



## Linda La Due Hilbert

June 19, 2024

Linda La Due Hilbert, a beloved art teacher, accomplished artist, and resident of Allentown, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully at the age of 64.

Linda's life was a vibrant tapestry woven from artistic pursuits, a love of travel, and a deep connection to her community. A graduate of William Allen High School, where she was the first recipient of the Key to the City of Allentown, a design she created, Linda went on to graduate magna cum laude from the Temple Tyler School of Art.

Her wanderlust spirit led her to explore various parts of the country before settling back in Allentown. Linda called places like Anchorage, Alaska; Davenport, Iowa; Monterey, California; and Falls Church, Virginia home for a time. She even ventured overseas, living in Italy and Belgium, experiences that undoubtedly enriched her artistic perspective. Her fluency in French and Italian, gained during her time abroad, further broadened her horizons.

Linda's passion for art permeated all aspects of her life. She was both a student and teacher at the Baum School of Art, generously sharing her talents through private lessons at her home and by inspiring young minds at Parkland High School, where she served as a dedicated art teacher until her retirement. Linda's artistic influence extended beyond the classroom. Her work graced the stages of Musikfest, and her creativity left an enduring mark on the city she

called home. Beyond her artistic achievements, Linda was a cherished member of the Lehigh Valley Scottish Society, reflecting her love for Scottie dogs.

She is survived by her mother, Elinor La Due, and her brothers, Roger and Robert La Due and his wife Natalie. Her father, Roger La Due Sr., preceded her in death in 2007.

A viewing will be held on Saturday, June 29th from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home located at 1601 Hamilton St, Allentown, PA 18102 and will be followed by a short service starting at 11:00 AM. Internment will follow at Grandview Cemetery at 2735 Walbert Ave, Allentown, PA 18104

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Scholastic Art Awards to establish a scholarship fund in Linda's honor, ensuring her legacy of fostering artistic expression continues to inspire future generations. Please direct all contributions to:

Kutztown University Foundation, Inc.

P.O. Box 151

Kutztown PA, 19530

In the memo line: Linda LaDue Scholastic Award

We can also accept gifts online at:

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In the comment section: Linda LaDue Scholastic Award

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Cemetery

2735 Walbert Ave.  
Allentown, PA 18104

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

J S Burkholder Funeral Home Inc  
1601 W Hamilton Street  
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info@jsburkholder.com  
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## Service

JUN **29**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JG

“ I am only now finding out that Linda is no longer with us. My heart is broken. Linda was my first college roommate at Tyler and we shared a lot of fun times. She was a great friend. She was an amazingly talented teenage and I always wondered why she wasn't already out in the world with her art. We touched base again a few years ago and I was elated to see the wonderful path she'd taken. Linda was a blessing to so many. A job well done! May she rest in heavenly peace. My sincere condolences to Linda's family and all who loved her. - Judi (Newlin) Gamble

Judi Gambl - August 15, 2025 at 10:01 AM

DH

“ To Elinor and the LaDue family. My deepest condolences. I just found out of Linda's passing. I remembered her from South Mountain Junior High School and her love of art at that time. At the time of my mother's passing Linda posted on her guest book some kind words of healing. Linda was a kind person early in life and sounds like she was through out her life. I'm sure she will be missed. Donald Hinkle

Donald Hinkle - August 08, 2025 at 09:24 AM

GS

“ It will be a year since I met Linda in the basement of the Allentown Art Museum at the Film Festival. I was sitting behind her and we had a chat about her teaching and travels in art. Then she was presented with her award. She was inspiring to say the least and 'am very grateful to have spent that short time with her. She taught me it's never too late to have a positive influence in people's lives ❤️



Gerald Simcoe - April 11, 2025 at 11:35 AM

RE

“ Linda was my freshman and sophomore year art teacher. Not only was Linda amazing at teaching us her knowledge, she was funny, wise and cared about what we had to say. I loved hearing about her life, it was inspiring. I'm thankful I had the opportunity to have Linda as my teacher. May you rest now.

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Rebecca - August 02, 2024 at 10:38 PM

JH

“ Condolences to Lindas family. Linda and I became friends at PHS. Then became friends out of school, had good times. I will truly miss her. She was a wonderful, true friend. RIP Dear Friend.

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Jan Hariegle - June 30, 2024 at 11:54 AM

MP

“ To my friend, Linda who loved Faversham in the UK where Atchie and I live and many other of her UK friends. We kept on touch through our fun FaceBook dog-lovers' page and shared many laughs. Celebrating Linda's love of Henry I drew this picture of him and sent it with this poem and lavender collected from Faversham. She sent me in return a wonderful blacksmith sign featuring a dog like my Archie, her friend too. This will hang on my balcony where we happily gluggrd gin and tonics together. See you in Ever Afterland, Linda xx



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mo palios - June 27, 2024 at 10:28 AM

AN

“ Dear HenryMum

*You have been a wonderful part of the Nibblers' adventures we've had over the past 5 years on our fun Facebook Page. Together with Henry and all 500 of his doggy mates in the UK and the USA we've fought pirates, found the source of the custard river and enjoyed poker nights every Friday in our magical Gang Hut ( which can be transported anywhere in the world in a matter of minutes and regularly camped out in your garden). In a wonderful world where we dogs speak for ourselves, we've shared a lot of fun and laughter - as well as supporting each other with love and friendship in difficult times.*

*We will miss you, from the bottom of our waggy hearts but we will see you and all the earlier Henrys at our next party night in Ever Afterland - which I think is next week. There's a big group of Nibblers waiting to meet you and show you around - so have fun. And get ready for our next big adventure - you'll always be with us.*

*Love Archie, all the Nibblers and our human beans xxxxx*

*PS All dog-mad friends of Linda are welcome to join us at Nibblers - Patterdale Wanderers (FaceBook.)*



Archie Palios and the Nibblers - June 27, 2024 at 10:20 AM

LR

*One for all and all for one. Loved your humour Linda and will miss your posts Mrs ErnieBen Mumbean xx*

Lynn Robson - June 29, 2024 at 05:50 PM

TW

“ Linda was a luminous ray of sunshine in the Allen High School art room all day long! She was an encouraging voice to everyone in their work. Never recall her speaking about herself.  
Years later, I got to catch up with her at Mr. Musselman's advertising agency. She had not changed a bit!  
What would our world be like if there were more people like her?  
Prayers and condolences to Linda's family,  
Ted Wills

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**Ted Wills** - June 23, 2024 at 06:44 PM

TL

“ I knew Linda from Wm Allen HS; as students, we were in the same art classes. Even as a teenager, Linda had an incredible artistic talent and creative perspective. It was clearly evident then that she would become an accomplished artist.  
I am sure she enriched the knowledge and understanding of art for many of her students, perhaps one of her most enduring artistic legacies.  
May she find beauty and peace in the presence of God.  
- Tom

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**Tom Lipko** - June 23, 2024 at 02:53 PM

PP

“ Sending Deepest Condolences to Linda's Family and All Who Loved Her...Linda, It was an Honor to call You My Friend.



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**Patty Passick** - June 22, 2024 at 10:44 PM

RT

“ I met Linda when she was a student at the Summer School of the Arts, at LCCC. The following year she was an assistant at the same school- an incredible artist. Years later I worked with Linda at Parkland High School. She was an inspiration to her students. She will be in my thoughts forever.

Ray Thorne - June 22, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Luna Zsigo - June 22, 2024 at 09:58 AM



“ Beautiful Linda, so much talent, she shared her joy wherever she went. I met Linda in the UK when she was visiting Carolne and Bob. She came to a few of my art events with them and it was a pleasure to know her. We kept in touch especially after her diagnosis sharing our love of art. I will miss her greatly and never forget the gifts she left behind. Love you Linda, so so sorry to all family and friends and lil Henry. She told me she felt comforted that he had found a loving home and with that she could rest in peace.



Luna Zsigo - June 22, 2024 at 09:57 AM

SR

*I met Linda in Virginia she had just come back from Italy it took me a few minutes to figure out that she was educated cultured and talented and as she worked with me on my design projects I realized how good of a person she was and how kind and giving she was besides being incredibly talented . God bless her soul she made everyone who met her with her art see the colors of life so much better. I send my deepest thoughts and care to her family and friends.*

*Sam Rummani*

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**Sam Rummani** - February 21, 2025 at 02:06 PM