



My sincere sympathy to Chelsea, Jeff, and families for Linda's passing on to a more peaceful place. She was a brave and courageous soullong before her cancer. We played violin together for years in the Regina Mandolin Orchestra. From the beginning in the early 1990's, she always had so much enthusiasm to play music, inspired by Gary Robertson, her son, and others. We had in common that playing music was therapy too.

I recall in the beginning, how her dedication to her children and being a homemaker was "her world." Music gave her much joy. Then as her life circumstances changed, music gave her strength through very rough times. Her friends and family, like Joy, gave her strength too.

When her marriage came to an end, she lost 24 pounds and harnessed a woman's anger that gave her much strength as a person. During this transition, she became more of herself, finding her own identity, strong, independent and still always loving, kind and thoughtful. She always loved children and, well.... just look what great children she raised!

Linda was open, honest, intelligent and genuine. We, RMO players, have missed playing music and visiting with her. I have missed playing violin next to her for all of these years. I will always cherish knowing her as a brave and courageous woman. I will always remember the day she and I took a drive out into the country and had a special time together. We will always know that she has made a difference in many lives. Like others, I have learned so much from witnessing her transformation, her dedication to life, as well as, witnessing her courage.

With sympathy and respect,

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