



## Linda Peterlin (nee: Wolfe)

October 13, 1939 - October 19, 2023

Linda Peterlin (nee: Wolfe), 84, of Concord Township, Ohio, passed away at Hospice of the Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio, on October 19, 2023.

Born in Nelsonville, Ohio on October 13, 1939, to Watson and Lillian (Hicks) Wolfe, she graduated from Nelsonville High School in 1957 and Ohio University in 1962. Mrs. Peterlin taught elementary school in Cleveland for two years then became a stay at home mom in Eastlake for over 15 years. She rejoined the teaching field in 1980 as an elementary teacher in Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools, where she worked for 20 years. She loved teaching and formed many great relationships with her students and coworkers.

She met the love of her life, Lou "Fox" Peterlin, while they were students at Ohio University. They dated throughout college and married on campus a month after she graduated. Moving four hours north to Lou's hometown of Cleveland, this small town southern belle was a fish out of water - but only for a short time as her inner spunk and sass soon found their way out, just in time to fit in with her new social circle in the big city. Linda was very creative and enjoyed crafting, painting, gardening, reading 3-4 books at a time, and collecting antiques. Her vivacious personality, kindness, empathy, and sense of humor attracted many groups of friends over her lifetime whom she cherished deeply and with whom she enjoyed traveling, playing cards, golfing, swimming, beaching, dancing, sharing cocktails, and anything that involved

silliness, love, and laughter. Her favorite holiday was Halloween, and she was known for her eccentric and outlandish witch costumes - especially by her oldest grandson, Louie Jr., whom she "surprised" one year while dressed up as a witch when he was eight years old and in his backyard, alone, playing baseball. Now 29 years old and a deputy for the Lake County Sheriff's Office, he still tells that story. Famous for her partying antics, she never met a motorcycle she didn't like... and proudly kept an entire photo album dedicated to that particular hobby of posing atop any motorcycle she'd happen upon (while Lou would roll his eyes, shake his head, and sometimes display a slight grin). Her favorite activities and fondest memories included watching her children's and grandchildren's sporting events, family gatherings, weddings, Lou's annual Chili Parties, camping at the farm, and her many Florida vacations with family and friends.

Survivors include her four children: Lou Peterlin, Robert Peterlin, Michael Peterlin, and Jenny Peterlin Gromosiak; grandchildren, Ashley (Brett) Freiberg, Louie Peterlin, Kellen Gromosiak, Tucker Gromosiak, Luke Peterlin, and Rebecca Peterlin; and many nieces, nephews, and other loving family members. Preceding Linda in her death is her husband Lou Peterlin; her parents, Watson and Lillian; her brother, Bob Wolfe; her sister, Nancy Coakley (nee: Wolfe); her nephews, Brent and Kyle Wolfe; and her daughter-in-law, Michelle Peterlin (nee: Gembus).

The family will receive friends from 1-4 P.M. on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, Ohio 44060.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Linda to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, where she donated annually in honor of her cancer-survivor grandson, Tucker.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN

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<https://www.stjude.org/give.html#money>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MG

“ Mary G. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Linda Peterlin (nee: Wolfe).



Mary G. - October 28, 2023 at 03:57 PM

JM

“ Judy & Ken Mulh purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Linda Peterlin (nee: Wolfe).



Judy & Ken Mulh - October 28, 2023 at 11:47 AM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Peterlin (nee: Wolfe).



October 24, 2023 at 09:37 PM

PR

“ Phyllis Rowan(Gibbons) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Linda Peterlin (nee: Wolfe).



Phyllis Rowan(Gibbons) - October 22, 2023 at 03:46 PM

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“ Linda and I (Phyllis Gibbons Rowan) were good friends through out elementary, junior and high school in Nelsonville, OH.

*I cannot devulge our crazy antics, but we sure did have fun. She was a wonderful friend. We remained friends after high school untill she passed. In September, our visit included making pies; she loved apple pie. My memories of Linda will always bring a smile to my face and a giggle to my heart. Phyllis Rowan*



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**Phyllis (Gibbons) Rowan** - October 22, 2023 at 03:17 PM