



Linda Shay Mancinelli

February 26, 1955 - July 9, 2021

Linda Shay Mancinelli, 66, of Hampshire, passed away Friday evening, July 9, 2021, in Elgin.

She was born Feb. 26, 1955, in Meadville, PA the daughter of Harold and Betty (Seeley) Shay. She graduated from Meadville High School in 1973 and then worked for Delta Airlines from 1975 to 1995 in Customer Service. Linda married Gary E. Mancinelli on Aug. 24, 1986, in Las Vegas and they have made their home in Hampshire for the past 30 years. Linda had also worked for the Nationwide Loan Co. and retired from Bagmakers Inc. after 14 years.

Surviving is her husband, Gary; two sisters, Rose Powell, and Grace Wagner.

She is preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Stanley, and Al Shay.

Memorial visitation will be held on Friday, July 23 from 3 to 5 PM with a Memorial Service to follow at Fredrick Funeral Home, 284 Park St. in Hampshire.

Please omit flowers, memorial contributions in her name should be directed to the Hampshire-Burlington Food Pantry, PO Box 651, Hampshire, IL 60140.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL **23**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Hampshire, IL 60140
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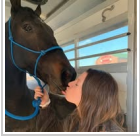
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Tribute Wall

SA

“ I only ever called you Irene, like Goodnight Irene, and I will never forget my first day at work when I met you outside in your yellow raincoat and with your fancy cigarette case. Your greeting was warm and welcoming and shortly after came the sarcasm about what I was walking into. Over the past 9 years, you taught me so much. I loved that you always thought of my daughter on special occasions and she appreciated every gift. I loved every conversation, outside having a smoke, or getting advice about customers and many other things. You encouraged me to Bake. You knew it was a dream of mine I stopped chasing and so you kept putting baking magazines on my desk every other week to remind me to just do it. Guess I have to name a dessert after you should I open a bakery someday. We didn't always see eye to eye on everything but you challenged me and my values and I appreciated that bravery from you. One of the things in common we shared was we secretly really wanted others around us to succeed. We knew we would get little in return for our small parts in it but that was the heart God gave us. I hope you feel the love and appreciation now from those whose lives you touched in both big and small ways. I will take many of those life lessons with me including the secret about pink lemonade. You will be missed by many. I will always cherish the good old days! I pray you only know peace now. My condolences to Gary...she loves you endlessly.

Sara - July 25, 2021 at 12:43 PM



“ *The memories for me are endless. I remember first meeting you two and then attending the birthday party for Jenna your horse. Pretzles, popsicles, water fights, karaoke in your basement , she would give us the prefectly fine “broken cookies” every morning when she was the lunch lady at school, til the endless pours of wine as an adult. Hugs to you Gary, she will be missed tremendously.*

Lindsey Graziano - July 24, 2021 at 09:50 AM

SS

“ *Gary, still can't believe that Irenie has passed.I will miss her phone calls and cards,she always had a smile and we always had a good laugh about things. Sorry we can't be there for her services. I know Gonzalo will miss her at the gas station sometimes when he would see her,always had a kiss for him! I know she is having her glass of wine now.Take care and God bless you and your family. Sue and Gonzalo Sosa*



Susan Sosa - July 23, 2021 at 08:17 AM

ES

“ *Gary and family, I am so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. I so enjoyed working the ticket counter and gates at Delta with Linda. This was in the mid to late 70's at O'Hare. We worked through many stressful situations at the airport but having Linda with us made it bearable. I will miss her and I am so sorry that I am not able to make it to the services. Thank you both for always sending the wonderful Christmas cards with you and your 4 legged friends! Prayers for comfort and peace. Sincerely, Emery Schmidt Covington,Ky*

Emery Schmidt - July 20, 2021 at 02:50 PM

CC

“ Gary, I only met Linda once at one of our class reunions. I recall we were all surprised to hear that you had gotten married. Meeting Linda made it clear why you had taken the leap! A warm, friendly lady that fit right in with your elementary buds. She shared with me how one of your first dates unfolded, at an Italian restaurant...what a hoot! She was a woman with a sense of humor, and appeared to be comfortable in her own skin. It was apparent, to me, how blessed you both felt to have found each other. What a joy to have shared so many great years together, yet what a heartbreak to have to let her go. My heart goes out to you, and the entire family. Trusting God will give all of you the strength to move forward as you work through this most difficult time. Sending blessings to all.
Cyndi Castagna
(I hope this didn't get sent twice!!)

Cyndi Castagna - July 19, 2021 at 09:20 PM

BT

“ A highlight of every Christmas Holiday Season for our kids and family was when Gary and Linda visited our house as Mr. and Mrs. Klaus. It was a yearly tradition our kids would always look forward to as she always brought the hugs and the candy. Linda always brought joy and laughter wherever she went. We also looked forward to her annual Christmas card because she always included her four legged family members. she was kind to everyone. She will be greatly missed.

Bob and Iris

Bob and Iris Tripicchio - July 19, 2021 at 06:16 PM

JH

“ RIP, Linda, from an ole Teammate at Delta, ORD! God Bless to your Loved ones! Jim Hester & Family

James P. Hester - July 18, 2021 at 07:33 PM

KA

“ We shared so many great memories with Linda and Gary over the years... many New Year's eves shooting goofy videos, their wedding in Las Vegas, our 50th anniversary eating Egg Foo Young at their kitchen table, trips and cruises, a party for their horse, and all those one of a kind Christmas cards. They would all start with Linda making plans and ended with everyone having a blast. She could always find the fun in any situation. We'll miss her a lot but will always treasure the memories we shared. She was one of a kind!
Karin and Steve

Karin - July 16, 2021 at 02:57 PM

RG

“ Well I added memory on the Legacy site but I will also mention here of Linda. I was a co-worker with her while working at Ohare with Delta Air Lines. She started after I but we still enjoyed 20 years with Delta until she retired in 1995. She was one peach of a lady to work with, knowledgeable and quick to handle the customers. She was one of these folks you enjoy working with due to the fact she was unfazed when times were tough.

She always had a smile on and she also put smiles on all of us at Ohare.

Gary my condolences to you and other family and relatives. My name is Rod Meier and its been a while. Just wanted to post a memory on this site also. I had transferred out of Ohare in 1997. I am sorry for you loss.

Rodney Meier now of Gilbert,AZ - July 15, 2021 at 09:33 PM

AL

“ Miss Irene, I will miss you terribly! I already missed you when you left BMI. I hope you are sitting on heavens beach enjoying a daiquiri. Love and miss you - Allison

Allison - July 13, 2021 at 10:12 AM

MC

“ Linda (Irene as I knew her) was one of a kind with a sassiness that was unmatched. I loved her personality and sense of humor. She always made work so interesting with her phone calls with her regular customers and the stories she would tell. She will be missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. My condolences to Gary and the rest of her family.

Melissa Cerqua - July 12, 2021 at 09:42 PM



“ Linda aka Irene was truly loved by her customers and myself. I loved her phone calls and humor she put smiles on everyone she knew. You will be missed sweet lady. Until we meet again!

Jane Ryan - July 12, 2021 at 06:35 PM