



Linda M. Schmidt

December 20, 1947 - September 14, 2019

Linda Marie Schmidt Age 71, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 14, 2019. Born in Euclid, Ohio to Donald and Agnes (Dougherty) Blakeley, Linda attended St. Roberts' Catholic School, Euclid High School, and Lakeland Community College. Linda married Robert Ralph Schmidt on December 28, 1968. She lovingly raised two children while rising to prominence as one of the nation's leading youth violence experts, starting her career with the Cleveland Task Force on Violent Crime. Her work gained the attention of the FBI's Cleveland Field Office, where she previously worked in the late 1960s. Upon her return to the FBI, she formed one of the Bureau's first community outreach programs. As an FBI Community Outreach Specialist, Linda trained law enforcement, healthcare, education, and policy professionals how to prevent the spread of violence in their communities. Linda particularly valued chairing the Outreach Committee of the Northern Ohio Hate Crimes Working Group. Linda later transferred to the FBI's Cincinnati Field Office, at the request of the incoming Special Agent in Charge, to expand the Office's Community Outreach Program, notably through her management of the FBI Citizens' Academy. Linda co-authored *Gangs and Law Enforcement*, wrote a WWII biography, presented and published nationally, and received numerous community service awards. Linda loved her family and the communities she served. Linda was driven yet selfless, tough yet kind, and above all an inspirational and dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. Linda is survived by her husband, Robert, son

Michael (Samantha) Schmidt, daughter Kimberly (Matthew) Munafo, and grandchildren Alden, Isabelle, Lennox, Frank, Alexander, Julien, and Rosalie as well as cherished brothers- and sisters-in-law and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins. Family and friends are invited to a visitation to celebrate Linda's life from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at Weigel Funeral Home 980 NW Washington Blvd., Hamilton, OH 45013. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 20, 2019 at St. Peter in Chains Catholic Church 382 Liberty Ave., Hamilton, OH 45013, with Father Rob Muhlenkamp, Officiant. A private burial service will be held at All Souls Cemetery in Chardon, OH. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the FBI Cincinnati Citizen's Academy Alumni Foundation, P.O. Box 15142, Cincinnati, OH 45215. Online condolences are available at www.weigelfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Weigel Funeral Home
980 N.W. Washington Blvd.
Hamilton, OH 45013
(513) 892-1524
<https://www.weigelfuneralhome.com/>

A Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter in Chains Catholic Church
451 Ridgelawn Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45013

Tribute Wall

MM

“ *A bright light is out on earth but now helps lighten heaven.*

I sat in the back seat of Bob and Linda's car for years, carpooling downtown. Got to know both and enjoyed it. She was bright, funny and headstrong. Bob was quiet and determined. Quite a couple. I have fond memories.

Mark Mazzolini - September 19, 2019 at 06:01 PM

WS

“ *It was just over 47 years ago, the end of August, and my 21st birthday. There weren't many people around and Linda wanted to make sure her brother-in-law had a good 21st birthday. So, while juggling a toddler, a new household, and a one-salaried budget, she had me as a guest. My brother was so proud of her. Even in her kitchen apron she looked marvelous. For you see, my sister-in-law was not just beautiful, she was a stunner. And my brother knew he had a catch. When he first met her, he said she was the most beautiful of a group of other girls.*

William Schmidt - September 19, 2019 at 09:36 AM

BP

“ *I worked with Linda while she was in Cleveland in the late 90's. I worked at WOIO-TV and we produced many video projects for the FBI.*

She loved The Wizard of Oz! We chatted about that movie many times. She loved being a grandma. Her expertise on subjects was overwhelming and admirable. Her bright smile was calming. She will be missed by many.....

Brian Panek

Brian Panek - September 18, 2019 at 05:55 PM

CP

“ I had the honor and joy of working with Linda in her role with the FBI 2002-2004 on the International Children's Games and later as part of the FBI Citizens Academy and Foundation Board. I respected, admired and appreciated her beyond words. I will ALWAYS remember Linda.

Carol Payto

Carol Payto - September 18, 2019 at 05:07 PM

SG

“ Although I wasn't around you all that much, I am so happy for the times I did get to spend with you. Your smile and your laughter always brightened the room. You can Rest in Peace Linda knowing the Lord will hold your loved ones in his embrace.

Sherry Geurin - September 18, 2019 at 09:48 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda M. Schmidt .



September 18, 2019 at 09:27 AM

CE

“ This wonderful woman led an important life and I know she will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and others whose lives and work she touched. My sincere best wishes and prayers for all.
Curt Ellison

Curtis W Ellison - September 17, 2019 at 09:58 AM

SB

“ *Stan Borgia, FBI, SAC (Ret) and Beverley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Linda M. Schmidt .*



Stan Borgia, FBI, SAC (Ret) and Beverley - September 17, 2019 at 07:52 AM

MA

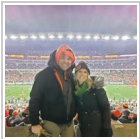
“ *Our Prayers for you guys. Mark, Linda & Chris Arnold*

Mark Arnold - September 17, 2019 at 06:37 AM

MS

“ *Dear Rob and family
My prayers and thoughts are with you all. I will miss our little get-togethers. I am so grateful to have been able to spend time with my dear friend over the last few years. Our years together at St. Robert's are part of my cherished memories.
Madeline*

Madeline Scarniench - September 16, 2019 at 10:22 PM



“ *Our heart-felt condolences to the family of this American hero. Linda's service to our nation, and commitment to law enforcement has been an inspiration to many. Aubrey and I share in Matt and Kim's grief at Linda's passing. May she rest in peace in the presence of God in heaven. Most Respectfully, Bryan Corcoran, LtCol USMC (Ret.)*

Bryan Corcoran - September 16, 2019 at 08:29 PM

PM

“ *Kim ,Matt, and Family,
Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your
mother.
Sincerely,
Nick and Pat Munafo*



Patricia Munafo - September 16, 2019 at 07:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Linda M. Schmidt .*



September 16, 2019 at 03:15 PM