



## Ms. M. Linda Loree

July 16, 1946 - January 27, 2014

Linda Loree left this life as she lived it: surrounded by the love of friends and family.

Born in High River, AB, Linda grew up on her family's Midway Ranch north of Nanton. A childhood spent outdoors fostered her lifelong love of nature, animals, athletics, and adventure. She spent as much time on a horse as she did on foot. Indeed, when she began school she was certain that she was a horse. From an early age she experienced the magic in the hills. Summers were spent working alongside her grandmother, Edith Ings, to run the dude ranch at Trail's End, a place that was always dear to her heart.

Linda attended school in Nanton where she developed lasting friendships. She continued her education at Mount Royal College and earned an Honours Degree in English from the university in Nelson, BC. An avid reader and a skillful writer, one of her best qualities was her propensity for open-minded exploration of new thoughts and ideas.

Always adventurous and seeking new experiences, her many travels included hitchhiking to Mexico at seventeen and travelling extensively throughout Europe and Morocco during the 1970s. While in Europe she lived in Switzerland, skiing and cleaning fondue pots. It was there that she met her future husband Michael Hornburg.

Linda raised her children, Rachel and Nathan, in Calgary. She was a loving, imaginative, energetic mother with the ability to make the ordinary special. As one of the founding parents of the Calgary Waldorf School, Linda created a close-knit community of friends that embraced her philosophy of celebrating the whole child—mind, body, and spirit. She devoted herself to her children and was an attentive Granny to her grandchildren, William and Avery. They will remember her for the fun and full sense of love she brought to their lives.

Just as she encouraged high standards in her children, she was on a life-long journey towards bettering herself. Linda was a natural athlete with a particular passion for running and yoga. Nothing slowed her down; she ran the Honolulu Marathon when four months

pregnant and continued yoga until the last day of her life.

Linda exuded a sense of quiet wisdom and grace. She drew on a number of faiths to develop a deep sense of spirituality. A daily meditation practice sustained her rich spirit. She shared her knowledge by opening her home to her friends in Nanton for a weekly meditation sitting. While she learned to sit in silence and still her mind, Linda was also skilled in conscious communication and, at one point, practiced as a Community Building facilitator.

She was ahead of her time in her quest for better health and nutrition. Linda was an exceptionally talented cook. An experienced gardener with a passion for healthy foods and quality ingredients, nourishing her family was one of her constant pleasures. There was thought and love in each of the meals she served. Linda was a vegetarian for 38 years, until returning to the family ranching business in a way that fit her sense of ethics.

In 2003 she returned to her roots in the ranching community of Nanton. With her daughter and son-in-law she began Trail's End Beef. Raising grassfed, grass-finished cattle and direct marketing the beef to customers was a natural fit for Linda, who had a deep environmental conscience. She had the energy and willpower to put her beliefs into action. Running Trail's End was truly a culmination of all of Linda's deepest convictions: a connection to the land, a commitment to the animals, and a close relationship to family.

Linda will be remembered by friends in many walks of life. In Nanton, she was involved in bringing the Nathan Hornburg Memorial Skatepark to fruition; a legacy to be enjoyed by the children of the community. Her military family will remember her for her constant strength and poise. She will be especially missed by her loving family who will continue to feel her magic in the hills.

Linda is survived by her daughter Rachel (Tyler) Herbert and grandchildren William and Avery; her brothers David (Cindi) Loree and Lance (Toby) Loree; her sister Mavis (Gordon) Moon, all of Nanton. She will be sadly missed by her nieces and nephews: Cobi (Brian) Johnston, Steven (Katya) Loree, Katie Zebedee (Patrick Skogman), Brady Loree, Jesse Loree, and Tessa Loree. She will be lovingly remembered by a large extended family in Alberta and BC, cousins in Ontario, and in-laws in Missouri.

Linda is predeceased by her parents William and Constance Loree of Nanton and her mother-in-law Margaret Hornburg of Missouri, and her infant son Jason Chwachka. Sadly, her beloved son, Nathan Hornburg, was killed in action in Afghanistan in September of 2007.

Donations in Linda's memory may be made to the High River Community Cancer Centre or Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan <http://www.CW4WAfghan.ca>

A Celebration of Linda's Life will be held on Saturday, February 15th at 2:00 p.m. at the Nanton Community Centre. To send condolences and view Linda's Tribute Page please visit <http://www.lylereeves.com> . Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (403.652.4242).

# Events

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**FEB**   **Celebration of Life Service**                      02:00PM

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Nanton Community Centre

21st Ave & 18th Street, Nanton, AB, CA, T0L 1R0

# Comments

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“ My sympathies to Linda's family and friends.

**Braeden MacWilliams** - June 01, 2014 at 09:05 PM

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“ Dear Rachel and Family,

Your Mom was a gentle soul with a great inner strength.  
I always enjoyed speaking with her and appreciated her kindness towards us.  
We send you our warmest hugs and we carry sweet memories of your Mom in our hearts.

Love Gloria, Airlia and Bruce (Hansen) (Waldorf Family)

**Gloria Hansen** - February 22, 2014 at 09:23 AM

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“ The webcast for Linda's service is now available via the link below.

<http://webcasts.lifetributes.com/467211>

Please call if you have any questions on accessing the video.

Lyle Reeves Funerals

403.652.4242

**Lyle Reeves Funerals** - February 16, 2014 at 01:53 PM

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“ Dear Loved Ones of Linda

I met Linda when I first moved to Calgary in 1975. I liked her from the moment we met. She had such a vitality for life and her smile would light up the room! We shared a love for healthy living and she was a mentoring friend to me in those early years. My thoughts are with all of you as you continue along life's pathway without her physical presence nearby. She will always be close to you spiritually and in your memories and abiding love. May you have peace in your hearts and find happiness in each day.

With Love From  
Shirley Kucheran



shirley kucheran - February 16, 2014 at 08:17 AM

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“ Linda has taught me so much about cooking and living in the last 15 years that I have known her. We have shared a kitchen many times at Cypress hills and so much of my growth was with her friendship and guidance by my side. I was lucky to spend time out of the kitchen with her in recent years and have been so inspired to the person we all can be. She was honest, caring, and very real. A joy to be around. You will be missed Linda , I am proud to have known you.  
Tara Neifer



Tara Neifer - February 14, 2014 at 09:32 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Linda in early years



**Kathy Taerum** - February 11, 2014 at 12:15 AM

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“ Very saddened to hear of Linda's passing. What a great lady! My mother Lois and I met Linda in one of those tragic sorts of ways, as I lost my husband in Afghanistan about a year before Nathan's death.

Linda can only be described as a force of nature, her contributions to Loops for the Troops will never be forgotten, among all the many activities Linda participated in and supported. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, wishing you strength and peace.

Sarah Keller & Lois Dvorsky

**Sarah Keller & Lois Dvorsky** - February 10, 2014 at 11:17 AM

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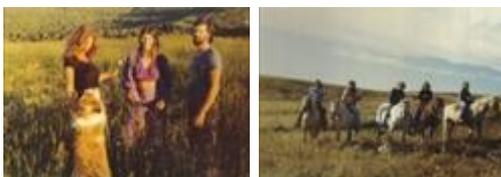
“ Linda and Michael and my husband Andy and I spent most all of our 20's together. She was my inspiration for eating healthy, staying fit, and basically being a \*Good Hippie Child\* for real. Linda is an integral piece of who I am, and I shall cherish her always.

**Joy Daniels** - February 08, 2014 at 10:40 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album Linda in early years



**Joy Daniels** - February 08, 2014 at 10:34 AM

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“ We wish to express our deepest condolences to the Loree family. It is a sad day when such a dear soul leaves us. We hope all of you take comfort in all the kind and loving thoughts that are sent your way in this difficult time.

Wendy (nee Watt) and Dennis Moir.

Wendy Moir - February 07, 2014 at 08:02 PM

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“ Dear Rachel and Tyler, I lit a candle here on the farm and said a prayer for Linda when I heard. She was a wise woman, and a generous one. Blessings on you all. dee h-s

dee Hobsbawn-Smith - February 07, 2014 at 01:23 PM

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“ Condolences - Len & Stephney Flexhaug



Len Flexhaug - February 05, 2014 at 05:01 PM

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“ Douglas Rae lit a candle in memory of Ms. M. Linda Loree



Douglas Rae - February 05, 2014 at 03:58 PM

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“ The world has lost an extraordinary soul, but thankfully Linda touched so many of us before her passing, that her gifts live on in many hearts. The planet is a better place for Linda having been in it. Our most sincere condolences to Rachel, Tyler, and the grandchildren. Patricia Murphy and Ross Wickware, The King's Own Calgary Regiment.

**Patricia Murphy** - February 03, 2014 at 06:45 PM

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“ Marion Goller lit a candle in memory of Ms. M. Linda Loree



**Marion Goller** - February 01, 2014 at 03:41 PM

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“ Rachel and family,  
I was saddened by the news of Linda's passing, my deepest condolences to you and the Loree family. I will cherish the many fond memories your Mom and I shared at her house, in the garden and at your ranch.

Remembering fondly, sending hugs.

Kim & Kiyomi Jesse  
Keiko Dolsen

**Kim Jesse** - January 30, 2014 at 04:56 PM

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“ Dear Rachel and family,  
Mel and I are so saddened by Linda’s passing.  
Linda came into our lives by the most unfortunate circumstances – the loss of our sons in Afghanistan. We will always be grateful for the comfort we shared during those early years of grief. Our visits at the ranch, sharing lunches, picking berries, Mel taking a ride on her horse, will always be in our memories. We will miss her greatly.  
Our hearts are with you.  
Helen and Mel Keller  
Calgary, Alberta

Helen G. Keller - January 30, 2014 at 03:04 PM

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“ Glen&Helen Williams lit a candle in memory of Ms. M. Linda Loree



Glen&Helen Williams - January 30, 2014 at 09:11 AM

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“ Praying Gods peace will surround Linda's siblings and children/grandchildren, and all those she held dear to her heart.  
Gerry and Florence Pole.



F pole - January 29, 2014 at 03:21 PM

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“ Dear Rachel and Family,

We were saddened to hear of Linda's passing, and offer our sincerest condolences to you, your family, and the extended Loree family. We will remember Linda as a quiet, sincere, and positive person who faced her challenges of life with strength and determination. She was very proud of you, and deeply loved her grandchildren. Pride yourself in knowing that you enriched her life as much as she did yours. You and your children will continue to be a credit to your Mom in the ways you carry out your lives, and you will add to the legacy she has begun. May the strength of others ease your burden of grief at this time.

Sincerely,

Terry and Patty Atkinson



Terry and Patty Atkinson - January 28, 2014 at 12:23 AM

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“ Sten And Cheryl Lundberg lit a candle in memory of Ms. M. Linda Loree



**Sten and Cheryl Lundberg** - January 27, 2014 at 05:49 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family! She was an inspiration to so many in so many ways! May fond memories fill your hearts & give you strength to carry on!

**Sten and Cheryl Lundberg** - January 27, 2014 at 06:35 PM



“ We are so very sad about the passing of Linda Loree. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Loree and Hornburg families. Darrel Sundholm, President  
The KOCR Association

**Darrel Sundholm** - January 29, 2014 at 11:59 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. My sincere condolences on your loss and my thanks to you Ma'am for the great sacrifice that you have already experienced.

**MWO Veronica Gibson** - January 30, 2014 at 04:50 PM



“ Dear Rachel and family, dear Mavis,  
your dearest Linda is in peace. She was my best friend from Alberta. Vince and I will never forget this exceptional person. We are sad, but we know that Linda will stay with us in another way, in the light. Our prayers accompy you every day.  
Big hugs, much love...

Vince (Vini) and Chanterelle xxxx

**chanterelle major** - February 02, 2014 at 10:21 PM