



Linda Oltrogge

April 1, 1948 - January 25, 2026

LINDA (BAKER) OLTROGGE, CFHS CLASS OF 1966, died January 25, 2026, while in the compassionate care of the hospice program at UnityPoint hospital in Waterloo, Iowa. She fought like a warrior for many years dealing with multiple medical issues, and in the end, it was her heart and kidney issues that she couldn't defeat.

She was born April 1, 1948, the daughter of Carol Charles "C.C." and Margie Ellen (Noe) Baker. She worked as a sewing machine operator at Waterloo Tent and Tarp for 30 years, retiring in April of 2011. She was united in marriage to Gregory Lehmkuhl in 1969 and later divorced. She then married Rollie Oltrogge on September 5, 1993, in Morrison, IA. He died April 21, 2010. She was active working on genealogy since 1993 for the surnames Baker, Noe, Schulz, Oltrogge, and Dammon, was an avid Dean Koontz and Stephen King reader and hand-stitched numerous counted cross stitch projects winning numerous awards at the Iowa State Fair and Cattle Congress.

She is preceded in death by both of her parents and two of her brothers as well as her husband Rollie.

She is survived by her only child Dawn Lehmkuhl Shipp, her sister Debbie Wymore, two brothers Kenny and Larry, one grandson Cody Kohls, and her three great grandchildren Kash, Elon, and Ethan.

For the record, this obituary was written by Linda because she didn't want anybody else to write about her life because she lived her life on her terms, so she wrote her obituary her way.

Cemetery Details

Harlington Cemetery

1001 1 St SW
Waverly, IA

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BJ

“ To Lindy's Family You are in my thoughts and prayers for the loss of Lindy, she was one hell'va woman. I'm grateful having the opportunity to have known her, May the memories of her help you all get through this difficult time

Barb Jacoby - January 28 at 12:29 AM

DA

“ What is there to say about the woman that raised you solo, who worked her fingers to the bone at more than one or two or even three jobs so that I could have things and do things, who never complained, who always just made it work, and who scared the beejeesus out of every single one of my friends, and who pretended she believed I was always at the library with Dannette or just spending the night at Diane's when she really knew that we were out raising hell or doing shenanigans?

Thank you for raising me to be authentically myself, to never apologize for who I am or for what I believe in, to take up for those that can't take it up for themselves, and to do the right thing.

Thank you for instilling in me the truth about character --- "when all is said and done and you no longer walk this earth Dawn, remember that people will really only remember you based on how you treated them and others and the character you display in your relationships. You have a name. Make sure that people sing your praises rather than whisper in alleys."

One of the last things you said to me and I quote, "Well, I guess you are Linda 2.0." And then you laughed and laughed.

There are worse things to be than Linda 2.0.

I love you mom.

Dawn - January 27 at 11:51 PM

LB

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Larry Baker - January 26 at 07:50 PM

KB

“ Linda was my sister, my mother since mom passed away in 1991 and most importantly my best friend for the last 74 years. We had our good times and bad times but she was always the one who helped when I needed her. I will love you always. ❤️🙏

Kenneth Baker - January 26 at 01:44 PM

LB

She was a Great Sister and a wonderful person to all she met..Always busy doing something and ready to help when needed.Growing up I remember her always sewing and cutting out patterns to make a blouse or skirt.She was a great help to mom trying to keep order in the house with 4 brothers and a baby sister.We love you and will miss you but you will never be forgotten.Your in no pain now.RIP Sis

Larry Baker - January 27 at 10:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Oltrogge.*



January 26 at 10:41 AM



“ *Larry,Patti,and Nolan Baker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Ellen Oltrogge.*

Larry,Patti,and Nolan Baker - January 26 at 10:41 AM