

## **Linda Edwards**

**March 14, 1950 - [Date of Passing]**

Linda Edwards, born on March 14, 1950, to George and Vera Edwards, was the youngest of four siblings: George, Gary, and Larry. She is survived by husband John Kane and children Michael Kane and Kane Edwards.

Linda grew up on a farm between Marengo and Belle Plaine, where she developed a love for exploring the woods, wildflowers, and wildlife.

Linda was always self-motivated, and she declared to the superintendent in 7th grade that she would become valedictorian, a goal she proudly achieved. She was also a talented musician, serving as the drum major of the marching band and first chair French horn in the all-county band. Additionally, she was the first person from Marengo to be selected for All-State Choir.

During her college years, Linda sang with the Old Gold Singers for all four years, a cherished part of her life. Her senior year was highlighted by participating in World Campus Afloat, a semester at sea that took her around the world.

In graduate school, Linda managed a telemarketing program for the University of Iowa Foundation and worked as a research assistant in psychiatry for two years. She briefly owned a bar, Kane's Depot, with her husband John, and they also ran a karaoke business together.

Linda and John shared a love-at-first-sight romance that lasted for 46 wonderful years. They were blessed with two children, Kane Edwards and Michael Kane, who remained close to her in the Iowa City area.

Professionally, Linda dedicated 20 years to the Cedar Rapids Gazette as the circulation manager for Johnson County, later expanding her responsibilities to Washington and Louisa counties. She also served as the circulation manager for the Wall Street Journal for 15 years in Johnson County.

Linda had a deep love for animals and spent 10 years as a wildlife rehabilitator. She raised and sold Siamese cats, always having 2 to 6 Siamese in her home. Her passion for gardening led her to own Webwalkway, a local plant business specializing in hostas, daylilies, and other perennials for 10 years. Her yard was a testament to her green thumb, boasting over 300 kinds of hostas and 100 kinds of daylilies.

Baking was another of Linda's joys. For over 20 years, she made 24 cookie trays each Christmas, each containing six dozen cookies for friends. She also baked thousands of cookies for local bridge tournaments.

Linda was an avid bridge player, participating in duplicate bridge twice a week for 45 years and achieving the status of a gold life master. She was also a voracious reader, finishing over 100 books a year, and served as a steward for the Coralville Little Free Libraries.

Linda will be laid to rest in Koszta Cemetery, five miles from where she grew up, next to her parents and numerous ancestors dating back to the 1800s.