# Linda Joyce Kaufman

April 9, 1943 - April 21, 2019

Linda Joyce Kaufman, 76, died Sunday, April 21, at Goshen Hospital after an extended illness.

She was born April 9, 1943, in Louisville, Kentucky, to Thomas Ansel and Catherine Leah (Wentzel) Fletcher.

She graduated from Normandy High School, St. Louis, Missouri, and attended St. Luke's Nursing School, graduating first in her class in 1964.

She married Arlan D. Kaufman, June 11, 1966.

Linda was a longtime resident of Newton, Kansas, where she raised a family with husband Arlan, worked as a nurse and attended Faith Mennonite Church.

After moving to Goshen, Linda attended Assembly Mennonite Church and lived at Evergreen Place, Greencroft, where she enjoyed their social activities.

She was a lifelong learner and instilled the value of education in her children and others. Even in retirement, she attended Goshen College Lifelong Learning classes and was an avid reader. She enjoyed playing games, doing word puzzles and helping others. She adored her grandchildren and crocheted blankets for each of them. She also enjoyed tending her small garden and flowers.

She is survived by her husband, Arlan Kaufman, formerly of Newton, Kansas; three children, Michael (Sonja) Kaufman, Lawrence, Kansas, Cheryl (Brian) Mast, Goshen, and David (Sydney) Kaufman, St.

Louis, Missouri; eight grandchildren, Mariah, Mikayla and Sophia Kaufman, Mackenzie, Tristan and Toby Mast and Cole and Adler Kaufman; and six siblings, Jim (Cathy) Fletcher, Lees Summit, Missouri, Tom (Jackie) Fletcher, Gail (Dan) Harashe, Mark (Jayme) Fletcher, Judi O'Mara and Scott Fletcher, all of St. Louis, Missouri; and sister-in-law Donna (Harry) Neufeld, North Newton, Kansas.

A celebration of life memorial service will be begin at 3 p.m. May 25 at the Gathering Place at Evergreen Place, 1300 Greencroft Drive, Goshen.

Memorials may be given to the patient assistance fund at Goshen Health Center for Cancer Care, c/o Goshen Health Foundation, P.O. Box 139, Goshen, IN 46527 or Assembly Mennonite Church, 727 New York St., Goshen, IN 46526.

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