



Linda Lee Samera

April 20, 1961 - February 4, 2021

Linda Samera was born on April 20, 1961 at Fort Mead in Maryland, an Army brat. She was the third youngest child of Hugh and Tomi Daffin. She died in Vacaville on February 4, 2021. She is survived by her husband Daniel Samera and their daughters Casey and Carly. She is also survived by her parents Hugh and Tomi Daffin and her siblings Shirley Daffin, Joanne Dumapay, and David Daffin. She is survived by her brother-in-law Mike Dumapay, and nephews Steven, Dylan, and Bryan Dumapay.

As a child, she lived on Army bases in Texas, California, and Japan. She lived twice on the island of Okinawa, attending Mercy Elementary School, Pacific Middle School, and Kubasaki Highschool. She graduated from Galileo Highschool in San Francisco, California and attended San Francisco State for a year.

While at Kubasaki, she met the love of her life, Daniel Samera. Yes, that's right; high school sweethearts, still together 45 years later. They lived together for many years in San Francisco and then married in 1985. They moved to Fairfield a few years after the birth of the first child, Casey. While contemplating adoption, they were delighted when Linda became pregnant with their second daughter Carly. Linda was a loving, protective, and wise mother to her daughters. She was also a doting animal lover and had cats and dogs in her home always. When Casey and Carly were attending Rolling Hills Elementary school, Linda volunteered for the school PTO and became its president. She is remembered by fellow volunteers as a dedicated and strong leader with a sense of humor and an ability to effectively manage a variety of challenges. She was a tireless fund raiser who made sure the students had "top notch supplies and teachers had well stocked classrooms. "She was a godsend to work with as a volunteer; fair, calm, and a solid team leader." She continued to volunteer as President even after Carly and Casey no longer attended the school, because no one else volunteered and she wanted to ensure the continuation of the PTO. Even after she had left the organization, she called a former PTO member and asked her to volunteer with her at an event for which no one had signed up to work. Her dedication to children and their education was an ongoing passion for her. Being part of the PTO was one of her favorite things.

Linda is remembered by her family and many friends and co-workers of the past 40 years for her warmth, humor, and willingness to go beyond her job description to make wherever

she landed a smoother, happier place to be. She is also remembered for the many times she went out of her way to help others or comfort them in times of sorrow. She's been described as a favorite of many.

Linda would say her proudest achievement is raising her two daughters to be strong, resilient young women. She would also tell you that it is better to be kind, generous, and forgiving, because in the end it is all about the quality of the connections we make with our friends and families, and the rewards of being well-loved and well-remembered. She would tell us to enjoy every moment of life, from the small to the big. She would remind us that, for all the sorrow that surrounds us, it is still a beautiful world.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, a private memorial service is scheduled for Feb 16, 2021 at 5 pm. The service will also be live-streamed. A family only, private burial takes place on February 18, 2021.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Oh Danny, I'm so sorry - I just heard about Linda yesterday! There are no words...I know. I just lost my wife, Debbie Hartwell Sakai, to cancer 10 wks ago. I know how paralyzing it can be. I pray for peace for you and your girls. I've got two daughters as well and a son. You and I probably haven't spoken since high school but I felt compelled to send my condolences after hearing the tragic news. I didn't know your side of the family but I did the Daffin side for obvious reasons. My condolences to Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Daffin, Mike and Joanne, and David.

Jimmy

Jim Sakai - March 19 at 09:03 PM

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“ Joy Tomlinson lit a candle in memory of Linda Lee Samera



Joy Tomlinson - February 16, 2021 at 10:11 AM