



Linda S. Gillman

November 28, 1949 - July 4, 2025

Linda S. Gillman, 75, of rural Akron, Indiana went home to be with the Lord at 10:25 pm, Friday, July 4, 2025 at her residence.

Linda was born on November 28, 1949 in Buchanan County, Virginia to the late Roscoe and Mary (Lester) Lester. She married on July 7, 1967 in Clintwood, Virginia to her soul mate and best friend Lanny Gillman, he survives her.

She attended Wabash Beauty College and attained her licenses in 1989, which she still holds to this day. Linda worked at Kralis Brothers for USDA as an Inspector. She was an avid mushroom hunter every spring, unless her back pain limited her. She enjoyed shopping, going to garage sales, and eating. She was known to keep her phone close, and called and text numerous family and friends regularly.

Linda was a self proclaimed “motor mouth”. She loved to chat with people and always shared what was on her mind. She enjoyed attending church all around the area. She loved spending time with her family and enjoyed helping people in any way she could. She gave blood as often as her health would allow. She also loved family gatherings, and her October Fest was a family and friends favorite with more soup than anyone could eat.

She is survived by her husband Lanny Gillman of Akron; daughters Chris and husband Craig Williamson of Akron, Michelle and husband Mitch Holloway of Mentone, Nicole Wareham of Bourbon, and Andria and husband Matt Smith of Akron; grandchildren Priscilla (Mason), Trenton (Toni), Miranda (Anthony), Logan (Sabrina), Brendan (Keerah), Breyton (Gracelynn), Alexis (Andrew), and Madison (Grant); 7 Great Grandchildren; sisters Florence Whitt of Hurley, Virginia, Donna and husband Bill Gillman of Mentone, Ind., and Rita and husband Walter Charles of Etna Green, Ind.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, brother Danny Ray Lester, and sisters Sherry Jackson, Pamela "Bubbles" Lester, Sharon Lester, and twins Lois Lester and Lillian "EG" Cline.

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 am, Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Pastor Larrie Kreft officiating.

Her interment will take place following the service in Nichols Cemetery, Akron, Indiana.

Visitation hours will be held from 5 pm to 7 pm, Monday, July 7, 2025 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 or to the local animal shelter of your choosing.

Cemetery Details

Nichols Cemetery

Akron, IN 46910

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Linda S. Gillman



Hartzler Funeral Services - July 06, 2025 at 05:54 PM

BC

Linda Gillman.. What I can say about Linda Is KNOW ONE loved their family more than she did. She loved and loved hard. She would stand up for them even when they might not want it. If Linda thought you was doing wrong she had no problem steering you in the right direction. I loved our talks and texts. She was always bragging about her family. And I loved to hear her stories. Her and Lanny accepted me into the family first thing. Now not that she didn't scare me a bit at first.. but then she hugged me and she normally always said "I love ya". I loved and respected how blunt and honest she was to me. If I didn't give her a call or a picture fast enough. She would call me out. And thats the Linda I loved. I never had to wait to hear it from someone else. She would tell me. I would get tickled when someone would make her mad because no matter how mad or upset she got. She still worried about them and wanted to take them food and again before leaving. "I love ya". Linda was an amazing person. I'm sure it wasn't always easy being the hard one that no matter how mad people got she would stick to her guns and tell you what you needed to hear. Linda I will miss you always and miss our talks and texts. I will cherish the love and stories you told. And I will hold the memories dear. Especially of You and Lanny. That is an amazing love. You never had to talk about it. It showed daily. Rest in Peace Linda. You was as Beautiful today as Always. Love and miss you already.

Brenda Charles - July 08, 2025 at 04:00 PM

SA

“ I am sad to say that I would go years without seeing Aunt Linda but when I did run into her she always had a huge smile and a hug to say I've missed you and I love you! She was such a welcoming person and always had something to say to make me laugh. She made sure to reminded me that I will always be Peach to her! She was a beautiful woman inside and out. All you have to do is look at her wonderful daughters and see how well they turned out to know what kind of person she was. I love you Aunt Linda and I know you are with loved ones in heaven.

Sandra

Sandra - July 07, 2025 at 04:21 PM

MH

Thank you Sandra, (aka Peach) for your kind words and wonderful memories. Love you, Michelle

Michelle Holloway - July 09, 2025 at 06:40 AM

YA

“ Your friend, Lisa Mullendore at ABC purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Linda S. Gillman.



Your friend, Lisa Mullendore at ABC - July 07, 2025 at 08:36 AM

MH

“ Marmaduke,
Nothing can express the pain I feel in my heart. We may not have always been close, but my love for you has and always will be there. We've been through many good times as well as the bad. You were lucky enough to be my Mom for 56 years (Ha Ha). God put us together for a reason and I'm glad he did. You could definitely make us laugh. Like the time when you and Dad were working on something that required the return air register cover to be taken off in the living room. Well dad had you going back and forth a couple of times and he warned you to be careful of the open vent. You were coming back from the basement and came around the corner and stepped right in that open vent!! That vent was a couple of feet deep, more or less, and you totally did a face plant!! I waited to see if you were alright , then I busted out laughing! Dad heard the thud and came running up the basement stairs. By the time Dad got to the living room, you were already getting up. He asked me what happened, but I was laughing so hard I couldn't tell him. You spoke up and told him "I fell into that damn vent!" Dad asked if you were alright and as soon as you said yes, he busted out laughing too! I said that "you couldn't do that again if you tried." "You walked back and forth a few times, missing the open vent, but that last trip in here got you!!!" You were seeing red because Dad and I were laughing, but we couldn't help it. It was funny and you know it. I'm going to miss you Mom. I hope you're having a wonderful time with your family, especially EG. Tell everyone hello and I love them. I love you Marmaduke. Until God calls me home, I'll help make sure Dad is taken care of. Forever in my heart, always a part of my soul. ❤️ Michelle



Michelle Holloway - July 06, 2025 at 09:28 PM



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Hartzler Funeral Services - July 06, 2025 at 05:52 PM

GJ

“ *Glena Mae Justice lit a candle in memory of Linda S. Gillman*



Glena Mae Justice - July 06, 2025 at 04:46 PM

DB

“ *Sorry for your loss....she was a very special lady ...she always made Larry and I feel like part of her family when we would visit... you're all in my thots and prayers...Doris Bush*

Doris J Bush - July 06, 2025 at 04:32 PM

PH

“ So many memories to share. My heart is shattered right now. She was always there to listen and tell you exactly what she thought. My most favorite memories is her always letting me do her hair and makeup at bed time when I was little. She would lay in bed and just let me put makeup on her and do her hair. I loved watching the price is right with her and Golden Girls growing up. I will forever love you grandma and miss you terribly.

Priscilla Holloway - July 06, 2025 at 02:18 PM

MH

Cilla, you know she loved you too. You were her first born grandchild and she was so proud of you. She loved the fact that she got to name you Priscilla. She would make me brush her hair forever. I'd ask her after an hour had gone by if I was done, she'd say just a few more minutes. Those minutes turned into another hour! I'd give anything to have her laying in my lap, me brushing her hair, just one more time. That's a memory I'll cherish forever. I love you Cilla

Michelle Holloway - July 09, 2025 at 07:06 AM

DW

“ Oh, my goodness! I am in shock about hearing the news that Linda had passed away. Please accept my deepest sympathy in my concerns that I share in her passing. She was a ball of fire and very kind to me during my hard times. We all shall truly miss her. I know that she is pain free and is walking hand in hand with Jesus. May all of you take time to grieve the loss of such a dear lady. May God bless you all and comfort you in this time of sorrow.



Diane Warren - July 06, 2025 at 02:17 PM

MH

Thank you Diane for your kind words. You definitely described her personality. Michelle

Michelle Holloway - July 09, 2025 at 06:53 AM



“ Love Pink lit a candle in memory of Linda S. Gillman



Love Pink - July 05, 2025 at 08:16 PM

JC

“ Judy Lester Counts lit a candle in memory of Linda S. Gillman



Judy Lester Counts - July 05, 2025 at 06:42 PM

JV

“ Michelle we will be praying 🙏 For all your family members. Love ❤️ in Christ. Uncle Jim & Aunt Patricia Vigar. Madera, CA.

Jim Vigar - July 05, 2025 at 05:09 PM

VA

“ To many wonderful memories to list. I spent a lot of my childhood at Aunt Linda's and Uncle Lanny's house and with Chris, Michelle, Nikki and Andi and I'm so thankful for that. I love all of you more than you know. My heart is broken. I love you Aunt Linda forever and always. Until I see you again ❤️

Love Vanessa

Vanessa - July 05, 2025 at 04:17 PM



Thank you Vanessa for sharing. We love you too. Michelle

Michelle Holloway - July 09, 2025 at 06:46 AM