



Linda Ann Varda

September 15, 1960 - June 3, 2025

Linda Ann Varda, 64, of Kingsford, MI passed away Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at her home.

Linda was born September 15, 1960, in Iron Mountain, MI, daughter of the late Edwin and Ann (Poloha) Johnson. Linda attended school in Kingsford, and then Norway, graduating from Norway High School in 1978. She went on to continue her education at Northern Michigan University studying Clothing and Textiles, Graphic Design, and Marketing.

Linda married the love of her life, Robert S. Varda, at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Iron Mountain on September 21, 1991 wearing her mother's vintage wedding dress. Together Linda and Rob spent 28 years together. They enjoyed going for day rides with friends in search of treasures like vintage textiles, antique China, and glassware, which Linda used to decorate their home. Linda and Rob traveled with family taking trips to Florida and other southern get away locations. She also enjoyed spending time at their camp in Vulcan, which she decorated in a rustic vintage flair using treasures she and Rob found along the way. Linda and Rob became cat fans, and rescued a few from the shelter, after Tigger showed up in the parking lot following dinner one evening at Romagnoli's. Perhaps that is why Tigger enjoyed eating spaghetti.

Linda spent 20 years working as a legal secretary at Brouillette Law Office

before moving on to Bay College. There she worked as a student coordinator, doing her favorite thing, assisting students, for over 20 years. She retired from Bay College in March, due to her illness.

Linda was an old movie, especially old black and white movies, fan. She knew all the stars and marveled at the vintage clothing designs worn in the shows. She put her textile and design interests and skills to good use when crafting, sewing, making custom cross stitch designs, and knitting. Linda enjoyed watching birds at her backyard feeders, hosting friends for board game or card nights, going shopping, and she loved watching her Packers.

Family and friends would like to thank Linda's cousin, Mary Beth Edwards, her husband, Lincoln, and their daughter, Amy Johnson, for stepping up and caring for Linda during her illness. Linda was surrounded by the love of family and friends to the end.

She is survived by a sister-in-law, Linda (Mike) Kosovec; a niece, Michelle Barrows (Nathan), two grand nieces, Linnea and Laurel; a brother-in-law, Gary (Carol) Varda; an aunt, Arletta Meysembourg; and many cousins.

Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Robert, and a niece, Lauren.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 am – 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home. Burial will be in Iron Mountain Cemetery Park on Monday, June 16, 2025 at 10:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Almost Home Animal Shelter in Quinnesec.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Linda A. Varda online at www.

ernashfuneralhomes.com.

The family has entrusted Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain, with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **14**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home
901 Carpenter Avenue
Iron Mountain, MI 49801
(906) 774-7676
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com/>

Burial

JUN **16**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Cemetery Park
101 Cedar Ave.
Iron Mountain, MI 49801

Tribute Wall

BM

“ 1 file added to the album Linda



Bridget Murphy - June 16, 2025 at 11:55 AM



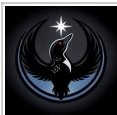
I love this! Thank you for sharing it. Michelle

Michelle Barrows - July 25, 2025 at 02:22 PM

JO

“ *Linda was a joy to work with at Bay College. I had the pleasure of getting to know her through my work with the YMCA and our collaboration with Bay College. Linda was kind, thoughtful, funny and always helpful. She will be missed by the community. Love and prayers with the entire Varda family.*

Jonathan - June 16, 2025 at 08:06 AM



Thank you so much! Michelle

Michelle Barrows - July 25, 2025 at 02:22 PM

TE

“ *Terri lit a candle in memory of Linda Ann Varda*



Terri - June 15, 2025 at 03:31 PM



Thank you! Michelle

Michelle Barrows - July 25, 2025 at 02:23 PM

TE

“ I am grateful to have met Linda while both of us were employed at Bay College. Linda took her work seriously, knowing that her interactions with students seeking assistance, may be their first encounter with college.

Her warm and friendly style left an impression, as many students commented long after they graduated or transferred from Bay College.

I admired Linda's professionalism, and yet I worked at the other end of our Iron Mountain campus, consumed with my respective roles. I enjoyed occasions when we coordinated ways for responding to students' needs; often with a moments notice. Linda's competence resulted in positive results for students, and coworkers.

As years passed, I came to know Linda outside of the workplace, and discovered an unanticipated friendship. After Rob passed away, there were times when Linda would suggest a quick meal at a local restaurant. My husband Bob would join us. Soon I received texts which were often comical as well as inspiring. Apparently, she loved sending inspirational messages to a wide array of friends and family.

Being very creative, Linda began sharing several of her art interests and we crafted a few times. She was often planning her next project.

I share this much because I can't let this opportunity pass without expressing how I learned it's never too late to establish a friendship.

Thank you, Linda, for inviting me into the wholeness of your life, sharing your stories about this wonderful place, recipes, bird photos, your snowshoeing forays behind campus, and so much more!

Bob and I will miss you as we reflect on our times together!
The angels will joyfully embrace your essence!

Always ... Terri and Bob

Terri - June 15, 2025 at 03:27 PM



I love this. Thank you so much for sharing your story! She loved her friends and colleagues so much. Michelle

Michelle Barrows - July 25, 2025 at 02:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Ann Varda.



June 10, 2025 at 11:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Ann Varda.

June 10, 2025 at 11:12 AM



“ Linda, you will be very missed. She was a beautiful soul and wonderful colleague who was devoted to the students of Bay College. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

A colleague - June 09, 2025 at 12:52 PM



Thank you so much! Michelle

Michelle Barrows - July 25, 2025 at 02:27 PM

JL

“ Linda, you were a Dual Enrollment rockstar and I will forever appreciate what you added to my life both personally and professionally. I could count on you to care about every single detail and you cared deeply for each student whose name came up on your screen or whose face showed up at your desk. I will never forget the calls of jubilation when a DE student finally turned in their contract 6 months later. You wanted that opportunity for them more than they wanted it themselves. :) I am so blessed to have known you, Linda, and am so relieved I know that you are now painless, happy, and with the Father.

To her family, bless you for your care of Linda through her final months. I know that is painful and difficult on the body, heart, and spirit yet you were there for her at every step. I wish you peace.

Jessica LaMarch, Bay College

Jessica LaMarch - June 09, 2025 at 09:33 AM



Thank you for sharing. Michelle

Michelle Barrows - July 25, 2025 at 02:29 PM

DE

“ Linda was a great colleague, friend, and one of the hardest workers I've ever known. She wore many hats with grace and brought laughter, warmth and dedication into every day! We shared countless conversations by text, phone and working at events for work. I will treasure them all! Linda had a heart of gold, and everyone who knew her felt her kindness and strength! I am so deeply sorry for your family's loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. My heart is heavy as I will have to miss this Saturday's service. I will be out of town for a fast pitch tournament with one of my kiddos and won't be able to attend. I will visit at the cemetery when I am in the area. Linda will be missed and never forgotten! Miss you, my friend!!
Rest in peace!
Deb from Bay.

Deb - June 09, 2025 at 08:45 AM



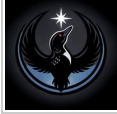
Thank you so much, Deb. I remember her talking about you and your friendship! Michelle

Michelle Barrows - July 25, 2025 at 02:30 PM

DH

“ On behalf of Bay College, we express our sincere condolences on the loss of your loved one and also a key and instrumental employee at Bay College. All of us will truly miss Linda. We share in your loss and send our thoughts and prayers.
In light and love,
Dr. Nerita Hughes
Bay College President and Employees

Dr. Nerita Hughes - June 06, 2025 at 11:40 AM



Thank you so much for your kind words. She really loved working at Bay so much! Michelle

Michelle Barrows - July 25, 2025 at 02:21 PM