



Linda S. Bare

April 15, 1962 - June 10, 2019

Linda S. Bare, a beloved wife and mother, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Monday June 10, 2019 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was the wife of Michael S. Bare, with whom she celebrated 32 years in marriage.

Linda was born in Hershey on April 15, 1962 to the late Earl Wagner and Doris Louise (Boger) Hetrick. She had worked for Palmyra Area School District, Cornwall/Lebanon School District, and more recently Manheim Central School District as the Special Education Supervisor. She was a member of Gravel Hill United Methodist Church, where she had been active with the Bell Choir. Linda was a co-founder of The Palmyra Mini Thon and was a coach for Lebanon County Special Olympics. She was very involved throughout the community with volunteering and fundraising. She enjoyed working out, whether through fitness classes or running 5K races. Linda had a love for camping, fishing, traveling, visiting the beach, and socializing with her many friends. Linda will be missed by her loving dog, Bandit.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her sons, Nick Bare and fiancé, Stefany of Austin, TX, Preston Bare and girlfriend, Valerie of Austin, TX, brothers, Gary L. Hetrick and Janet of Bandera, TX, Douglas E. Hetrick of Jonestown, brother-in-law, Robert Bare, father-in-law, Hershey Bare, and mother-in-law, Mary Ann Bare.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 11AM from Gravel Hill United Methodist Church, 131 Gravel Hill Road, Palmyra.

Interment will be held at the convenience of the family in S. Annville Cemetery. There will be a viewing held on Friday June 14, 2019 from 5PM-9PM at the church. There will be a visitation on Saturday morning from 10AM until 11AM at the church.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to her church, or Lebanon County Special Olympics, PO Box 1018, Lebanon, PA 17042.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN **14.** 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Gravel Hill United Methodist Church
131 Gravel Hill Road
Palmyra, PA 17078

Visitation

JUN **15.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Memorial Service

JUN **15.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *My favorite memory of Mrs bare was when she helped me get the job at Walmart and when we went to Hershey Park we miss you Mrs bare*

Tori Gettle - February 24, 2025 at 05:25 PM

AW

“ *Mike, Nick, Preston and family-*

I was blessed to work closely with Linda at Palmyra School District in the special education program for many years. She will continue to be an inspiration for me - her smile, positive energy, compassion and never ending work to help children with special needs is unmatched. Hold memories close to your hearts knowing her legacy will live on in so many.

*God bless,
Ariana Wheeler*

Ariana Wheeler - June 21, 2019 at 08:49 AM

JE

“ *To the Bare and Hetrick Families,*

Sincere sympathies at this time of loss. As my youngest Cousin on the Hetrick side, infant Linda entered my life as a teenager when her Mom needed some temporary assistance and I seemed to be the one available to help. I've always heard wonderful things over the years about her commitment to helping others...a tremendous legacy to inspire the rest of us! Joe Eshlemsn Jr

joseph Eshleman - June 20, 2019 at 02:57 PM

TR

“ Mike, Nick and Preston,
We first met Linda and Mike through rec soccer. You were a pair of wonderful, calm, encouraging coaches. Linda was also so upbeat and kind not just to the kids but to everyone she encountered. Then Gregory started baseball and Mike was part of the coaching staff. As we spent more time with Linda and Mike I could see your love for each other in just a glance at each other. Your love for each other and your kids was easy to see. She was such a fine example of a human being. When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Hold on to those memories and let them guide you through this difficult time. You are all in our hearts and thoughts everyday. "Shine on bright angel, Linda and watch over and protect Mike, Nick and Preston."

*Tina and Gregory Repa
Temple, PA*

Tina Repa - June 16, 2019 at 09:46 AM

CF

“ Dear Doug, Gary, Mike, boys and family,

There are no words, to explain the flood of emotion, sadness, and memories that filled my mind when I heard of Linda's passing. Linda was very much a part of my childhood in so many ways. She was a role model, friend, and idol (Always, the coolest and so much fun!) I have memories of riding my bike to Nancy Lou Barb-e-Que to visit her... to her sharp little-blue sports car. There are too many tiny details to ever write down. Her endless energy, tenacity, love of exercise, and passion for education helped me to become part of who I am today! It was an honor to have known and learned from Linda. Her life touched so many people, and that connection will never be lost. She was an amazing woman!

Please know, I am sharing your pain and sorrow.

*With Love,
Chrissy (Burke) Frey
Poconos, PA*

Christy Frey - June 15, 2019 at 09:06 PM

NB

“ *Will always remember her. So very sorry to hear this. Mike I know this is a great loss for you and your family. She was so loved and admired and admired. God got another angel and he has work for her now. Bill and Nancy Diffendarfer*

Nancy& Bill - June 15, 2019 at 12:13 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray* was purchased for the family of Linda S. Bare.



June 14, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ *The Schwartz Family: Mark, Gail, Taylor, and Amber purchased the Strength & Solace Spray* for the family of Linda S. Bare.



The Schwartz Family: Mark, Gail, Taylor, and Amber - June 14, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Linda S. Bare.



June 14, 2019 at 11:02 AM

RE

“ Thinking of my friend Linda and her laughter, brings a smile to my face! I am just a single drop in an ocean of people who knew and loved Linda. Through her smile and twinkling eyes and happy voice we all got to have a glimpse of someone who was filled with real joy, not just happiness - but real, spirit-filled joy. The kind of joy that comes from the inside and shines outward for everyone to experience - that was Linda! We all will surely miss that full-of-love, full-of-life, full-of-light Linda. But I am certain that she is living among the other bright lights of heaven and I look forward to hearing her silly laughter again one day! Prayers and sympathy to Mike, the boys, and the Hetrick families. In love - Robyn Eckert

Robyn Eckert - June 14, 2019 at 07:17 AM

JH

“ Linda was a beautiful testimony of what it means to be a Christian. Her love of family, friends, and those precious souls with special needs, was evident by her involvement in their lives. She loved and cared for everyone, no matter their stance in life. Linda lovingly cared for her parents, Earl and Doris Hetrick, in their final years. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Our sympathies to Mike, Preston, Nick, Gary, Doug and their families.
Tom (Linda's cousin) and Joyce Hetrick

Joyce M. Hetrick - June 13, 2019 at 09:47 PM



“ It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.
This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.

Archbishop Oscar Romero Prayer: A Step Along the Way

Linda, you will be greatly missed. Your amazing life laid down many "steps along the way" that will continue to send positive effects far into the future and inspire others to add their steps to yours.

Thank you for inspiring me as a colleague and friend in coaching track, teaching, and parenting.





Jeff Remington - June 13, 2019 at 03:32 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda S. Bare.*



June 13, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ *My prayers are with all the family during this difficult time. Linda was a spectacular person! I was blessed to hug her tight and tell her I loved her the last time I saw her! My heart is heavy, but when I think of her I smile because she would want that no sadness, only happiness! One of the most positive ladies I've ever had the honor and pleasure to know!❤️❤️❤️*

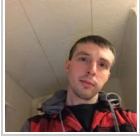
Audrey Landis - June 13, 2019 at 01:14 PM



“ *When Linda was so ill after her surgery in New York, she texted me “God is bigger than this. I trust His plan.” She never lost her faith, and is now with her Lord and Savior and all her loved ones in Heaven. I picture Linda looking gorgeous in a beautiful white gown, of course accessorized with beautiful gold jewelry. She always looked like a million bucks, even after working out! I will always be grateful for the friendship we shared and pray for all her loved ones she left behind (temporarily) on this Earth.*

Sue Panassow

Sue Panassow - June 13, 2019 at 11:55 AM



“ I would not be in my position at Central Middle School if it were not for Linda. Even though we did not see each very much after I was hired, I owe all of my experience to her for giving me a chance to show my skills within this great school district. Thank you again very much Linda and will not forget what you did for me.

Jason Mossburg

Jason Mossburg - June 13, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Linda's passing. I knew Linda in her college days at Millersville University. Her smile could light up a room. My condolences to her family.

Kathy weidinger - June 13, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ I grew up with the Hetrick kids. So sad to hear the news of Linda's passing. God bless and strengthen her family. Don Popp

donald popp - June 13, 2019 at 09:21 AM

JB

“ Dear Bare Family,

Years ago we rented from Linda. Sometimes we would chat on the phone or when she swung by the property to check on something. Our chats would often lead to 45 minute conversations about teaching, family, friends, etc. It was evident to me that she cared very much about those very things! I can also say Linda liked a well manicured lawn too! Years later our paths would cross again at Palmyra School District where she oversaw a family member of mine. Linda thank you very much for your help, guidance, and professionalism! He would not be where he is today if it weren't for you. My condolences to her husband & sons. She spoke so highly of her boys. Rest In Peace!

Jamie Berryhill - June 12, 2019 at 11:15 PM

KW

So sorry to hear of Linda passing. I knew Linda in her college days at Millersville University. My sincere condolences to her family.

Kathy weidinger - June 13, 2019 at 10:58 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda S. Bare.*



June 12, 2019 at 09:57 PM

DS

“ To the dear family/friends/coworkers of Mrs. Linda Bare. I just want to say Mrs. Bare changed the life of my granddaughter, Reagan Lux, for the better, just like she changed the lives of so many. The world will miss this treasure.

I certainly hope our Dear Lord knows what he is doing.

Diana Strauss - June 12, 2019 at 08:53 PM

KL

“ You certainly were a joy to everyone who ever met you! I know you are being rewarded greatly in Heaven for the Angel you were to so many here on earth. You are leaving a legacy of love behind. What a well lived life full of purpose!



Kathy Leshner - June 12, 2019 at 07:37 PM

SB

“ Linda, you were the most kind and authentic person I ever knew. In High School when we were all struggling to fit in somewhere, you fit in everywhere. The world lost an angel and heaven gained one. Thank you for calling me friend, it was an honor. Love Shelli Barbush

shelli Barbush - June 12, 2019 at 07:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda S. Bare.*



June 12, 2019 at 07:27 PM



“ *To my sweet friend and childhood neighbor...there are no words. Life is so precious. You have certainly earned your wings. So many have been blessed by your presence and will feel the weight of your loss in their hearts. Until we meet again. -Stephanie-*

Hanford Stephanie Folger - June 12, 2019 at 01:42 PM



Mike , Preston and Nick, We are heartbroken to hear of Linda's passing. She was such a bright light, so loving and that brilliant smile and kind voice. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God wrap his arms of comfort and love around you all at this time of sorrow. Hugs the Nye family, Randy, Mari Beth, Cole, Emily and Sydney

Mari Beth Nye - June 12, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Linda S. Bare.*



June 12, 2019 at 01:35 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda S. Bare.*



June 12, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ *Jeff Taylor & Kristen Marshll purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda S. Bare.*



Jeff Taylor & Kristen Marshll - June 12, 2019 at 12:46 PM



“ *Linda even though I only knew you for 1 year as my supervisor I will never forget your beautiful smile and laughter when we would meet! May the angels embrace you now and my prayers go out to your family and friends! You are home safe now with God and Jesus but we here on earth still know what sadness feels like! luv Eileen R*

Eileen Reimel - June 12, 2019 at 10:13 AM



“ *So sad to hear of your passing. I only had the privilege of working with you for a short time. Even then I could see your passion and care for the students and families you served. Rest in peace. Condolences to family and friends.*

James Tallent - June 12, 2019 at 10:06 AM

JT

“ *To my friend and colleague,*

What I will miss the most about you is your wonderful smile and bubbly personality. You were a champion for students with special needs and our community will miss your knowledge and guidance.

*Your friend and colleague!!
Julie Trimmer CVSD*

Julie Trimmer - June 12, 2019 at 09:29 AM

LF

“ *Love, The Banda Family purchased the Pink Pot pourri Bouquet for the family of Linda S. Bare.*



Love, The Banda Family - June 12, 2019 at 08:48 AM

TT

“ *The Manheim Central Leadership Team purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Linda S. Bare.*



The Manheim Central Leadership Team - June 12, 2019 at 07:17 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda S. Bare.*

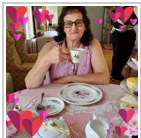


June 12, 2019 at 07:03 AM



“ *I remember Linda first as an IU olleague teaching special education, then as a wonderful special education coordinator for my students from the Palmyra school district. The last time I saw Linda she was a dedicated teacher to her students at Cedar Crest High School. There is a theme...dedication, caring, supportive... the list goes on. The teaching profession has lost a "fine one" that can not be replaced. I am grateful for all she accomplished. Thank you to her family for sharing Linda, a beacon of light. With sympathy and prayers.*

Missy - June 12, 2019 at 06:16 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. may god be with you at this time.she will forever be in your hearts. God Bless.*

Tammi Danner - June 12, 2019 at 05:17 AM

M(


“ Linda, I know you are still smiling even though we are shedding tears. But I know your work is not yet done, it's just from a different place with your savior and all those that us before you. I'm pretty sure you are the angel up there with your running and dancing shoes ready to help...we still need you down here. You will be missed, but I know you will still be helping all of us through our journey on earth. You were taken for a reason that we don't understand, but your presence will always be everyone you touched and will continue to do so. Run, dance and laugh with your Lord and Savior my friend!

Michelle Leisher (Leffler) - June 12, 2019 at 01:44 AM

B(

“ I had the privilege of working with and knowing Linda. Her caring, loving spirit for those with special needs was unsurpassable. She was an advocate, educator, and a great inspiration for countless children, teens, and adults. My condolences to the Bare family. A bright light on this earth was taken too soon. I am grateful to have known Linda.

Brenda Rosengrant (Mohnshine) - June 11, 2019 at 10:49 PM

 Cindy Keller

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. My son Josh was diagnosed with autism when schools were only beginning to understand how to work with our children. Linda always tried to help Josh in any way she possibly could. When he was in 1st grade she encouraged him to take part in a track event. I'll never forget the day that Linda ran alongside of the track, cheering Josh on the whole way. She was a beautiful person and she will be greatly missed.

Cindy Keller - June 11, 2019 at 10:28 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Linda S. Bare.*



June 11, 2019 at 10:10 PM



“ *We will never forget her smile and the love she had for the children of this community. She was a champion in every sense of the word for children with special needs. She helped them realize how truly special they are and helped them reach their full potential. For this we are thankful.*

Linda was so full of life and love for so many. We are blessed to have known Linda and we will miss her smiles.

kelley nahodil - June 11, 2019 at 10:05 PM



“ *I love you Linda and I will be praying for your family just like I know you prayed for me. Thank you for being an example of overflowing joy - always.*



Mike, Nick, Preston, and loved ones, I am weeping with you and I am believing in the hope of eternity with you. Joelle Swift

Joelle - June 11, 2019 at 09:15 PM

KM

“ Mike, Nick, Preston and the Hetrick and Bare family, Linda was a shining example of what it means to be a beautiful person both inside and out. She lived her life with strength, courage, compassion, and love. Her heart larger than life. Her legacy will live on in all of us.
Karen McCarthy

Karen McCarthy - June 11, 2019 at 07:55 PM

DB

“ Linda, you will always be a candle by my side! I will continue to pay forward your love for kindness, children, family & friends. Thank you for all this. Heartbreaking LOVE to Mike, Nick , Preston and your family. You will continue to look over them through life with your eternal light. I love you Beautiful Linda ❤️🙏🙏



Denise Beamenderfer - June 11, 2019 at 07:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda S. Bare.



June 11, 2019 at 07:06 PM

MI

“ *Big hugs to the Bare family. You are in our prayers. Love, Scott and Michelle Graby*



Michelle - June 11, 2019 at 05:27 PM

MA

So sorry to hear of Linda's passing. No more suffering in heaven. Prayers for the family. Tom, Peggy, and Christian Kettering

MargaretKettering - June 11, 2019 at 10:07 PM

LI

“ *Linda's positivity and warm smile will most definitely be missed but we know her generous spirit and kindness will forever be carried by those who knew her. Her memory will forever be carried by her extended Special Olympics family. Wishing her family the best during this difficult time.*

*With love,
Lisa (Bucks County Track/LDR)*

Lisa - June 11, 2019 at 04:59 PM

MN

“ *Beautiful Linda.
Linda was a bright light every day. Being around Linda always meant you were in a safe space where there would be a funny story, an encouraging word, and a feeling of friendship and trust.
Linda was an amazingly kind person and could raise your spirits with her warm ways. She will be forever missed.
Rest well, my friend. You will always remain in our hearts. Thank you for everything. We love you.*

❤️,
Mary and Dan

Mary Nardo - June 11, 2019 at 04:53 PM

WA

“ *Sorry to hear of Linda's passing. The Long Distance Running and Walking team of Montgomery County Special Olympics shares condolences with Mike and other family members.*

Walter - June 11, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ *Linda was a beautiful, vibrant, full of life lady!! Her whole being radiated the joy she carried within!! It just doesn't seem possible that I'll never see that smile again!! But I know she's lighting up heaven as only she can do!!! Our hearts are breaking for being left behind!! Much love, hugs and prayers for Mike, the boys and the whole Bare family!!*

Valerie Blouch - June 11, 2019 at 03:57 PM

JM

“ Linda was a kind and wonderful person. I knew her first as a student when I was a young teacher, later as a fellow educator, and always as a friend who tried to help those in need. Linda is greatly missed, but she will not be forgotten.

John P Miller - June 11, 2019 at 03:16 PM

DN

“ Linda was so courageous, all I know is I will strive to be more like her . She smiled when i visited her at Hershey with her good friend Cheryl and it was just such a comforting smile because she was at peace with her fight and truly happy with her life , her family and friends . It seems we should all be like this wonderful soul. Rest in peace beautiful lady , thanks for your presence in Palmyra school and an encouraging word for my son so many years ago.
BLESSINGS TO THIS FAMILY FOR THEIR GREAT LOSS , REST ASSURED SHE IS WATHING OVER YOU ALL .

denise Neely - June 11, 2019 at 01:57 PM

SB

“ Linda Bare -- a "forever friend" to all those lucky enough to cross her path. She and Mike were a dynamic duo, giving so generously of themselves to EVERYone - most especially to children and adolescents. Youth Advisors, teachers, coaches, mentors ... they brought so much to every student and community they touched. Linda will be sorely missed, surely by her beloved family, but also by all of us left behind to ATTEMPT measuring up to their selfless contributions to society. Let us all be challenged to be more "Linda-like" ... Mike too! And God bless Nick and Preston (and their beautiful gals). Linda so lovingly reminded everyone how proud she was of her family - her brothers' - and Mike's family as well. Linda's sweet and giving spirit is rare, and we are all blessed to have known her. We love, miss, and are proud of you, Linda. We look forward to our heavenly reunion some day! Much love, Scot and Debbie (Hetrick) Blouch

Scot and Debbie Blouch - June 11, 2019 at 01:54 PM

WB

“ We are so deeply sorry for your loss. Linda was a wonderful person and will be deeply missed. She was a great coach to the Special Olympics athletes and always had a smile on her face and words of encouragement. We're sending our deepest condolences and sympathies to Mike and the family.

Wendy and Wayne Beare - June 11, 2019 at 01:39 PM



“ *Linda was an awesome lady. She cared so deeply for her family, friends, and children. I'll never forget she and Mike coaching kindergarten and 1st grade soccer. She was my son Chris' first experience with organized sports. Even though the team was young and didn't win much -- she was always so positive with them. She always had a smile and encouraged them to do their best. Linda will be missed!*

Flora Salvo - June 11, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ *Linda's selflessness, and sweet caring personality, will be missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her.*

Our deepest condolences for your loss.

Tim and Carol Yingst

Tim and Carol Yingst - June 11, 2019 at 01:38 PM



Linda was a very special lady in many ways. She was a classmate. She taught my son Joe who knew his father. Then her son's knew my youngest. She didn't have a mean bone in her body . I remember her as the chicken and dance instructor at Camp Swatara with the outdoor ed program. Fun times ,memories will always be thought of. My deepest condolences for your loss.

Mary Longe Brown

Mary Brown - June 11, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ *Linda was such a kind person. The heavens must certainly be rejoicing and celebrating her. Prayers for peace and The Lord's comfort, for the family. I'm truly sorrowed by your loss of such a dynamic lady.*

Lori Kring Witmeyer - June 11, 2019 at 12:32 PM

JR

“ *Sorry for your loss of your wife and Mother. Linda was a wonderful lady. She was well liked with special Olympics. Linda will be missed.*

Jean & John Roach - June 11, 2019 at 12:28 PM