



## Linda Sue McFarland

March 19, 1945 - May 2, 2022

Linda Sue Horner McFarland  
1945 - 2022

Hours pass into days  
And time slips away,  
But the words we speak  
And the things we do  
Touch the lives of others  
And live on forever.

It may seem strange to most people that I have chosen to write my own obituary, but if it is to have the meaning I wish it to, I must do it myself. I was born on March 19, 1945, the first and only child of Paul "Jack" and Hazel Andre Horner. My dad was in a military hospital in England at the time and learned of my birth and my mother's death by telegram several days later. My mother was a registered nurse and was attended by her best friend, Emma Alice "Scottie" Mason, during her labor and delivery. My wonderful aunt and uncle, Howard and Myrtle "Honcie" Chamberlin took me home with them from the hospital and kept me for nine months; then my father came and took me back to Locust Grove. During that first year, I stayed with "Ma" Reed and Bill and Polly Mason. Then sometime around my first birthday, I came to live with Newt and Scottie Mason and gained a big brother,

David Lee Mason. I was so blessed to become "their" child (and they always made me feel like "theirs") and live with them until I left to get married. I always kept a special connection to Howard, Honcie and Janet and spent every summer with them. I was such a fortunate child to have had so many loving, caring, people in my life.

I first met Larry Charles McFarland when he came to Franklin School in fourth grade. We were buddies off and on through grade school; then began dating in high school. We married in June of 1963 after we both graduated from good old Franklin High School and remained soul mates for the rest of our lives. My mother-in-law, Dorothy, was a role model for me and was wonderful to me all the years we had together. With the help of Mom and Newt, and Larry's support, I was able to earn a bachelor's and a master's degree from Ohio University. I worked as an elementary teacher, a high school English teacher, drama coach, yearbook advisor, and high school guidance counselor over the next 30 years. I retired (and happily so) in 1996.

Now to the most important part of my life - that of Mother. I was most graciously blessed to have two wonderful sons, Steven Joe and Christopher Alan. From the moment I knew I was to become a mother, my sons were my priorities. I loved them more than life itself and considered them both my greatest accomplishments in life. They gave my life joy and meaning and filled me with such pride.

In 1984, I thought my life would end. Chris was killed in a car accident. This was not the order that life was supposed to follow; parents aren't supposed to bury their children. Somehow, Larry, Steve and I survived by holding on to each other. I'm sure we tried to hold Steve too close in the years to come, but the fear of losing him overrode our instinct to let him become independent. But independent he did become-he graduated from The Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. How proud we were at his college graduation! In 1987, he went to work at GE Proving Grounds only a few miles from home. How lucky for us.

Before he finished college, Steve met Susan Rae Hedrick and began dating

her. They were married in 1989 and have since filled our lives with the great joy of being grandparents to Tyler, Katie, Annie, Sarah, and Haisley. Is there any greater love than that of being grandparents? They again gave our lives new meaning. We loved watching them learn, grow, and succeed. It has been great watching our "son" become a "dad." He and Susie have been such wonderful parents. They have taught, guided, and supported all their children to help them become their best selves.

There have been so many people that helped shape my life into what it was-most good influences, a few not so good. I had so many aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews-Masons, Scotts, Andres, Horners-that gave me love and support. Then came many wonderful teachers-Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Roderick, Mrs. Unger, Miss Masters-who fostered a love for learning and a respect for life. Over the years, I was so blessed to have so many "best" friends-Marguerite, Mary, Janet, Sandy, Katbird-when some people never know true friendship. I hope that I was the daughter, wife, mother, niece, cousin, aunt, student, and friend to them that they were to me. I pray that I brought joy and love into their lives as they did mine. That's what life is all about.

Most of my adult life, I searched for that meaning of life. I struggled with feelings of unworthiness and a fear that I was not fulfilling the purpose that God had for me. I worried that I did not do enough, care enough, give enough, help others enough; I always came up short in my own evaluation of myself. But maybe all those insecurities spurred me to reach out to others and see that by giving, you receive; by loving, you are loved; by helping others, you receive so many blessings. Family, friends, and faith have sustained me through all the good times and the difficult times. Hopefully, I have left this world a little better by being here. That is my greatest desire.

If I leave any legacy for my family-my cherished grandchildren-it would be to live life fully, to serve others while taking good care of yourself in the process; to love and forgive generously; to have faith in God to guide and protect you; to laugh at life instead of taking it too seriously (which I always did); and most

of all, to put fear in its place and don't let it limit you. You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you.

Now then, go somewhere and get something good to eat and reminisce about all the good times we've had together. Laugh and fellowship together.

Treasure each other. Don't let any regrets mar the joy that is your life. I've loved you all with all my heart and to the depths of my soul. Thank you for journeying through this life with me. I'm so grateful to you all.

Goodbye and God Bless!

Life is a gift we have and cannot keep.

Something found, lived, and lost in sleep.

Just a ripple in the tide of time.

Just a word in the universal rhyme.

Life is the dew on a rose.

It belongs to man while he knows.

But even as sunset follows dawn.

So with a touch and it is gone.

The family requests that memorial donations be made to the Peebles United Methodist Church, 1370 Measley Ridge Road, Peebles, Ohio 45660.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

MAY 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Peebles United Methodist Church  
1370 Measley Ridge Road  
Peebles, OH 45660

## Funeral Service

MAY 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Peebles United Methodist Church  
1370 Measley Ridge Road  
Peebles, OH 45660

## Interment

MAY 6. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Locust Grove Cemetery  
State Route 41  
Peebles, OH 45660

# Tribute Wall

RT

“ I am so sorry to say that I just heard that Linda passed from this earth into Jesus’s loving hands. I worked in the Peebles schools from 1984-1988. Linda was one the first people that reached out to me and welcomed into the Peebles school family. She continued sharing her love and kindness for as long as I knew her. Linda, thanks for being my friend. I will see you soon.

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**Ruth Thompson Teeters** - February 27, 2024 at 07:22 PM

PR

“ Dear McFarland Families,  
Keeping all of you in our thoughts and prayers at this time.  
Sincerely,

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**Phil and Vicki Rhonemus** - May 14, 2022 at 09:33 PM

JB

“ I just found out about Linda's passing a few days ago..I was a bit shocked..She was my high school English teacher ( class of 88)I believe for all 4 years.My boyfriend had her in high school too( class of 84).She was always a kind, caring teacher and I saw her in the restaurant in Peebles one day..I wish I had gone up to her and thanked her for being such a great teacher all those years ago. Losing the teachers that helped mold you is hard to bear at times,realizing we are getting older and all of our times are coming one day to meet the Lord..I have no doubt she will do that. My bf and I talked of her and I mentioned that she kept the Franklin High School page up to date on passings of people who went there and I swear we both joked that she would probably write her own obituary..Little dude I know when I logged online to read it that she had indeed written it..She left out all the students that influenced all those years and what a blessing she was to do many students,bit I knew she would never toot her own horn ,so to speak..We were blessed to have her as a teacher and our condolences are with her family.I grew up with Susie her dgtr-in -law my entire school years and know that she gave Linda a great family to live all these years..God bless you ,Linda...Fly with the angels!!  
Jacki Burgess Browning and Tim Terrell

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**Jacki Burgess Browning** - May 14, 2022 at 03:28 PM

JB

Oh dear, I have some typos in my memory posted, but I bet she finds them even up in Heaven.Sorry,Linda for the mistakes...my mistake for not checking my words before I hit " post"!!

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**Jacki Burgess Browning** - May 14, 2022 at 03:31 PM

KG

“ So sorry to hear of this loss. Sending our love.  
The Owen and Garrett families

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**KRIS GARRETT** - May 06, 2022 at 03:52 PM

PC

“ Prayers & God’s Blessings be with all of you in this time of sorrow.  
Remembering all the good times everyone had with her

Pat Copley - May 05, 2022 at 07:52 PM

KP

“ Kris And Randy Phipps lit a candle in memory  
of Linda Sue McFarland



Kris and Randy Phipps - May 05, 2022 at 07:07 PM

DL

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. We unable to attend the funeral,  
she will be greatly missed!

Love,

Iris (Scott) Bellomy, Phyllis (Scott) Thacker

Denise (Bellomy) Lucas

Denise Lucas - May 05, 2022 at 06:55 PM

AS

“ Alice Thomas Stevens lit a candle in memory  
of Linda Sue McFarland



Alice Thomas Stevens - May 05, 2022 at 06:51 PM

AS

*I'm so sorry for your loss but rejoicing in heaven's gain. Linda was a sweet friend when I was in high school. She always was kind and had a smile to share. Prayers for the family. 🙏*

Alice Thomas Stevens - May 05, 2022 at 06:53 PM

KJ

*sorry for you're loss, larry*

kelly jones - May 06, 2022 at 02:52 PM

DS

“ *Condolences to the family....Dean & Jackie Scott*

Dean Scott - May 05, 2022 at 04:46 PM

PF

“ *Peggy Ginn and Family purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Linda Sue McFarland.*



Peggy Ginn and Family - May 05, 2022 at 10:56 AM

BF

“ *Linda was a wonderful person and will be  
greatly missed by all. Hugs and prayers for  
the whole family.*

*John and Becky Freeze*

Becky Freeze - May 05, 2022 at 10:31 AM



TP

*My deepest sympathies to family and friends . 🙏*

Terry Palmer - May 05, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Sue McFarland.*



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May 04, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Linda's passing. She was a great friend and colleague and we will always remember her smile and dedication to her family, school, and community. She will be missed by many. May God give the family comfort at this time of loss.*

*Jim and Karen Faust*

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**Jim and Karen Faust** - May 04, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to Linda's whole family, I loved her! My heart is broken...she was a ROCK! I did her hair for quite sometime, always giving great advice and always making me feel special! She will truly be missed. 🙏❤️*

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**Paula Fitzpatrick** - May 03, 2022 at 11:52 PM



“ *So very sad to her of Linda's passing. She was a very sweet and caring lady. She always would come up from Peebles and help Celebrate our (Helen Huffman White) Mom's Birthday with us. She will be sadly missed by the family.*

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**The White family** - May 03, 2022 at 05:37 PM

TF

*The White Family, Williams Family, McDowell Family.*

**The White family** - May 03, 2022 at 05:40 PM

HC

“ *She was Family through and true, not only that was so sweet and smart, I know She will resting Heaven, her family will be united once again, including me. I feel her Family's pain for I lost my sweet wife Patty in February, I am praying my Patty and my Mother will be welcoming her to Heaven. Amen*

**Harold Keith Call** - May 03, 2022 at 02:46 PM

HK

“ *Harold K. purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Linda Sue McFarland.*



**Harold K.** - May 03, 2022 at 02:32 PM

KW


“ *Linda was a great lady, I will always remember every time we would see each other didn't matter were we was at or who was around we always had this one saying that we would say to each other, we would say it and walk on and people would look at us and just laugh, I will miss that, but most of all I will miss her, praying for Larry and the Family.*

**Kim Wilson** - May 03, 2022 at 12:36 PM

JH

“ One of the last times I talked with one of my favorite teachers, "Mrs. McFarland", Linda and I had prayer together. We were sitting in Bob Evans, God spoke, we held hands, we prayed, there was a peaceful, serene presence about us. We know Linda has fought a good fight. she has finished the course, she has kept the faith. She is now home eternally with her Savior. She will truly be missed.

Judy Harper - May 03, 2022 at 11:24 AM

 Teresa Shoenleben-Ward

“ She was always friendly to everyone. Was a pleasure to know her. She will be missed by all

Teresa Shoenleben-Ward - May 03, 2022 at 08:50 AM

CR

“ creshanna\_1985@yahoo.com purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Linda Sue McFarland.



creshanna\_1985@yahoo.com - May 03, 2022 at 08:17 AM

CR

“ Linda, my cousin and Mrs. McFarland to me as her student, was a wonderful woman who inspired those around her who she taught to be better versions of themselves. She was an example of great strength, perseverance and faith especially when our soon to be Senior class lost my cousin, our friend and her precious son so tragically. She will be truly missed but I am certain her and Chris are finally reunited in Heaven. Praying for her family and all those who loved her.



creshanna\_1985@yahoo.com - May 03, 2022 at 08:11 AM

SK

“ Thinking of Linda’s family, I am so sorry for your loss!  
Susi Schwartz Kelch

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**susi Schwartz Kelch** - May 02, 2022 at 10:45 PM

LJ

“ Mrs. McFarland was a teacher who cared about the success of her students. With her encouragement and intervention my daughter was able to get her English credit and graduate. I’ve always been grateful for that. I know she’s gone to a rich reward.

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**Linda Johnson** - May 02, 2022 at 10:19 PM

CP

“ Linda will be missed greatly. I grow up with family. She always had a smile for everyone. She and Larry were so good to my Dad after Mom passed. The last few months he had to go see Larry and Linda every day at the garage. Helove them both. I love the McFarland family they always made me fill like one of family. My prayers go out to all.

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**Corrienna Van Pelt** - May 02, 2022 at 09:28 PM

TS

“ Linda was a great teacher and friend. When the storm ripped the roof of our house Linda and Larry let my family and I move in there house they owned in Locust Grove.

*Such a pleasure and honor to have them as friends.*

*Larry, Steve so sorry for you loss.*

*Rest In Peace Mrs. McFarland*

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**Terry Swayne** - May 02, 2022 at 09:27 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Sue McFarland.*



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May 02, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ *Linda was my high school English teacher in 1978 . In 1979-80 she was my tutor so I could graduate with my class due to the fact I was pregnant . Fast forward to 2011 my son passed away . Again Linda helped me thru a terrible time in my life . She told me I honored my son's memory by caring about her & others who went thru those same losses . She will always be one of the finest people I know . Love you so*



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**Helen Warnock** - May 02, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ *What a wonderful teacher she was.  
After school in later years she always spoke and remembered her students..  
rip Mrs. McFarland*

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**toby wallace** - May 02, 2022 at 07:40 PM