Lake West Medical Center, Willoughby. She was born September 20, 1949 in Cleveland, OH.

Linda was a child-care professional for many years.

She enjoyed walking and being surrounded by nature's beauty. She was extremely passionate about drawing and writing poetry. Dancing and singing through her home were weekly occurrences. Most of all, she loved doing things for others and making people smile.

Survivors include her daughter Shannon (Matt Agnich) Donnola and brothers Tom Marco and Richard Marco.

A celebration of Linda's life will be from 5-7 pm Friday May 5, 2017 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to McKinley Community Outreach Center.

Offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Linda's sister Randy Giles {Lanese} lost touch with Linda & her twin brother Butch when Randy was 13. Randy was sent to live with relatives and her older brother Nick went off to the Korean War with the US Marines. Randy later attended OHIO U and became a speech therapist. Randy then taught in Washington and Western Europe for the Department of Defense. In 1967 Randy returned to the US with her husband and settled in Western Mass. for the remainder of her life.

Moving forward to 1985, a private investigator was tasked with locating Linda. Linda & Randy were reunited in 1986 and had numerous visits between Ohio & Mass, during the following few years. Sadly, Linda's sister passed away in May 1988 after a lengthy struggle with cancer.

Linda was a joy to be with and Randy loved her dearly. They had many stories and life experiences to share when they got together. Linda's beautiful daughter Shannon was the light in Linda's sparkling eyes & was always a #1 topic of conversation when getting together or chatting on the phone.

We were saddened tremendously, when we became recently aware of Linda's passing 4 years ago. Our family having moved away from Mass. and spreading in numerous directions on the East coasted {New Hampshire, Raleigh Durham, NC & Florida} sadly lost touch. We pray that Shannon is happy and settled these days and is comforted by the sincere spirit, faith & appreciation for nature & close friends & family shared with her mother, while she was with us.

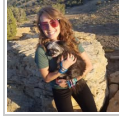
God rest Linda's precious soul.

Our sincere belated condolences.

The Giles Family

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Aubert Stan Giles - November 01, 2021 at 07:28 PM



*Hello Giles Family! I just saw this and wanted to reach out. I don't know if you will find it and I believe that if your meant to, you will.*

*This is Shannon. I'm doing very well. Reading your post brought tears to my eyes as it is quite a rarity to find people that can share stories about my mom.*

*She was an insanely beautiful being inside and out. She loved me something fierce that is for sure. She also loved Randy and meeting her after all those years, filled her heart with so much JOY. I didn't realize they only were able to reconnect for 2 years. She made their time together sound like lifetimes. I wish I would have been old enough to know her. I have one small memory of visiting the Giles Family in Massachusetts; though, I was very young.*

*To your point, I developed a LOVE for nature, community, and connection to all BEings. One of my greatest lessons from Mom was her insane compassion for people. It taught me to be curious and I love learning someone's human experience as to gain different perspectives and to witness the beauty of their story. I feel that Mom infused me with so much love and I am in the process of giving that back to the world. I am forever grateful for the opportunity I had to be raised by such an inspiring, wild woman and to have experienced her love on such a deep level. She was one warrior and I am a bright and brilliant light in this world because of her.*

*Curious where everyone is now? Sounds like all over. Maybe someday we will have the opportunity to reunite once more or meet for the first time. Until then, thank you for sharing your story and gifting me with your lens. It is always a delight to put the pieces together.*

*If you are ever on Facebook look me up: Shannon Donnola.*

*In love and light,  
Shannon*

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**Shannon Donnola** - February 27, 2024 at 01:02 AM

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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Stan Giles - November 01, 2021 at 09:24 AM

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“ I always enjoyed the monthly visits to Linda in Middlefield for First Friday Communion. She was interested in so many things, including her plants and flowers inside and out. She always had a good word about life and the many people who decorated life for her. I was going to call and thank her for her phone call last week, but, alas, it was too late. God's blessings to her and peace at last...Fr. John Burkley

Fr. John Burkley - May 05, 2017 at 04:06 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda L. (Marco) Donnola.



May 05, 2017 at 09:47 AM



“ Linda was one of my best friends. What I will remember is her love for God. She never gave up no matter what was going on in her life. I will miss getting together with her and laughing. She loved nature, dancing, writing poems and taking care of her friends. She did a wonderful job being a single Mom raising Shannon. Linda was a caring loving women. She is now dancing in heaven and smelling the roses.

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**Donna Breedlove** - May 04, 2017 at 11:21 PM



“ Miss Linda was the most inspirational person I have met, she was my neighbor in middle field and visted everyday! She loved seeing my dogs and family daily and we always grilled out or went to eat, anytime I was having a bad day she always made me smile and make everything better, I love and miss her so much!!

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**Angela Amanda & Duke** - May 04, 2017 at 12:44 PM

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“ Last week when we saw Linda she was in a lot of pain, but she emphatically said, "This I know, I love God". She took a deep breath, a smile came to her face and she paused a moment and said "...and I love all of my church family and everyone."  
Linda especially loved her daughter Shannon and was so proud of her. She was so grateful for all Shannon and Matt did for her. Linda loved to walk around and admire nature. I imagine now that she is in Heaven she is walking around without a special boot, walking stick with ribbons on the top, or a cane and is saying, "WOW!! Look at that and WOW!!! Look at that..."  
Linda also loved to read comics in the newspaper, sit on a bench near the pond and sing to the ducks and geese, going to the McKinley Outreach Center, covered dish fellowships at church, writing poems and encouraging letters, and talking and talking. We will all miss Linda at Abundant Life Church in Willoughby but we are confident she is now with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and she has no pain and no worries.  
A friend, Rhonda

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**Rhonda Osborn** - May 04, 2017 at 10:25 AM

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“ I will always remember Linda as a kind, compassionate .funny, loving and very gifted lady, My thoughts and prayers are with Shannon and Matt, I am blessed to have met her.  
Angela

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**Angela J Ogden** - May 04, 2017 at 07:48 AM

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“ Alex and I only met Linda once or twice but we could instantly see why Shay is the amazing person she is. Linda had a beautiful spirit and passed it on to you. She will live on through your graciousness, compassion and love.

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**The Stanics** - May 03, 2017 at 10:04 PM