



Linda M. Dechert

December 7, 1949 - August 12, 2025

Linda M. Dechert, 75, of Jonestown, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at WellSpan York Hospital. She is survived by the love of her life, Michael H. Dechert. In October, they would have celebrated 58 years of marriage.

Born in Lebanon on December 7, 1949, she was the daughter of the late Ernest R. and Edith E. (Henry) Stichler. She worked at Kreider's Shoe Factory, and that's where the 58-year love story began. She also worked at Hershey Foods for many years before starting her in-home daycare. She loved this job; she was blessed to be able to care for most of her grandchildren. She loved her family beyond words. She enjoyed camping, puzzles, the beach, lighthouses, birds, flowers, going to yard sales and antique shops.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by their four children: Robert husband of Kathy Dechert of Jonestown, Lori Imler and her companion Chris Fraser of Pine Grove, Melissa wife of Dennis Swoyer of Jonestown, and Kelly Wife of Ruel Reigle of Annville. She was blessed with nine grandchildren: Ronald Dechert, Samantha Parker, Daniel Imler, Dylan Swoyer, Melinda Lehman, Kurtis Reigle, Heather Reigle, Makayla Swoyer, and Carter Swoyer. She was also blessed with seven great grandchildren: Evelyn Reigle, Addyson Swoyer, Leah Swoyer, Landon Imler, Alaina Parker, Lydia Imler, and

Emersyn Lehman; brothers Ray R. husband of Susan Stichler of Grantville and Richard A. husband of Julie Stichler of Palmyra; as well as many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by their son Steven Allen Dechert.

Linda was a true ray of sunshine and always had a smile on her face. She loved her family more than anything else. She had a servant heart and was a true believer in God.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 23, 2025, at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 6 Boundary Rd., Grantville, PA 17028. There will be a visitation one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

AUG **23**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel United Methodist Church
6 Boundary Rd
Grantville, PA 17028
(717) 865-5585

Memorial Service

AUG **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Emmanuel United Methodist Church
6 Boundary Rd.
Indiantown Gap
Grantville, PA

Tribute Wall



“ Mike & family...I am so sorry to hear of Linda's passing...she was a sweet lady and had a beautiful smile .God Bless all of you

Linda Swanger Wolford

LINDA SWANGER WOLFORD - September 05, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Linda M. Dechert.



August 21, 2025 at 09:01 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda M. Dechert.



August 20, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ Ray and Sue planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda M. Dechert.

Ray and Sue - August 19, 2025 at 09:28 AM

RS

“ Ray and Sue purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Linda M. Dechert.



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JH

“ John & Cindy Howard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda M. Dechert.

John & Cindy Howard - August 15, 2025 at 12:42 AM

JH

“ John & Cindy Howard purchased the Pretty Pleasure for the family of Linda M. Dechert.



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FB

“ Linda was very special woman she loved her flowers she will be deeply missed RIP my friend till we meet again

Frances Bragg - August 14, 2025 at 06:49 PM

KH

“ Thinking of Linda's family and remembering all the holidays I was blessed to spend with her and her family. She truly was a sweet lady and I know she will be tremendously missed by those closest to her. 🕊️

Kristi Haines - August 14, 2025 at 06:48 PM