



Linda L. (Mease) Rittle

November 6, 1938 - December 17, 2021

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of the matriarch of our family, Linda L. (Mease) Rittle, age 83, passed away at home on December 17, 2021. She was born to Aaron and Marguerite (Kreider) Mease, Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Linda dedicated her life to healing others through her work as a registered nurse. She graduated from Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences in 1959. She began her career as a missionary nurse in Espanola, NM. Upon returning to Pennsylvania, she helped establish the very first intensive care unit at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon, PA. In 1962, Linda married the love of her life, James B. Rittle of Lebanon. She put her career on hold to raise their children, David and Sue Ann. She returned to nursing work at Lebanon Internal Medicine (LIMA) and retired from LIMA in 1998.

Linda also dedicated her life to serving God and others through her faith and was a leader in her church, Holy Trinity Lutheran, in Lebanon. She was a wonderful educator in spreading God's word. Linda taught in the Mother's class when her children were young and went on to teach in the Catechetical program. She and her husband, Jim, served as leaders for the youth groups at Trinity. Linda enjoyed teaching God's word and was excellent at it. She was a member and leader in the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church for more than 60 years.

Music played a major role in Linda's life. As a young woman, she sang in school and church choirs. She was even part of a live radio show as a

featured singer. In her service as a member of the choir at Holy Trinity Lutheran, she praised the Lord through song and solos in countless cantatas, weddings and music programs. Her family has fond memories of gathering around the piano at Christmas to have her play and lead the singing of carols. Being a wife, mother and nana gave Linda deep joy. Her grandchildren, Zachary and Lauren Rittle, remember playing grocery store, including all the props, baking countless confections in the Easy Bake Oven, camping and playing in the castle.

Anyone who knew Linda knows that Jim had a great affinity for Lionel Trains and The Circus. She was Jim's circus traveling companion as they made dozens of trips across the county to display Jim's miniature three ring circus. Jim's fellow circus fans became another family that was blessed to have Linda as part of the fellowship and fun.

Linda was a woman of tremendous faith, loved life, serving God and others, but most importantly, she loved her family. Linda is survived by her husband of 59 years, Jim, as well as her two children, David Rittle and Sue Ann (Rittle) Houser; grandchildren Zachary Rittle and Lauren Rittle, Joshua Houser; great granddaughter Kinsey Petrozziello; Sister-in-law Norma J. (Rittle) Arnold and husband, Mark R. Arnold III and beloved nieces and nephew; many great nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 723 Lehman Street, Lebanon, PA 17042.

Visitation with the family is from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM with a memorial service beginning at 11:00 AM. Masks are required while in the church building.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to her church, address above.

The service can also be viewed remotely at the following link.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3YI8oQSuIRFnmIYDq8toIQ/>

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
723 Lehman Street
Lebanon, PA 17046

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Linda L. (Mease) Rittle*



Kreamer Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc. - December 21, 2021 at 11:32 AM

KG

“ *What a wonderful image tribute band walk down memory lane. Linda was an awesome lady! My prayers are lifted for the entire family.* ❤️

Kathy Guindon - January 17, 2022 at 08:43 PM

KS

“ *Thank you for this! Love the memories* ❤️

Kristen Sherman - December 29, 2021 at 11:13 PM

PS

“ *Jim, so very sorry for your loss. Sincere sympathy, but warm wishes during this holiday season. Pat and Thom Stevenson*

Pat Stevenson - December 24, 2021 at 01:02 PM

SS

“ Jim and Sue Ann, I'm so grateful for you both welcoming me into your lives. I so much enjoyed our dinner nights followed by game time, even though the boys couldn't beat the girls. I loved hearing the stories, they always seems to be a fairy tale come true and my heart was touched even for a short time. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this trying time. Scott

Scott Shaffer - December 21, 2021 at 07:36 PM

DT

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Delores Todd - December 21, 2021 at 10:12 AM

DT

Linda & Jim were next to us at the first Circus Mode, Builders Show where we displayed. We have never forgotten her kindness as she welcomed us to the model circus family.
Delores & Wayne Todd

Delores Todd - December 21, 2021 at 10:17 AM

TM

“ Tara M. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda L. (Mease) Rittle.



Tara M. - December 21, 2021 at 09:46 AM

SG

“ Dear Jim and family,

Sending prayers for comfort and love to all of you.

My husband, Ray, and I met Linda and Jim many, many years ago because of our involvements with circuses and carnivals.

Throughout the years, we each traveled to meet each other in different states to share our interests and friendships. We thought of them as our extended family.

I will treasure the memory of Linda and Ray making potato salad together in our kitchen while Jim and I were running errands for a carnival convention in our town.

Now, Linda and Ray are both in heaven together and I can hear their laughter sharing memories of good times from the past.

Linda was a friendship I will treasure forever.

Sharon Genter

Sharon Genter - December 21, 2021 at 09:00 AM

SH

“ *My mom was a light of faith and love, not only to our family, but most lives she touched. We will keep her light shining brightly, by walking in her footsteps, now that she is with God and wrapped in His love.*



Sue Ann Houser - December 20, 2021 at 09:17 PM

TA

What a beautiful family photo!

Tara - December 21, 2021 at 09:51 AM

MD

Such a beautiful family and your Momma was and is still the beacon of hope, light, faith, and love for all who she crosses paths with. She will always be in my heart. xoxo Monique Derfler

Monique Anne Derfler - December 21, 2021 at 06:06 PM

AY

“ *TO Jim and family,
I have prayed to God for comfort for you and the family and to uphold all in your time of sorrow.
You look back in time as to when you only began your life with Linda which our God had given you many years together. He now has given life for all eternity for Linda, Praise our Heavenly Father. Richard and I went to Trinity Church many years ago. I remember Linda always had a pleasant smile and was a very kind person.
Ann Yeagley*

Ann M Yeagley - December 20, 2021 at 05:54 PM

SS

*To Jim and family.
My deepest sympathies to all of you at the loss of Linda. She was a family friend for many years and grew up with my brother and sister. She always had a smile and words of wisdom. One of our Holy Trinity family who will be greatly missed 🙏
God's Peace.*

*Sincerely,
Susan Soliday-Shively*

Susan Shively - December 20, 2021 at 08:57 PM

YA

I am so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. We started as neighbors and became great friends. Lebanon County Flower Club was one of our favorites and pinochle night was a great time for fun and laughter. When we moved to Florida Jim and Linda were our first visitors from "up North"

May it give you strength to know that every life she touched was better for it.

Prayers to Jim, David, and Sue .

Yvonne Achenbach - December 21, 2021 at 09:07 AM

NA

So very blessed to have Linda in our lives!! So many precious memories not only for us but our children! Aunt Linda was a very special part of their lives, the faith and love she showed them is with them always! She touched our lives in so many ways! Jim, Dave and Sue Ann , we are with you always!

Norma Arnold - December 21, 2021 at 10:20 AM