



Linda Rae Ridihalgh

November 10, 2011

Linda Rae Ridihalgh, age 69 of Columbus died Thursday, November 10, 2011 at home. Preceded in death by father, Hiram Olson. She is survived by husband, John L. Ridihalgh; children, Robert (Kathleen) Ridihalgh & Caitlin Didier; grandchildren, Anna & Lucas Ridihalgh; mother, Belva Lantz and sister, Larita (Dave) Eadie. Linda graduated from North High School in West Union, Iowa in 1960 and from University of Minnesota in 1964. She was involved with University District Organization for many years. Linda was a member of the Board of the Ohio Humanities Council. She was an Editor of Living Aboard magazine. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 13, 2011 at RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME, 2383 North High Street, Columbus. The Rev. David O. McCoy, officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice in her memory. Condolences for the family may be left at: www.RutherfordFuneralHome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Rae Ridihalgh*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *My brother called about Linda last night after he had talked with Jim. How awful for you and your family. A real shock.... It has been a long time since we have seen you (1968?), but when we go back to Ames, we drive by the two "old houses". I love the story that when the guy was doing a background check on you, Dave told him he knew you well (was living in your house). When asked your wife's name, Dave was stumped. Some credibility! I tried to open the interview on OSU Folk Archives but can't. It sounds like you were really part of Ohio. My sympathies to your family. Georgiana*

Georgiana Cave - November 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ John, Robert & Caitlin, The notice of Linda's passing, while sad, reminded me of so many good times that the Campbells had with the Ridihalghs and their generosity of spirit and eagerness to explore the meaningful aspects of life. I thought about the time that Linda served up a Mexican luncheon featuring delicious huevos rancheros - a dish I had never before tasted. I remember the private concerts staged in Castle Ridihalgh, and meeting a woman there who was the first of her gender to become a major symphony conductor in the U.S. I can conjure up visions of the Range Rover (of which I was insanely jealous). And, of course, I treasure the memories of Robert and Caitlin playing with Casey and other kids from the old German Village crowd. I hope the rest of you are well, happy and still exploring all the good things in life. Linda was a great person and will always be a reminder to us all of the right approach to life. Very best wishes, Bruce Campbell

Bruce Campbell - November 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ This really hurts. To be around Linda for even a short time was to feel what was best about human life on earth.

Ron Green - November 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ Sorry to hear about Linda. We have many pleasant memories.
Herm Crawford

Herm Crawford - November 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ I spent many happy hours as a child on Linda and John's house. I have many fond and funny memories of those times. My most sincere condolences to all the family.

Amanda Rosenthal Surbey - November 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. May the words in Philippians 4:6,7 give you hope and comfort.*

Barb & Tom Layton - November 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *John, La Rita and Belva, We are terribly saddened by the loss of Linda. She was bright, funny and wonderful to be around. She will be missed by all that knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you!*

Trudie and George - November 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *John, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Cathy Mojzisek - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Linda was an inspiration. We will miss her greatly.*

Deb & Kevin Gallagher - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Our Hearts are heavy with your loss. Please know we are thinking of you all during this very difficult time.*

John and Rob - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Linda was the brightest light in the University District for many years, extremely intelligent, passionate about what was best for the community, generous, and immovable in her devotion to her family. Her heart was in the University District, but her concerns were for the entire city, and indeed the planet. In the early 1970s she led a small band of women who overcame huge bureaucratic obstacles and long-running but constipated education policies to start the Alternative Schools in the Columbus System. The entire city is thus in Linda Ridihalgh's debt, and might well still learn from her example. "The District" has lost one of its best minds, a great wit and a beautiful, compassionate leader who strengthened all of us who were privileged to know her.

Kezia Sproat - November 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM