



Linda Staggs

March 18, 1961 - June 21, 2009

Linda D. Staggs, age 48, of Apple Creek, went home to be with the Lord, Sunday evening, June 21st, 2009 at her residence surrounded by her loving family.

A Memorial Service of Celebration will be Friday, 11:00 a.m. at Bethel Temple Assembly of God in Canton with Pastor Terry Kirschman officiating. A private interment will take place at the convenience of the family.

Visitation will be Thursday, 4-7 p.m at Custer-Glenn Funeral Home, 2284 Benden Dr., Wooster, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to: Goodwill Industries of Wayne and Holmes Counties, P.O. Box 1188 Wooster, Ohio 44691.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at: www.custerglenn.com.

She was born on March 18, 1961 in Canton, Ohio to John T. and Martha E. (Martin) Daugherty.

She married Gary L. Staggs on June 7, 1997 in Orrville. He survives.

She previously worked for the Employment Training Connection of the Wooster/Wayne County area and most recently as an Employment Placement Consultant for Goodwill Industries in Wooster for many years.

She was a member of Bethel Temple Assembly of God in Canton; enjoyed gardening; loved to spend time at the beach and was an avid animal lover.

In addition to her parents of Massillon, Ohio she is survived by a son, Seth (Danielle) Lehman of Apple Creek, Ohio; a daughter, Aleah (Kent)

Neuenschwander of Dalton, Ohio; 2 grandchildren, Payton Lehman and Grant

Neuenschwander; 2 brothers, John Daugherty and Steven (Rachel) Daugherty all of Canton, Ohio; a sister, Janet (Don) Teubert of Marietta, Ohio; 3 family canine companions, Trudy, Heidi and Sadie; several nieces and nephews; many aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous close friends.

Previous Events

Service

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Temple Assembly of God
711 25th St, NW
Canton, OH

Tribute Wall



“ Gary and family, when I moved to Columbus I lost touch with Linda however she is one of those people that changed my life forever. Her smile and personality were contagious and I have been blessed by knowing such a beautiful person. It was an honor to have her as a friend and I enjoyed meeting with you both and creating your wedding cake. I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Gary, please contact me... 614-827-5178. Love and prayers,
Linda###imported-begin##Linda DeVecka-Bussiere##imported-end##

December 30, 2010 at 03:17 PM



“ thank you linda for all you have for me, you were always there when I needed you may you rest in peace and God Bless also don't worry about us we'll be fine###imported-begin##layne price##imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 08:02 PM



“ I had the privilege of being Linda's high school choir director at Massillon Christian School. Some of my fondest memories of my 20 some years there include Linda and her zest for life, great smile, big heart and musical gift. I send my prayers and heartfelt sympathy to her family. She will be missed here but I know how happy the heavenly choir must be to have her singing with them there! Love in Christ, Sharman Hedges###imported-begin##Sharman Hedges##imported-end##

July 02, 2009 at 09:41 AM



“ Linda was my best friend and I am honored that I was able to spend the last days of her life helping to care for her.

A million time I'll miss you,

A million times I've cried.

If love could have saved you,

You never would have died.

God Bless Gary, Aleah, Seth, their

families and the Daugherty family.##imported-begin##Jamie

Esber##imported-end##

June 29, 2009 at 08:24 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Linda's passing. I think it's so sad for someone who had such a love of life to have had it cut so short. I'm glad to know her. My deepest condolences to Gary and the rest of her family. Sincerely, George Bobish##imported-begin##George

Bobish##imported-end##

Bobish##imported-end##

June 28, 2009 at 07:57 PM



“ My mom use to be good friends with Linda. Becky Stayer. When i heard about the lose of Linda it made me sad. I know what it's like to battle cancer. I've been doing it since the beginning of 2006. My deepest sympathy go out to Seth and Aleah and the rest of the family. I am so very sorry about your loss. I know it must of been a hard long battle! Much love!##imported-begin##Jessy

Heath##imported-end##

Heath##imported-end##

Heath##imported-end##

Heath##imported-end##

Heath##imported-end##

June 27, 2009 at 05:07 PM



“ *Linda (daughter)*

I love you so much! I'm so happy that you will never face the loss of a child but trust that some day God will reunite all of our family again.

I'll miss your constant help with your dad, but God will supply all the support we need here on this life.

Love you, Mom##imported-begin##Marti Daugherty##imported-end##

June 27, 2009 at 03:49 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Fred & Pam Varnes##imported-end##*

June 27, 2009 at 08:12 AM



“ *To the Staggs and Daugherty families I mourn Linda's passing with you. I am glad to know that she is no longer in pain and is experiencing Heaven while we can only imagine what that is like. Glory to God for the life that He gave Linda. He allowed all of us, who love and miss her, the blessing of knowing her while she was with us. She can never be replaced but we have the assurance of being reunited again one day because of our Savior! Linda was always very nice to me and treated me like her little brother when we were in high school. I'll never forget how she would always call me "Bobby" (even recently on FB!). She will be missed but the memories will live on in all of our hearts. Thank you God for allowing me to know Linda even for a brief time on this earth. Thank you for her love for You. And thank You Lord for Linda's spirit and life!##imported-begin##Robert Koellisch##imported-end##*

June 26, 2009 at 11:10 PM



“ You cannot keep a butterfly
her lifetime far too brief
and sent by her Creator
to touch each flower in need

You cannot keep a butterfly
her beauty beyond compare
shining through her eyes and smile
to show how much she cared

You cannot keep a butterfly
her heart alight with love
flying prayers to heaven
sharing hope with everyone

You cannot keep a butterfly
her faith in God so strong
dancing to each day's melody
no matter what the song

We must let go this butterfly
who shed her earthly cocoon
floating free on perfect wings
forever with Him to commune.

Until we meet again, dearest Linda –
my best friend and sister in faith.##imported-begin##Marianne
Riggenbach##imported-end##

June 26, 2009 at 05:52 PM



“ Gary, Aleah and Seth and all the family, I am truly sorry for your loss. I always told Linda that she was my angel and I appreciated everything she did for me. I have read through all these messages to you and your family and found that she was the same person to everyone she came in contact with she always made you feel special when in actuality she was the special one to have so many care about her and feel that she has touched their life in so many ways. I know that I am truly blessed to have been one of the lucky ones that she had no choice but to be friends with because once you met Linda you were her friend. She was there for me and my kids when I needed her and I was there for her when she needed me when she would let me. I remember when she first started chemo she wanted to go and get a wig and asked me to come with her, “I felt special” so I took a day off and that is what we did she said “we are not leaving here without a wig” she tried a lot on and finally we found one that suited her and she told me “I want them to shave it off” I sat there with her while they did and she was so strong not one tear I couldn’t say the same about me but, she was beautiful even then her courage, strength and all around attitude was awesome to witness! I would have done anything for her and she knew that. I loved her like a sister and will miss her terribly. That smile the one that everyone knew they would see when Linda came into the room will be missed by many. She was the best person, and I know I am blessed to have called her my best friend. Linda you were an angel here on earth and like many have said before me God has now given you your wings; There is no one here on earth or in heaven that deserves them more than you!###imported-begin###Diane K. Perry###imported-end###

June 26, 2009 at 01:29 PM



“ Dearest Seth & Aleah;

I don't know if you both still remember me. Your mom and I were best friends before she and Gary got married. Although we never reconnected, I have never stopped remembering the great times the four of you kids spent together (with Joey and Jessica). I am so very sorry to hear about your mom. I know first hand how devastating it can be to watch a loved one struggle with the battle of cancer. Jessy was diagnosed at the age of 18. Although she is now 22 she still continues to fight each and every day. It breaks my heart to think of how devastating it has been for your family to watch Linda's journey. But know this, she loved you two more than life itself. Once again I am sorry for your loss. If you ever want to talk PLEASE call me 330.966.0414 or email me at bfriendly1@juno.com. Go with God Linda. Love your friend forever.##imported-begin##Becky Stayer##imported-end##

June 26, 2009 at 11:51 AM



“ I have so many good memories of being Linda, Janet and John's math teacher at Massillon Christian School. Tom and Marty, you can be so proud of your whole family. We will all miss Linda, but we know she is no longer suffering and is completely healed now. We will continue to pray for you all. God Bless you.##imported-begin##Arlene Martin Broadwater##imported-end##

June 25, 2009 at 11:26 PM



“ Tommy, Marty & family, we send our sympathy & love. Tom and Carolyn##imported-begin##Carolyn Clark##imported-end##

June 25, 2009 at 10:14 PM



“ *Don't go away and leave me behind,
Can't we stop life and just rewind?
I ask the Lord how can this be so,
I don't want you to have to go.*

*I guess I'm selfish in that way,
I want you to be here day after day.
How can I call you on that cell phone of mine,
To ask if you're ready for a glass of wine.*

*We've made memories I'll never forget,
The drying our hair when it was all wet.
Our Columbus trips I'll always hold dear,
The talks that we had along with some cheer.*

*Some say we are like sisters, in how we think,
Being without you is gonna really stink.
We finished thoughts so many times,
Knowing what the other had in mind.*

*As we feel so alone here on earth,
You will be discovering a healthy new birth.
A life that is full of flowers and sun,
With diseases vanished and lots of fun.*

*The good Lord will keep you in his care,
Although I feel it is so unfair.
So Lin, as you leave me and must go,
Just know how much I love you so.##imported-begin##Bonny
Sechler##imported-end##*

June 25, 2009 at 10:10 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss..Just wanted to let you know we're thinking of you at this difficult time..

The Leightys##imported-begin##TOM LEIGHTY##imported-end##

June 25, 2009 at 07:59 PM



“ "Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal."

I pray you are comforted by the memories and the love remembered...

Steve & Kathy Franks##imported-begin##Steve & Kathy Franks##imported-end##

June 25, 2009 at 04:05 PM



“ I went to Massillon Christian School with Linda and I will always remember her as a leader and as a good friend. I know she has battled cancer for many years and now she is home with the Lord and the battle is over. My condolences to her family.##imported-begin##Ed & Billie Jo Muckley##imported-end##

June 25, 2009 at 01:50 PM



“ Tom & Marty,

Our hearts break for you and the entire family. We have been praying for you, but will continue to pray more earnestly now that Linda has "gone home." We love you folks, and cannot imagine the pain you must feel. But we do know that our wonderful Lord will comfort you in the days ahead--until you see Linda again.

Tom & Carol Crowley###imported-begin##Tom & Carol Crowley###imported-end##

June 25, 2009 at 12:12 PM



“ Very sorry to hear of your loss Gary. Our thoughts are with you and your family at this tragic time.###imported-begin##Jeff & Dena Mackey###imported-end##

June 25, 2009 at 08:19 AM



“ My heart was filled with sadness when I received news of Linda's homegoing. Memories of our youth flooded me. One of my favorite memories of Linda was her singing "Give them all to Jesus" Words from an old song gave me comfort. Just think of stepping on shore and finding it heaven! of touching a hand and finding it God's! of breathing in air and finding it celestial! of waking up in glory and finding it home". I pray Gods comfort surrounds Linda's family at this difficult time. *We will see you in the morning Linda*###imported-begin##Loretta Cunningham (Dittmar)###imported-end##

June 25, 2009 at 06:55 AM



“ Seth & Danielle, We are so sorry for the loss of your Mother! Our thoughts and prayers are with you!##imported-begin##Derryl & Linda Troyer##imported-end##

June 24, 2009 at 11:19 PM



“ Gary and Family. So sorry to hear of Linda's passing. She was a very nice person. I will remember the time when you had an Anniveresary Party in your garage, and when I was introduced too Linda, she said, so you are Bob's "old girlfriend". Linda is with the Angels now.##imported-begin##Joe & Marcia(Geiser)Eggleston##imported-end##

June 24, 2009 at 08:38 PM



“ We are saddened with the news of Linda passing on but we know she is in heaven and won't be suffering anymore. Our prayer is for God to comfort the whole family during this difficult time.
God Bless you all,

Kenny Holland##imported-begin##Kenny, Rhonda & Brett Holland
Hampton VA##imported-end##

June 24, 2009 at 07:57 PM



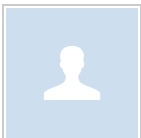
“ If you have seen the most beautiful sunset in the sky, or the beauty of a flower that has just bloomed you would have known what Linda's personality was like. I entered into Linda's life towards the end. Although my time with her was very short I will always treasure it. Anyone who was lucky to be involved in her life was very blessed. As for me God worked through Linda (my Angel) to save me and my dog from being homeless and on the street. Linda and her family continued to bless me for that I will be eternally grateful. I love you all. Linda will be in my heart forever. Be at peace with God our angel we will miss you greatly.##imported-begin##Gary Smith##imported-end##

June 24, 2009 at 05:21 PM



“ Linda taught me, by association, that there really are positive, caring, and loving people in this world. She always had a smile for me, and took the time to talk and figure-out solutions. I will greatly miss her. She was such a blessing. She was a wonderful person. God bless her family, and I'm sorry for your loss. She was such an inspiration.##imported-begin##Ann Howard##imported-end##

June 24, 2009 at 12:21 PM



“ Just want you to know that there are many, many people praying for all of you. May God give you the strength and courage to get through this difficult time!
You are in my thoughts and my prayers!
Love you and thinking of you!##imported-begin##Ralph & Vi Dunnerstick##imported-end##

June 24, 2009 at 10:59 AM



“ We just want the family to know that our prayers and thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##John & Phyllis Gordon##imported-end##

June 24, 2009 at 09:44 AM



“ I got to know Linda working for AWS, while she was working in Employment Services with Goodwill. She was the most fun loving and caring person that I have ever met. She always had a smile on her face, and was so willing to help anyone in the world. Linda will be greatly misses by many people. She was a joyous person to be around and a great mentor. My familys' thoughts and prayers go out to you. Linda was a great person.##imported-begin##Tammy and Tim Butcher##imported-end##

June 23, 2009 at 10:13 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this difficult time. you have our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Iana & Ionnie freeman##imported-end##

June 23, 2009 at 09:51 PM



“ It is like a bright flame has been extinguished with Linda's passing. There has not been a better friend, coworker, job developer, helper of those who are disabled, and most of all, there's not a better human being. Let us all remember her selfless sacrifice, taking that horrible chemo, being brave, tolerating the sickness...all for the love of her children and unborn grandchildren. She lived to see them born and loved them and that is all she wanted. She endured- and perservered many long years. We will miss her smile, her contagious laughter and her genuine love for others. Brenna said to me today "Mom, Girls night out won't be the same without Linda." I agree- nothing will be the same. Our condolences to Gary, Linda's children, their spouses, and those precious little grandbabies she fought so hard to see.

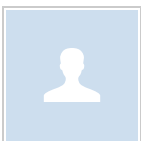
Take care.##imported-begin##Julie and Brenna Hartzler##imported-end##

June 23, 2009 at 08:38 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathies to Gary and the family.##imported-begin##Diane Burkhart Reese##imported-end##

June 23, 2009 at 08:16 PM



“ We were shocked and saddened about Linda. So very sorry for your tremendous loss. She was such a warm, outgoing, vital person who will always be missed by all who knew her. The Lord has truly called one of his angels home. We are thinking and praying for you all. Ron and Becky Trivette##imported-begin##Rebekah Trivette##imported-end##

June 23, 2009 at 06:49 PM



“ Linda, you've always been angel but He has finally given you wings to go with your sweet soul. Your smile brightened every room and your laugh will always ring through my ears, but the thing I'll miss the most is your never-ending kindness to my mother and I. You were and always will be a blessing to this world and I'm praying that He's going to carry your family through this time as well. Thank you for everything.##imported-begin##Chelsea Smith##imported-end##

June 23, 2009 at 06:25 PM



“ What a wonderful soul. Although I came to you for help in a professional forum, you turned out to be a great friend. I don't think I've ever met a more compassionate person. Heaven's gain is a great loss to those of us who were given the honor and privilege to share some time with you Linda.##imported-begin##Jef Lombardi##imported-end##

June 23, 2009 at 03:59 PM



“ Staggs Family: Please accept my condolences for the loss of Linda. I will miss her bright smile and positive attitude.. No matter what came her way! I enjoyed getting to know her over the years and was so sorry to hear her cancer had come back with such a vengeance. She will be forever the reason that I Relay. In her memory. I had known her when I worked for the American Cancer Society and then again when I joined the college and the Wayne Area HR Association where she was also a member. She was always a vital member of whatever she was involved in and she was a very proud mother and grandmother! I hope you can find some comfort in that thought. She was an incredible lady with a zest for life and will be sadly missed by many.##imported-begin##Nan Whitset##imported-end##

June 23, 2009 at 03:16 PM



“ To all of Linda's family- we are saddened to hear of Linda's death and homegoing. We've been praying for your families since following Linda's condition more recently on Janet's facebook. God seems to let us carry a burden for you, our friends knowing the burden you have carried. What a precious thing to see so many others' comments of the love God gives for eachother. We love you and want you to know of our continued care and prayers for you all. Thank God for the blessed hope (assurance) of seeing our loved ones in Christ again some sweet day!###imported-begin##Dan and Cindy Hargrove###imported-end##

June 23, 2009 at 01:36 PM



“ Linda was truly a wonderful person and I loved her very much. I will miss her terribly, but I know she is smiling down on all of us. Linda's laugh was infectious and she laughed freely. Linda loved life and and the one wish she wanted more than anything before the Lord took her was to be a grandmother. I am so thankful that Linda lived to see her granddaughter and grandson. Linda will be greatly missed and in my heart forever.###imported-begin##Kim Yost###imported-end##

June 23, 2009 at 11:11 AM



“ We are all thinking of each of you, praying for each of you during this difficult time. She was loved by so many of us, lived a life that so many of us want to aspire to. Her compassion, faith, love of her family and life are true testimonies of what a wonderful soul Linda was (and is!). She is now in Christ's arms, and will never stop loving those she has left behind. I will miss her sense of humor and everything that defines who she was. She hung in there for the babies. I hope they some day, understand just how much she went through out of pure love for her children, family and to meet her grandchildren. She taught us that God does give miracles! God bless you all!##imported-begin##Kelly Greaves##imported-end##

June 23, 2009 at 09:38 AM



“ Linda always shared a sweet spirit. I will miss her, but also know she is "dancing" in heaven with our Lord. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. May God bless you with his Presence and Peace now and in the days ahead.##imported-begin##Verna Mooney##imported-end##

June 23, 2009 at 09:35 AM



“ *Irish Funeral Prayer*

Death is nothing at all. It does not count.

I have only slipped away into the next room.

Everything remains as it was.

The old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged.

Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.

Call me by the old familiar name.

Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.

Put no sorrow in your tone.

Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.

Play, smile, think, of me pray for me.

Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.

Let it be spoken without effort

Life means all that it ever meant.

It is the same as it ever was.

There is unbroken continuity.

Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?

I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner.

All is well. Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.

One brief moment and all will be as it was before.

How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting, when we meet again.

*Linda, I will miss you my friend, my sister, our girls' night out. Love,
Karen##imported-begin##Karen S. Daugherty##imported-end##*

June 23, 2009 at 09:22 AM



“ To the Staggs Family,

I knew Linda through my sister Diane and we (my son and I) loved the way Linda loved her friends and was ALWAYS there for her. Linda you will be missed. My sympathy to the family.

Denise & Pearce###imported-begin##Denise Perry & Pearce Perry###imported-end##

June 23, 2009 at 08:48 AM



“ *I will miss Linda. She made such an impact on my life because even though I was younger then her she took the time to spend with me. Then she allowed me to watch her kids. Her smile will be missed. To her family left behind remember the verses about the great cloud of witnesses. She is there now cheering us on! What a great thought and then Psalm 61:2b When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the rock that is higher than I. The Lord will take all the prayers of your friends and family and carry you through this time. I love you all!###imported-begin##Amy Towle###imported-end##*

June 23, 2009 at 07:50 AM



“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin##Steve and Ruth Ann Schlabach###imported-end##*

June 23, 2009 at 06:53 AM



“ *The thing I will remember most about Linda, is her never ending smile, and that contagious laugh of hers. Even in high school her smile, and that wonderful laughter were the first things you noticed about her. She will be missed!*

My prayers go out to her parents, her brothers, sister, husband, children and grandchildren, who so deeply loved her. May God comfort your hearts during this time of great loss. Please know you are not alone in your grief.##imported-begin##Marilyn Hutton##imported-end##

June 22, 2009 at 11:16 PM



“ *It's amazing to me how Facebook brought Linda and I back in contact with each other so many years after high school, if only for a short time. I still have the 1st place trophy that we won together at the Northeastern Ohio Youth Fellowship in 1979 and will now cherish it even more. May God fill you with His love, just as He now holds Linda in His arms.##imported-begin##Steve Hodgson##imported-end##*

June 22, 2009 at 10:31 PM



“ *Precious Linda, you are now with our Lord. Smiling as you walk in glory land. Probably singing as you go. We all loved you so much but now rejoice in your freedom from pain. Love to family. We continue to surround you with prayer and the grace of God to sustain you and will be there to celebrate with you.##imported-begin##John and Carol Russell##imported-end##*

June 22, 2009 at 09:23 PM



“ We will miss Linda.##imported-begin##Debbie (Holland), Donald, Ethan & Elaina Ford##imported-end##

June 22, 2009 at 09:07 PM



“ Linda was a wonderful friend. She was truly a gift of God. I always told her that had blessed her richly with many miracles and that He had a true plan for her life. In life our paths cross and we meet and interact with different friends that come and go. Rarely do you have the good fortune of having a friend for life. Linda was my dear friend for nearly 36 years. She was person that gave so freely and was always in an upbeat mood. She had a unbroken spirit and a zest for life with family and friend. She will be greatly missed. Linda has given so much and she has helped me be the person I am today. I love her dearly and will see her again someday. I celebrate the fact that we will meet again and I will have the chance to have her as a dear friend once more. For her husband Gary may God comfort you with her passing. My God hold Aleah, Seth and their families in his arms, Tom and Marty you are in my thoughts and prayers, Janet, John and Steve look to the Lord who gives us strength and he will see you through. You are in our thoughts and prayers##imported-begin##Robin and Jeff Seemann##imported-end##

June 22, 2009 at 05:29 PM