



Linnie B. Totoro

December 4, 1936 - September 29, 2013

Linnie B. (Carol Lynne) Totoro, age 76, resident of Ohio and Albuquerque, New Mexico, went to be with Our Lord Jesus Christ on September 29th, 2013. She is survived by her daughter Tammy and husband Vince Dick; grandchildren Casey and Madeline; her daughter Amy and husband Mike Walla; grandchildren Max and Stephanie and husband Ryan Stevens and great-grandchildren, Marcus, Connor and Hallie. All of Albuquerque. Linnie was preceded in death by her parents, Lester and Martha Bettner, her husband Ed Totoro and their beloved daughter, Sallie Totoro in 1969. Linnie was born December 4th, 1936 in Lakewood, Ohio. She graduated from Lakewood HS in 1955. Linnie was a lifelong baseball fan, and played catcher for her high school baseball team. She was crowned Miss Lakewood 1955. She attended Baldwin Wallace College where she met the love of her life, Ed Totoro of Atlantic City, NJ. They were wed in 1957, and were proud parents of three girls.

Linnie delighted in her children and in her neighborhood; giving back, contributing and encouraging those around her. She was always surrounded by friends and neighborhood kids; people flocked to her house to enjoy her cooking, her sense of humor, and the wisdom only Linnie had.

After the family moved to Albuquerque in 1970, Linnie worked with the Welcome Wagon of Albuquerque, worked for a local pediatrician, and volunteered in her new community. She graduated from the University of Albuquerque in 1976 with a nursing degree. She was an RN and enjoyed

being an Oncology nurse. She loved what she did; it was very dear to her. Linnie adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and with Ed, was always there in the front row, rain or shine. In retirement, Linnie was a writer and won an award at the Southwest Writers Workshop for a young adult novel she co-authored. She had a servant's heart, and volunteered at the food pantry, the senior center, read for the NM Commission for the Blind, helped at a reading program for children and adopted rescue dogs. Recently, she was very involved in her retirement community, writing pieces for their newsletter, giving rides and cooking wonderful St. Patrick's Day dinners.

Linnie was an inspiration to all, a mother and grandmother to many, and made friends wherever she went. Through her faith in Jesus and her actions inspired by the Holy Spirit, she made a difference in innumerable lives. She leaves behind a myriad of dear friends, and joins many as well. She once wrote, "Remember me with: A shake of your head, a hearty chuckle, and a song in your heart!" We certainly will! Please join us in celebrating a remarkable woman and her eternal life with Christ.

Services will be held Friday, October 4, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. at FRENCH - Wyoming. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Childhood Leukemia Foundation, www.clf4kids.org.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 4. 3:30 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

MH

“ Three years ago Linnie came to Ohio for a visit which included our 55th high school reunion. She and I and Glenda and Joan met for lunch at Dave and Busters in Westlake. It was the best time! We laughed like the kids we were so many years ago. I have a ton of emails from Linnie "saved" on my computer. She was always ready to lend encouragement and support if one had a specific worry, she even shared her own personal angel. I miss her. She told me about her family all the time. I know she is watching Max playing ball. Her girls and grands were her life. Eddie, who I never met, was her life, too. I have his death announcement she sent on email. Wow, I was away when her announcement was in the PD. I miss her and i can only guess how much you all miss her, too. She was a huge part of your lives. She was one good woman. Sincerely, Madeline Covey Huffnagle

Madeline Covey Huffnagle - October 08, 2013 at 07:56 PM

SZ

“ I will always remember Lyn as a friend and mentor as I was her next door neighbor during my high school and college days. She had so much wisdom to pass along and we would talk and laugh for hours. She was so excited to give me a 'surprise' wedding shower at her home in 1969, although I suspected all along!!
When Ed and she moved to New Mexico, my husband, Chuck, and I were guests in their family's home so we could visit the area and ski at Taos. But most of all, we simply enjoyed each other's company! Lyn, you will never be forgotten.

My thoughts and prayers are with Tam and Amy and their families. Your Mom was a very special lady! And there is indeed a very special place in Heaven for her and your Dad.

Sue (Schafrick) and Chuck Zaller

Susan Zaller - October 04, 2013 at 01:11 PM

PJ

“ Paul J. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Linnie B. Totoro.



Paul J. - October 04, 2013 at 10:28 AM

LJ

“ My first memory of Linnie, and m favorite, was at the Coronado club where my kids and her grand kids, Stephanie and Casey, were racing on the swim team. While I was waiting for the next race Linnie, a stranger to me then, came up to the fence and started telling me about her grand kids on the team. She was really nervous about their performances that day because she wasn't wearing her "lucky shorts". She explained she had worn these things at every event and couldn't wear them that day because they hadn't been washed on time. She then proceeded to pull them out of her bag just enough for me to see that she had actually brought them, and continued to say it should be okay.

When the races turned out alright she introduced herself and went to get another margarita. I don't believe she ever met a stranger. I looked for her at most the events so I could stand next to her and enjoy her dramatic and accepting presence.

My memories are treasured with Linnie and I will treasure them until I see her again.

Laura Jeanne - October 03, 2013 at 10:32 PM

SH

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. I have such wonderful memories of your mom when I was a kid! One of my favorite is her in your living room on Brookfield. She was dancing around barefoot to the Mamas and the Papas. She was so happy and carefree! My love and prayers are with you and yours

sue hofelzer - October 03, 2013 at 02:25 AM

KA

“ We are never really certain about the impression we leave on others in this world. Still....I lived across the street from the Totoro family for less than 2 years, almost 40 years ago. I was 9 at the time. But somehow, I have carried many of the things I learned from knowing Lynn timer (and Ed) for the rest of my life.

I remember incredible energy, bright and unabashed honesty, a willingness to confront situations head on and sense of humor that beamed like the sun. I remember kindness and a sense of fun and playfulness, of a kind I'd not experienced before.

I remember meeting Lynn timer in an airport when my own father died and how her presence was somehow calming in a time of great pain. I remember how she called me Kiddo as recently as a few months ago- something that happens rarely as I get older. I remember how that made me feel 9 again, something that was nice to connect to.

I am so grateful for the friendship she extended to my mother over thousands of miles and dozens of years. I'm grateful for knowing that if I saw her it would be as if no time had passed. These are all rare and exceptional characteristics, and Lynn timer had them in abundance.

So Lynn timer, if I didn't thank you before, I want you (and your family) to know that you made a HUGE difference in my life. Thank you and God bless you.

Karen - October 02, 2013 at 09:46 PM

KA

Although for me, you are still Mrs. Totoro. And always will be. :)

Karen - October 02, 2013 at 09:49 PM



“ *Lynnie's influence stretches today through 4 generations, and I suspect it will go on much longer than that. She loved so deeply, shared so generously, and nobody who knew her could ever forget her. I'll miss you, Lynnie, for the rest of my days, and will never meet another friend like you. Rest, now in the Lord and celebrate with your loved ones who were there to meet you. I love you and look forward to a grand reunion one day.*

Linda Ling

Linda Ling - October 02, 2013 at 10:35 AM



“ *Lynnie gave us a tape of her bedtime stories for my son, who is the same age as one of her grandsons. We have never met a more passionate, caring, loving family person than Lynnie was. We are all the richer from having known her.*

Betty Busby

Betty Busby - October 01, 2013 at 08:50 PM



“ *Mrs. T, with her open heart and arms welcomed me as one of her own, after I lost my Mom at nine years old. She taught me, scolded me, but mostly LOVED me and will always hold a Special place in my ?!! She will definitely be a special angel to me as well!!
Thanksgiving Amy and Tammy for sharing her with me! God Bless!!*

Claudia Sanchez - October 01, 2013 at 05:54 PM

ST

“ My thoughts are with the family and wish them comfort from God as 2 Corinthians 1:3 &4 brings out calling him the "Father of tender mercies... who comforts those in any sort of tribulation." It sounds like Mrs. Totoro was a wonderful person to be around.

<http://www.jw.org/en/publications/books/what-hope-for-dead-loved-ones/1101987030/>

Stephanie - October 01, 2013 at 01:31 PM

FM

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Faith Miner - October 01, 2013 at 11:44 AM