



Linda Dianne Groleau

July 6, 1943 - February 9, 2024

Linda Dianne (Cooper) Groleau, a beloved and dedicated wife, mother, and friend, died peacefully with her husband Bill by her side, on Friday, February 9, 2024 in Charlotte. Linda was born July 6, 1943 at the family home in Vermontville, the daughter of Hugh and Almary (Root) Cooper. She grew up in the farm house on the corner of Stine and Kinsel for 19 years. As a child, Linda contributed to the family work, particularly in helping to catch the chickens so her brother, Bill, could do the dirty work in preparing them for meals. She attended Millerburg Country School from Kindergarten through 6th grade, where she often helped care for the younger students. She went on to Charlotte High School and graduated in the class of 1961. During her high school years, she stayed busy on the family farm, thus was too busy for sports, but she did excel at baton twirling, even winning awards.

Linda's first job was in the front office of the pickle factory in Eaton Rapids, MI. Her big career break came on February 5, 1962, when Charlotte High School business teacher John Smith, then the Chairman of the Board of Eaton Federal Savings and Loan, recommended Linda to the bank president, Huey Stall. She went to work at the bank starting for \$1.25/hour, but worked her way up the ladder to Secretary/Treasurer (a modern day CFO), before her retirement on December 30, 2006 after 44 years of service. It took 4 and a half employees to fill Linda's shoes when she left the bank. Many of her coworkers affectionately referred to her as "boss," "guidance counselor,"

"marriage counselor," but most importantly, "friend."

Linda met her husband, Bill Groleau when her brother, Bill, set her up on a blind date on April 11th, 1970. They hit it off immediately and were married just six months later on October 24, 1970 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte, where they would remain lifetime members. Bill recounts their marriage as in saying, "Wedded bliss it's not always been, what it has been is a slice of heaven."

Linda is survived by her husband, Bill Groleau; son, Michael Groleau; daughter, Kara Groleau; brother, Bill (Martha) Cooper; and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Dick (Lila) Cooper and Bob (Bev) Cooper; sister, Nancy (Roger) McDonald; and her parents, Hugh and Mary Cooper.

Friends are encouraged to support Linda's family by attending services or sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation will be from 2:00 - 4:00 and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2024, with a Rosary held at 7:30 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Charlotte with Rev. Fr. Dwight Ezop officiating. Interment will take place in Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Linda's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Mary Catholic School. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W Seminary St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Visitation

FEB 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Rosary

FEB 12. 7:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

FEB 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
807 St. Mary Boulevard
Charlotte, MI 48813

Burial

FEB 13. 12:30 PM (ET)

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801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Linda Dianne Groleau*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 13, 2024 at 09:32 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Linda Dianne Groleau*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 11, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“ *Bill. Just saw this today. My condolences over your loss. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord. May your perpetual peace shine upon her. Deacon Mark Miller [WCER staff 1968-1970]*

Mark Miller - February 20, 2024 at 09:12 PM



“ *So sorry Bill. Everyone will always remember Linda with a loving heart.*

Valli Halbeisen - February 17, 2024 at 05:07 PM

GC

“ Bill and Family and Cooper family very sorry to see that Linda has passed away, we just saw the news and unfortunately have missed the visitation and service. We know it has been a struggle. Linda is missed by many.

Gene and Ruth Conley

Gene and Ruth Conley - February 13, 2024 at 10:59 AM

CF

“ Prayers for Bill , Michael and Kara .
Linda was my first boss at Eaton Federal Savings and Loan in June 1978 . She was so caring , encouraging and just a great lady . I learned how to be in charge of staff as I transferred to our Nashville office and worked my way to be an assistant branch manager , praise the person in public but correct in private , so thank you . That was one of many things she taught me .
My first day of work I wore high wedge shoes , she looked at my shoes and said you won't be wearing those tomorrow , I thought whatever and these shoes are fine . However she was correct never worn them again . Next day she looked at my shoes and all she says was hmmm , different shoes .
She was sadly missed when she retired and she will be sadly missed for many .
Thank you Linda for what you had done for me .

Cathy Felder - February 12, 2024 at 03:53 PM



“ 42 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - February 11, 2024 at 04:41 PM



“ Linda was at Eaton Federal when my daughter started a year after high School. She was a great teacher and supportive person to a new young person. Love the whole Cooper Clan and send my condolences to everyone.
Judi Cates

judi Cates - February 11, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ Chad & Carol Walker lit a candle in memory of Linda Dianne Groleau



Chad & Carol Walker - February 11, 2024 at 10:47 AM

PN

“ To Bill and his family I'm sorry to hear of Linda's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Peggy Nichols

Peggy Nichols - February 11, 2024 at 09:15 AM

PB

“ My sympathies to Bill and his family. I moved to Emerald Drive in 2004, Linda and I helped on the board at the condos. She was always very friendly and a joy to talk to.

Pauline Borgman

Pauline S Borgman - February 10, 2024 at 09:55 PM

CT

“ Carroll, Marilyn, Todd, Thad and Tim purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Linda Dianne Groleau.



Carroll, Marilyn, Todd, Thad and Tim - February 10, 2024 at 12:59 PM

MB

“ Dear Linda -- I have fond memories of our growing up, with our over nights,, singing contests (pretending we were famous), and watching our "twin moms" enjoying wrestling on Saturday nights. Good times. Love you always!

Marilyn Briggs - February 10, 2024 at 12:42 PM

PJ

“ Pam Johnson lit a candle in memory of Linda Dianne Groleau



Pam Johnson - February 10, 2024 at 10:50 AM

EM

“ Emily McDonald lit a candle in memory of Linda Dianne Groleau



Emily McDonald - February 09, 2024 at 11:24 PM

CB

“ Chuck Brandon lit a candle in memory of Linda Dianne Groleau



Chuck Brandon - February 09, 2024 at 09:37 PM