

LINDA GRACE (ODOM) BYE

July 21, 1948 ~ February 14, 2022 (age 73)

Linda Grace Bye, 73, of Wheatland, Wyoming passed away peacefully in Englewood, Colorado on Monday, February 14, 2022. Linda was born Wednesday, July 21, 1948, in Oakdale, California to Clifford and Bernadean Odom (Osborne). Linda grew up in that small community, climbing trees, and playing baseball with her brother, Allen Odom, her close friend, Renee Anderson, who was more like a sister.

At the mere age of 16, Linda married the man she was crazy about, Eugene Bye, on August 19, 1964, at the Chapel of the Bells in Reno, Nevada. They later welcomed two children into the world, David and Kathy. When her kids were growing up, Linda enjoyed sewing clothes for her children and making matching outfits for Kathy's dolls. She also knitted Barbie outfits for Kathy.

Linda and Eugene moved to Wyoming in 1979. She worked at the Town and Country store in Guernsey in the early 80's and later started doing home interior decorating and became a district sales manager for Avon. She won several sales awards in her time with Avon. On June 7, 1999, Linda started as a sales representative with Wyoming Newspapers, Inc. In her nearly 23 years as a sales representative, she tried to retire three different times. On January 19, 2022, she was finally able to retire for good, having crossed paths with many people in her years of sales, but in the end walked away with two special friends, Vicki Hood and Bailey Ervin.

In her spare time, Linda loved shopping morning, noon, and night, with her daughter, granddaughters, and great granddaughters. She valued collecting memorabilia and putting together shadow boxes for her children and grandchildren. Linda is remembered for being a homemaker; her cooking was like none other; she could set a table with the best of them and could always manage to pull an event together in a short period of time. She truly enjoyed genealogy. Over the years, she gathered family history on both sides of her family and made family trees that she passed onto her children.

Linda had a special place in her heart for her four grandchildren! She provided them with warmth and comfort, taught them to have strength and dignity no matter the circumstances, and made sure they cleaned up for even the simplest occasions. She always welcomed them with a smile and a twinkle in her eye that cannot be forgotten.

Linda is preceded in death by her parents, Clifford Odom and Bernadean Schlotfeldt; and her brother, Allen Odom.

Linda will be greatly missed by her husband, Eugene Bye of Wheatland; son, David Eugene (Lisa) Bye of Guernsey; daughter, Katherine Ann Montgomery of Hartville; granddaughters, Ashley Ann (Jesse) Montgomery of Fort Collins, Colorado and Carlie Breanne (Nick) Vasconcellos of Douglas; grandsons, Austin James (Heidi) Montgomery of Torrington, Wyoming and Hunter David Bye of Guernsey; great granddaughters, Breckyn Reece Jones, Hadley Grace Jones, Corey Rose Hortenstine and Tacyn Rose Montgomery.

A viewing will be held Thursday, February 24 at 1:00 P.M. and a memorial service being held at 2:00 P.M., both to be held at Gorman Funeral Home – Platte Chapel. Immediately following the services, a burial will be held at the Wheatland Cemetery with a reception held after, at the Memorial Baptist Church, 202 19th Street, Wheatland, Wyoming.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Linda's name to Project Safe, Inc. 1207 9th Street, Wheatland, Wyoming 82201 would be appreciated by the family.



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