



## Linda J. Nester

December 4, 1943 - June 17, 2015

Linda J. Nester, age 71, of Delaware, OH and formerly of Powell, passed away Wednesday, June 17, 2015 after a courageous battle with brain cancer. She was born and reared in Bristol, VA and was a 1964 graduate of East Tennessee State University. After a career as a Home Economist, she taught elementary school for a number of years ending her teaching career in Canton, GA. After retirement she worked as a host at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, a tour guide in Alaska, and a Group Leader for Scholastica Travel. In recent years she worked as an enthusiastic employee and Docent for the Columbus Zoo and volunteered with the Preservation Parks of Delaware County. Linda was honored as Gallant Farm Volunteer of the Year for 2014. She was an active member of Linworth United Methodist Church. Linda loved traveling with friends and family (especially to Disney World), experiencing different cultures, and was a lifelong learner and teacher. She was preceded in death by her parents, Doris B. and Kyle O. Jones, and by her beloved husband of 28 years, Bernard L. Nester. She is survived by her sister Carolyn A. Lane (William) of Chillicothe, nephew Michael Lane of Columbus and her aunt Pauline Jones of Beaufort, NC as well as numerous cousins and extended family. Family will receive friends on Monday, June 22, 2015 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL 450 W. Olentangy Street Powell, Ohio 43065. A funeral service will held on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the funeral home with Pastor Gene Folden officiating. In lieu of

flowers, donations may be made to the Columbus Zoo, Preservation Parks of Delaware Co. and Linworth United Methodist Church. To send an online condolence please, visit [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Linda J. Nester*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Linda and I were connected at the hip in high school. Spent many good times with her parents. My the great memories! I am sadden to learn of her death and my inability to be at her service. God bless you, Carolyn, and all of her family and friends.*

*Janie Lawson Jones*

**Janie Lawson Jones** - July 31, 2015 at 07:49 PM



“ *Memories 44" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Linda J. Nester .*



June 23, 2015 at 03:23 PM

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“ Some of my best memories giving programs in the Education Dept. at the Zoo are when I've worked with Linda. She always had a smile on her face and made it fun! The best times we spent together were during our Oceanography Merit Badge Program since we could spend the day working together. She is wonderful person that I am so proud to have worked alongside. She has always asked about my son whom she's known since he was born, so I consider her more a friend and part of my family given how she cares for us all. She is and will always be a beautiful person I am thankful to have in my life.

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**Suzanne Wilson** - June 23, 2015 at 09:06 AM

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“ Linda is one of the sweetest people I have ever known! She was a dedicated scout counselor for me for several years, and was very loved by all who learned from her. I will miss her witty humor, and cheerful attitude. I will cherish the time we had with her at the Zoo, and am glad that we were able to bring some of the Zoo to her this past fall. There is a special place in heaven for Linda!

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**Amy Torrey-Rinehart** - June 23, 2015 at 09:03 AM

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“ Linda was one of my favorite volunteers at Inniswood Metro Gardens. She was always laughing, had great stories, and was just fun to be around. She also was a great help with our children's programs. It was sad day when she told me she wasn't volunteering with us any longer due to the long drive and the zoo was so much closer. I couldn't argue with that and I'm sure her enthusiasm, laughter and warm southern accent was greatly appreciated there as well as with Preservation Parks.

*I am sorry for your loss but glad I had the opportunity to know and work with her.*

*Emily Eby  
Inniswood Volunteer Coordinator, retired*

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**EMILY EBY** - June 22, 2015 at 08:12 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Linda J. Nester .



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June 21, 2015 at 07:46 PM

CE

“ We are sorry to not be there to speak of Linda in person... she meant so much to my family. Such a great friend to my mother, a grandmother figure (a really COOL one..) to my kids, and a friend to all. Her love of animals and adventure was unsurpassed, and we will miss her candid wisdom, and silly jokes. I am glad for my mother Helen, who now has Linda with her to make her laugh. I know mom, Doris, Kyle and Bernard are welcoming her with open arms. She will be missed.

*Cindy Edwards & family*

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**cindy Edwards** - June 21, 2015 at 06:35 PM

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“ Although gone in body, Linda's spirit lives on. We cherish memories of her exuberance and positive attitude. Thinking of family and friends with love.

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**Judy** - June 20, 2015 at 09:59 AM

PM

“ As a member of the Powell Citizens' Police Academy Alumni Association, Linda volunteered at the Powell Police Department in the Clerks' Office. Her smile and gracious manner was a gift. Powell Police Clerk Patti Mills

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**Police Clerk Patti Mills** - June 19, 2015 at 11:53 AM



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June 18, 2015 at 09:44 AM