



## Linda Joan Tomlinson

June 16, 1950 - January 28, 2016

Linda Tomlinson, 65, passed away on January 28. She was surrounded by family and friends. She had a long battle with ovarian cancer, which she fought to the very end.

Linda entered the world on June 16, 1950. She was born to Edward and Joan Mettel in Aurora, Illinois. She was the oldest of 3 children. Linda was a fantastic big sister to her brother, Lonny Mettel and sister, Leanne Mettel. Her family decided to relocate to Florida when she was nine years old.

While attending high school, she found a passion for writing. She was a charter member of FTU and was the creator and first editor of the school newspaper, The Future. While attending FTU, which is now called UCF, she also founded the Eta Kappa chapter of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority and was the first president of the organization. Even after graduation, Linda served as an active alumni member for over 40 years.

Linda also found a passion for something else in high school...Michael Tomlinson. Linda and Mike were married on September 9, 1972. They were devoted to each other for over 44 years. Their marriage was an example of unconditional love and respect. After being married a few years, they had their first daughter Dawn in 1977. Their second daughter Sara came along in 1990. Linda was a caring, gentle and loving mother. She loved parties and

celebrations and was often seen planning every detail to a holiday or birthday party.

Linda touched the lives of every person she met. She always had a warm smile or encouraging words to offer. Throughout her life she had the chance to work at many different jobs. Linda always gave 100% to every job and formed many close friendships while working. She has also had many lifelong friends and has also touched the lives of many in her sorority.

Finally Linda was a doting grandmother to two girls. She spoiled them and gave them tons of love and support. Her battle with cancer was a long one and everyone is relieved to know she is pain-free. Linda is survived by her husband, Michael Tomlinson, her mother-in-law, Edith Tomlinson, her daughters Dawn Barlow and Sara Tomlinson, her son-in-law, Carey Barlow, her granddaughters Hannah and Emily Barlow, her sister Leanne Mettel, brother Lonny Mettel and niece Suzanne Mettel.

Funeral services will be held at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church on Thursday, February 4 at 10:00 am.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

FEB 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church  
4001 Edgewater Drive  
Orlando, FL 32804

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ So sorry to hear this news today. My prayers are with the family and I am grateful to know that Linda is in heavenly peace and free of pain. Peace and blessings.

*Linda Barton-Breda*

*College Park*

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**Linda Barton-Breda** - February 10, 2016 at 07:02 PM

SE

*I have known Linda since Junior High and she lived down the street. We used to play tether ball and go to the Youth Center. I am relieved to know she is no longer in pain. Linda was always so smart and a good spirit. She will be missed. To Mike, Le Anne and Lonnie and rest of family. Know that Linda was a jewel. 💖*

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**shirley evans** - February 11, 2016 at 07:44 AM

PU

“ Prayers for Linda, Brother Mike and all the family from my family and your pike brothers and pike family.

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**Paul Urbanski** - February 04, 2016 at 07:27 PM

RB

“ Our hearts are broken, Linda will be very sadly missed. Our prayer is for Peace for this wonderful family. We Love You, Gran and Pops Barlow

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**Ron and Leona Barlow** - February 03, 2016 at 07:33 PM

JM

“ *Enjoyed working with Linda at FLVS. She was always smiling and a joy to be with. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.* ”



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**Jamie Moran** - February 03, 2016 at 03:11 PM

LJ

“ *Love, Donna and Jennifer purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Linda Joan Tomlinson.* ”



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**Love, Donna and Jennifer** - February 03, 2016 at 06:37 AM

SL

“ *Sue Anne and Dave Lauzen purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Linda Joan Tomlinson.* ”



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**Sue Anne and Dave Lauzen** - February 01, 2016 at 09:02 PM

RC

“ *Rocio Chacon lit a candle in memory of Linda Joan Tomlinson* ”



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**rocio chacon** - February 01, 2016 at 08:17 PM

AH

“ Linda was like a second mom to me growing up. I spent many a weekend at the Tomlinson household. She will be missed dearly. Until we meet again. Love Amy

Amy Hanson - February 01, 2016 at 06:54 AM

PK

“ Linda was my dearest friend of 56 years! My memories I will hold in my heart forever! Linda and I loved having long conversations...we made shopping together so much fun and oh my did she love to plan parties! I will miss you so much...Until we meet again and have the party of all parties in heaven...you will always be my BFF !!

peggy. Kenyon - January 31, 2016 at 06:58 PM

RC

“ Rocio Chacon-Ammon purchased the Pink & White Satin Cross Casket Pillow for the family of Linda Joan Tomlinson.



Rocio Chacon-Ammon - January 31, 2016 at 05:58 PM