



## Linda Zeigler

August 8, 2023

Linda Stone Zeigler died peacefully at her Moorestown, NJ home on August 8, 2023, with her loving husband of sixty years, John Zeigler, and her family by her side. She is predeceased by her father and mother, Allen M. Stone and Dorothy Dolaway, as well as her sisters Dorothy McKissick and Ann Heiss and her niece Wendy Albertson.

Linda's greatest joy and inspiration was her family. She leaves behind a legacy of love in her dear husband John, their four children: Kimberly Beam (Jeff), Lisa Doyle (Mike), Tracey Gural (Mike), and Mac Zeigler (Linda); eleven grandchildren: Allyson (Dan), Danny (Casey), Mary, Hannah, Bridget, Michael, Thomas, Nicholas, Kelsey, Hailey, and Kaitlyn; and three great-grandchildren: Jackson, Emerson and Collins. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews: Richard, Janice, Betsy, Tucker, and Allen who were raised alongside her and her sister Ann, by her oldest sister. Dorothy helped her father raise her younger sisters when the girls lost their mother (Linda was just two years old at the time). In addition, she is survived by her nephew Scott Heiss and brothers-in-law Bud Heiss and Ernie Zeigler. She will be missed by a myriad of close friends and family.

Linda treasured her life with John, her high school sweetheart. Linda and John settled in Willingboro, NJ, in 1967. While being a stay-at-home mother to their four children, she also quickly became an integral part of the Willingboro community as a Brownie and Girl Scout Troop leader, substitute teacher, and member of the Methodist Church.

Linda's greatest joy and passion was her family. If her family needed her, she moved mountains to be there for them. She loved having everyone together celebrating birthdays, holidays, and special celebrations. Her favorite memories were the yearly vacations she planned for the whole family in Ocean City, NJ. She never missed an event for her children or grandchildren. She attended countless sporting events, concerts, and plays along with pre-proms, graduations, and visits to colleges. She was so proud of them all. Education was another one of her great passions, and she knew early on that she would become a teacher. After moving to Moorestown in 1978, Linda finally completed her dream to be a teacher and graduated from Trenton State College with her BA in Education. She was so happy to be able to raise her children in the wonderful Moorestown community and quickly became an active community member. Her and John's first mission in town was to get a girls' soccer program started both in the town (a travel team) and at the high school. In the fall of 1980, girls' soccer had their first season in the high school and the first girls' travel soccer team, the Moorestown Blazers, began their first of many seasons. Linda and her assistant coach, Gail, led the Blazers to many winning seasons and tournaments. Their biggest accomplishment was winning the Willingboro Invitational Soccer Tournament. When not coaching, she was the biggest and loudest cheerleader. Many people knew she was there before seeing her!

Linda was a force of nature since she was little – incredible in so many ways. She was so caring, kind, and giving. As a teacher, she extended that spirit to her students and their families as well as her colleagues. She was a valued colleague who could always be counted on to provide sound guidance. She always saw the big picture and worked hard for the school community. She valued education and championed fairness, equality, and equity for all students.

As a teacher and tutor for over thirty-five years, she touched many young lives and found true joy in knowing she could and did make a difference in their lives. She was a rigorous, but loving and fair teacher. Working tirelessly to

help those in need, she seemed to have boundless energy. She continued to keep in touch with many of her past students from Beverly and Moorestown, where she spent most of her teaching years. Linda retired from Moorestown Schools as a 6th grade math teacher in 2011 but continued to tutor and share her love of math until 2019. Her drive and passion for getting the best education possible for all inspired her to run for the School Board. She served on the MTPS School Board for several years including terms as Vice-President and President.

When she wasn't teaching or with her family, she could be found at her kitchen table sharing a cup of tea with friends, doing crossword and Sudoku puzzles and chatting on the phone. Anyone who knew her, knew that she loved to talk, and nothing was a short conversation. She was very sociable and loved spending time with her friends, always interested in what was happening in their lives and helping in any way that she could. A pot of the Queen's favorite tea was always ready to be brewed and a tin of butter cookies lay ready to be shared with any who visited. There was always room for one more at her table. We will remember her generous spirit and warm, bright light. She made a loving difference in so many lives. Linda will shine in our hearts forever.

Funeral service Monday 11:30 am at the First United Methodist , 446 Camden Ave. Moorestown, NJ

Visitation Monday 10:30 to 11:00 am at the Church.

Interment Private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you please consider a donation to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Samaritan Hospice, or a children's hospital of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

**PRIVATE INTERMENT**

# Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Zeigler*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *Linda was my next door neighbor at the UES. We were on different teams, but our rooms were next to one another for many years. I couldn't have asked for a more caring neighbor and colleague. We chatted, shared materials ("do you have some extra markers I might borrow?") and recipes (she absolutely loved the Seven Layer Magic Bars that I sometimes made around the holidays).*

*We exchanged ideas about all kinds of things. Linda once wandered into my room after school and spotted me on a chair, tip toes, trying to reach something I'd placed way up high in a corner cupboard.*

*"Kathy, what if you fall?!!" She proceeded to explain that my chair should have the back to the side or to the front and not placed directly behind me. That way, if I did lose my balance, I would be able to more easily jump down. To this day I practice her safety tip and have shown my grandchildren as well.*

*Finally, if you ever needed perspective or some helpful advice, Linda was that person. She was a steady thoughtful presence to all who knew her.*

*Linda will always be a part of my wonderful memories at the UES; her caring nature, her love of teaching, and, above all else, her unconditional love for her family.*

Kathy Ceccarelli - August 14, 2023 at 09:36 AM

CG

“ So very sorry to hear of Linda’s passing. She was a very kind, smart and loving person. I hope John, Kim, Lisa, Tracey, Mac and the whole family find peace. Your memories are a blessing  
Love, Carol Goldberg ❤️🙏

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**Carol Goldberg** - August 11, 2023 at 07:39 PM

JH

“ Words cannot express all that was Linda. She was a true force of nature. Linda made a difference. She wasn’t theoretical about it. She rolled up her sleeves and did it. She listened and gave wise advice. She could always see the big picture and was the kind of friend who would honestly tell you when you were wrong and guide you to what was right without judgement.

*She always cared about other people. She cared with action and with a big heart. I could list a million small moments of Linda taking a child who was struggling (or a colleague) aside and quietly encouraging them. She never wavered from fighting the good fight.*

*There was always room at Linda’s table. She welcomed everyone and treated us all as family.*

*She will leave a space in this world that only she could fill. I am better for having known her.*

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**Juliann Hanson** - August 11, 2023 at 03:39 PM

KP

“ Linda was a beautiful person, a wonderful friend and colleague. When I had my second child, I was having a difficult time transitioning back to work. I also was moved to her grade level (6), which made my situation much more stressful. She welcomed me to the grade level with open arms. She had a gathering at her house with my new team to help me feel more confident and comfortable. She also set me up with Tracey who is also an angel that entered my life. Tracey took care of my children while I worked. I am so grateful that Linda and her family are a part of my life. I will be forever thankful! I will also always remember Linda's song for rounding numbers... "5,6,7,8,9 change the underline". Every time I use it I laugh and think of her. Now, this laughter will add a tear, but there will still be laughter, because she will for sure be laughing with me...

Karen Palena - August 10, 2023 at 08:28 PM



“ Mrs. Ziegler was my elementary school teacher in Beverly City. She always believed in me when i didn't believe in myself. I am blessed to have had her involved in my life ! I will definitely miss her, but she'll always have a place in heart !



Terrance Benson - August 09, 2023 at 10:01 PM

CD

“ As a colleague and friend of Linda, one of my fondest memories of her, besides being an excellent, dedicated teacher, is the love she had for her family. I always admired her for that as well as her love for the Moorestown community-her students, students’ parents and fellow friends and colleagues.  
My deepest condolences to her loving family. My thoughts and prayers will be with Linda and all of you.  
In sympathy, Cheryl Diviney

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**Cheryl Diviney** - August 09, 2023 at 09:27 PM

RP

“ I first met Linda in 1973, we were Brownie mothers together. Linda was a true friend and I’m so happy to have known her.

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**rae Philson** - August 09, 2023 at 08:31 PM