



Rev. Linda J. "Lynn" Young

November 23, 1957 - November 18, 2020

WALKERTON – Rev. Linda J. “Lynn” Young passed away on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 in Memorial Hospital following an illness. She was born on November 23, 1957 in Chicago and was 62 years-old at the time of her death.

Lynn lived in the Walkerton area since 1973 coming from Dalton, IL. She was currently the Co-Pastor of the Grace United Church of Christ in Culver and was previously a Professor at Indiana University South Bend. Lynn was also highly active with Creating Change Org and many other LGBTQI+ causes and organizations. She received her Associates degree from Ancilla College, Bachelor and Masters degrees from Indiana University, and a Masters degree in Divinity from Chicago Theological Seminary.

Lynn is survived by her spouse Jen Einspahr of St. Louis, MO; two daughters Kimberly (Jason) Auman of North Liberty and Erica Young of Plymouth; one son Joshua (Ashley) Young of Santa Rosa, CA; six grandchildren Ayanna Soria, Jacob Wardlow, Julie Irvine, BreAnna Young, Paige Bottorff, and Isabelle Young; one sister Sandy (Junior) Bell of Lakeville; and one brother Roy (Bev) Dekker of South Bend. She is preceded in death by her mother Jean (Blunk) Secord and one grandson Kaiden Young. Lynn will be greatly missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The family would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming outpouring of support throughout this difficult time.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at later date after COVID-19

subsidies. Memorial Contributions in Lynn's memory may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ Auntie Lynn you’re already missed more than words could ever express. I will forever cherish our chats, all our inside jokes between me, Erica, mom, and you. You did sooooo much good for any and everybody. You were and still are my “Giving Tree”, I heart you.

Danielle Sauer - December 02, 2020 at 08:31 PM

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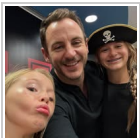
“ You were such a special soul and touched so many lives including mine. I was shocked and sadden to hear of your passing. Your spirit will live on by so many that you loved. Prayers to Jen, family, and friends during this difficult time.

Sara Nunley - December 01, 2020 at 02:22 PM

RH

“ Still trying to process your passing, and quite honestly doing a miserable job. You were pure light and love masquerading as a human being. I will treasure every memory, especially moments in ministry where we finally pulled back the veil far enough to touch the face of the divine. Go in peace, the way of the red road, and guide the rest of us home. Much love to you, my friend! You will be deeply missed.

Rev. Izzy Harbin - November 26, 2020 at 06:57 AM



“ Lynn, you drew a wide circle, but it was also incredibly deep. You touched our lives with your art and teaching, but more importantly with your listening, empathy, love, and understanding. You made us better, by being so good. I will honor your memory by reaching a little deeper to listen, understand, and love those around me.

Craig Schrimsher - November 24, 2020 at 06:59 PM



“ *Sending love and prayers of peace and strength to Rev. Lynn's family. May God comfort you at this time. Their memory will forever be etched in my heart. I'll never forget their gift for embracing everyone without judgement and making anyone feel seen and heard---even when you didn't know you needed that. Acknowledging and affirming my gifts by inviting me to become part of the Creating Change Spiritual Care Team is one example how they made me seen and heard. Their life was gift to the oppressed and forgotten. May their legacy always be remembered.*

RevJason Wilson - November 24, 2020 at 02:02 PM

ND

“ *She was a powerful and bold spirit, a true prophet and there will never be anyone like her. I'm so deeply sorry for her loss - and she leaves a world poorer for her absence, but so much stronger for her lived presence upon it. Love to all of you who mourn and may her memory be a blessing.*

-Nathan Dannison

Nathan Dannison - November 24, 2020 at 01:44 PM

LS

“ *Many fun times together at Koontz Lake and painting the basement room at Grandma Secords house on Koontz Lake. We had fun on the farm too. You will be missed.*

Love, Liz

Liz Schaack - November 21, 2020 at 04:37 PM

GB

“ Professor, educator mentor, artist, drum leader, photographer, grandmother, aunt, mama bear, Native Two-Spirited friend....so many pieces of you I will miss. Never to hear, "SisterG!" shouted from across a space breaks my heart. Know that I love you, my friend. And I will miss you always. Jen, anything you need - just ask. We are here for you always. Prayers for your comfort...

Gail B - November 21, 2020 at 12:19 PM

RM

“ Deepest Sympathies to Jen and Linda's family and friends

REBECCA S MISSLER - November 20, 2020 at 10:50 PM

GM

“ My deepest sympathies to Jen and to Lynn's large and amazing family. Lynn's impact will live on through them and many others.

Gwunn Mettetal - November 20, 2020 at 09:46 PM

JJ

“ The memory of Lynn that I cherish is her loving presence--when she talked to you, you knew you were a friend. Her smile was illuminating- in my opinion, she was love incarnate!

Jerry Jankiewicz - November 20, 2020 at 08:36 PM

JL

“ She was an amazing person...so glad I had the chance to know her...she will be truly missed 🌹🌹🌹 Sending prayers for comfort and peace to all her family and friends. ❤️

Jill Larson - November 20, 2020 at 08:12 PM

JC

“ *My deepest sympathies to Jen and all of Lynn's family and dear friends. She was truly a special light in the world.*



Janice E Caudell - November 20, 2020 at 08:08 PM

JF

“ *Thank you, Lynn, for your caring and prayer support for my brother so numerous times. You shared your love unconditionally. May you soar as free and beyond as an eagle.*

Jan Fitterling - November 20, 2020 at 07:16 PM

MK

“ *You dubbed us as In Lak'ech. Is that why this hurts so bad that you are no longer on this earthly plane? My heart is drumming rhythms of grief it has never known this way before. I'm grateful you are my soul sibling. And I miss you terribly. Mak*



Mak Kneebone - November 20, 2020 at 06:51 PM

MK

“ *I met you when Pastor Anne informed me that I was going to ride along in a car on a Church bike ride with a lady I had never met, for an entire day. I was a bit nervous. It was you Lynn, and we never stopped talking. We were Sisters from the beginning and the light in my heart, your light, will never go out. Deepest condolences to an amazing family! My love always!*



Mary Kneller - November 20, 2020 at 06:50 PM

JA

“ *May your journey to the next world be a good one mikoda! My condolences to the family.*

Janis - November 20, 2020 at 11:56 AM

DF

“ *Dawson/Hopkins Family lit a candle in memory of Rev. Linda J. "Lynn" Young*



Dawson/Hopkins Family - November 19, 2020 at 07:42 PM

DF

Lynn, you were a bright shining light on a dark day. You are loved and missed deeply.

Dawson/Hopkins Family - November 19, 2020 at 07:44 PM

PC

“ *Pastor Susan M. Clark lit a candle in memory of Rev. Linda J. "Lynn" Young*



Pastor Susan M. Clark - November 19, 2020 at 04:26 PM