



Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball

October 12, 1968 - April 13, 2011

Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball, age 42, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 in the comfort and privacy of her home following a valiant and courageous battle with complications from Lupus.

Born in Utica on October 12, 1968, Linda was the daughter of Nicolas Irizarry and the late Leonor (Gerena) Irizarry. Raised and educated locally, she was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School and furthered her studies at Herkimer County Community College.

At one time, Linda held a position at Head Start. She later spent many years as a counselor in the correctional system and also worked in a managerial capacity with Kinney Shoes, a position for which she was well suited.

Vivacious and outgoing, she was a good listener and very honest with her opinions. Whether you called her daughter, sister, aunt, niece, goddaughter, friend, Ti-Ti Girl, or Naunny --- Linda was a very special part of your life.

She brightened our days with flashes of wit and lunacy. She was a beautiful daughter and a loving, devoted, and caring family member. She especially adored

her nieces and nephews who affectionately referred to her as “special Ti-Ti”, “Naunny”, and “Ti-Ti Girl”. She loved shopping, spending time on the computer and on Facebook. She loved tending to her babies, the Yorkies, “Prince

Theodore” and “Baby Flash”.

Linda is survived by her father, Nicolas Irizarry of Utica; sisters and brothers-in-law, Miriam M. Rivera, Hilda and Danny Santiago, Norma and Osvaldo Gonzalez, all of Utica, and Delia and Juan Pena of Clinton; her brothers, Nicolas Irizarry, Jr. of Utica, and Angel “Tony” Irizarry of Utica who provided his sister with the security of a comfortable home. In addition, she leaves her aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, Adrian Rivera, Daniel, Arnold, and Nicolas Santiago, Krystal Gonzalez, Joshua Pena, Nicole Pena, Lynn Ann Irizarry, and Mark Irizarry; 12 very special great-nieces and great-nephews, and cousins; her many loves; and special friends, Madrina Jean Pettigrew, and Kyle and Nebhia LaMarche. She was predeceased by her infant brother, Carlos; and her nephew, Christopher Rivera.

The family extends heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Lance Brownstein, Dr. Charles Eldredge, Dr. James White and Nurse Karen of Rochester, and Dr. Ashok Patel for their professional medical care; the Utica Police Department with special mention of officer and former classmate David Kaminski; members of the Dialysis Unit at the Masonic Care Community of NY; and the comradery of her fellow dialysis unit patients.

Linda’s family will honor and commemorate her life in a private gathering. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday morning at 10:00

at Historic Old St. John's Church where her Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *Robert Santiago lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball*



Robert Santiago - April 22, 2011 at 10:35 AM

KG

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Krystal Gonzalez - April 19, 2011 at 07:12 PM

CS

“ *Cynthia Sardina lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball*



Cynthia Sardina - April 18, 2011 at 08:17 PM



“ Linda,

I have been so blessed to be able to call you my friend. You are the type of person that makes it easy to be a friend. I will never forget all the good times we had together & all of our talks we used to have. We could go for weeks or months & not talk & pick up where we left off when we talked again.

I will always remember your beautiful smile & your great sense of humor. You will always have a special place in my heart. You will be deeply missed but never forgotten!!

Please give my mom a hug & kiss for me Linda. Until we meet again. I Love You.

To the Irizany family my thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Love Michele Snyder.

M. Snyder - April 18, 2011 at 01:01 PM

TR

“ I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear that Linda had passed away. You see, just the night before I had a little "facebook time" with her and although she was tired from her trip, she seemed hyper and energetic as ever. That girl was like the energizer bunny, I tell ya! Linda and I go way back to our teenage years. Back then, it was rumored that we didn't like each other, which of course couldn't have been further from the truth, but we played along and later on compared notes, lol. I have fond memories of us together in Spanish class with our dear Ms. Pettigrew, being part of the Parade Of Nations with Mr. Colon. And who could forget Ada's Quinceañero :) I recently posted pictures of us in our dama gowns and Linda told us how she hated that dress, lol. After High School, our lives went in different directions as it often happens. But just last year, we were fortunate enough to re-connect through Facebook, and since then we've spoken and laughed often. The last time I spoke with Linda on Facebook, I told her I was coming back to Utica this summer to visit family and we agreed on getting together during my visit for dinner, drinks, and "setting Utica on fire" as she put it, lol. I could have never imagined that would be my last conversation with her. Although we know you are now at peace and healthy where you are, you will definitely be missed more than you could ever have imagined. My thoughts and prayers are with the Irizarry Family and Friends as they say Goodbye to Linda today. May God, grant you strength, comfort, and peace and may the loving memories of Linda help you get through the difficult times ahead.

R.I.P. Linda

You will be forever in our hearts

Tamara Rodriguez - April 18, 2011 at 09:21 AM

LW

Sorry to hear about the passing of Linda. I used to work with her at Utica Public Library. She was on special young lady. May she rest in peace. Leona Washington

Leona Washington - April 19, 2011 at 01:13 PM

T(

“ Tamara Rodriguez (Gonzalez) lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Tamara Rodriguez (Gonzalez) - April 18, 2011 at 08:13 AM

RL

“ Rob & Donna Lynn lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Rob & Donna Lynn - April 18, 2011 at 05:33 AM

L(

“ Lynn Irizarry (Alexandra&Olivia) lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Lynn Irizarry (Alexandra&Olivia) - April 17, 2011 at 11:00 PM

KF

“ Our prayers & sympathy go out to the family of Linda at this difficult time. Never forget your memories of this wonderful person you called daughter, sister, aunt, niece, Goddaughter, friend, Ti-Ti Girl or Naunny. She truly loved life & lit a spark in all who knew her. The death of a loved one leaves a hole in our hearts but cherished memories help us to heal. Thank you Linda for giving us the gift of your friendship.
Love,
Karen & Ed Freedman



Karen & Ed Freedman - April 17, 2011 at 11:46 AM


Carmen
Vargas

“ Gone but never forgotten, a new addition added as an angel to watch over her loving family. R.I.P Linda <3
love the vargas family



Carmen Vargas - April 17, 2011 at 11:07 AM

PG

“ Norma & Family,
Thinking of all of you at this time. Words can not express my heartfelt sympathy to you. Memories of Linda's smile and vivacious personality will be forever in our hearts. Wish I could be there with all of you. Although I haven't seen many of you for years, you all have a special place in my heart. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love,
Paula Guarniero



Paula Guarniero - April 17, 2011 at 09:31 AM



“ Love Lives On

*Those we love are never really lost to us--
We feel them in so many special ways--
Through friends they always cared about
and dreams they left behind,
In beauty they added to our days...
in words of wisdom we still carry with us
and in memories that never will be gone...
Those we love are never really lost to us
for everywhere their special love lives on. Poem by Amanda Bradley*

Just to let you know how very sorry I am.

Those who live in our hearts.....never die.



Marilyn Carlos Albarran - April 17, 2011 at 01:08 AM

RL

“ Rob & Donna Lynn lit a candle in memory of
Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Rob & Donna Lynn - April 16, 2011 at 09:23 PM

MS

“ Michelle (Spatuzzi) Starczewski lit a candle in
memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Michelle (Spatuzzi) Starczewski - April 16, 2011 at 05:40 PM

CB

“ *Carmen & Gina Irizarry Bossone lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball*



Carmen & Gina Irizarry Bossone - April 16, 2011 at 04:20 PM

FP

“ *Fran Patterson lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball*



Fran Patterson - April 16, 2011 at 02:15 PM

HB

“ *My prayers and thoughts go out to your family. I will never forget the wonderful times we had, especially the trips to Staten Island. Your smile was amazing, and your laughter contagious! You truly are an angel! RIP*

Holly Bolton - April 16, 2011 at 11:32 AM

JO

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jessica Ortiz - April 16, 2011 at 11:24 AM

LI

Good times.....oh how I miss those days....

Lynn Ann Irizarry - April 16, 2011 at 09:20 PM

JO

Me too, I think it Finally hit me this morning that i won't get to hear her laugh & I won't get those random phone calls anymore. I'm gonna miss being able to run away to Utica when I can't handle Tx life

jessica ortiz - April 18, 2011 at 06:05 AM

CO

“ *Carmen Occhipinti lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball*



Carmen Occhipinti - April 16, 2011 at 11:20 AM

Jl

“ *Jeanie Irizarry lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball*



jeanie irizarry - April 16, 2011 at 07:41 AM

JR

“ *Linda's Family,*

I am so very sorry. My heart weeps with you and my prayers are with you all. Much love. Heaven has a new Angel now.

*Love,
Janine and Krish*

Janine Roberts - April 16, 2011 at 06:34 AM

AG

“ *Ada Diaz Guerrero lit a candle in memory of
Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball*



Ada Diaz Guerrero - April 16, 2011 at 01:42 AM

AD

Linda,

You were an amazing person always smiling. I will cherish our memories together from our childhood through our teenage years. Looking back at our photos from when we were little girls playing dress up...and the birthday pictures can't forget those. I will cherish our time and memories we shared.

You and the family will be in my thoughts and prayers. You will be missed...xoxo

*Your friend,
Ada*

Ada Diaz-Guerrero - April 16, 2011 at 05:14 AM

ES

“ I was truly saddened to hear that Linda had passed away. As I reflect now I realize that Linda and I were more than just close childhood friends. In fact, I can state without a doubt that we were an "odd couple" of sorts considering that the only thing we had in common was that we lived on the same street and attended the same schools. We didn't have a single class together, but we somehow bonded and became best friends. She was the social butterfly and I was the serious, studious one. Somehow our friendship flourished until life took us each on different paths. In spite of that, I will always cherish the friendship we shared with all its ups, downs, but mostly great memories. I'll always admire her ability to make a friend anytime and anywhere she went. That takes a special talent that came naturally to Linda. My thoughts and prayers are with the Irizarry family. Your friend...Elsa



Elsa Sepulveda - April 15, 2011 at 08:58 PM

MR

“ To all of the people who remembered and loved Linda, thank you. She was unique and special and we thank God that we had her for the time that he gave her to us. Thank you again. I am glad she touch so many people and was loved by so many.

Miriam M Rivera - April 15, 2011 at 08:16 PM

MM

“ Maria Marino lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Maria Marino - April 15, 2011 at 08:06 PM

MM

My thoughts and prayers are with Linda and her family at this difficult time> I am so sorry for your loss. May her soul rest in peace, she was and always will be a kind and loving person. God Bless you always! Xoxox~~till we meet again!

Maria Marino - April 15, 2011 at 08:16 PM

LL

“ *Liza LaMay lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball*



Liza LaMay - April 15, 2011 at 07:04 PM

 Jim
Saunders

“ *Jim Saunders lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball*



Jim Saunders - April 15, 2011 at 06:49 PM

MI

“ *I remember walking home from Wetmore school one winter day with Linda when we saw the bus coming down Bleecker st. We had just enough time to get some snowballs ready. We had so much fun throwing those snowballs at the bus that I made the mistake of telling mama Venera how much fun Linda and I had after school..no suprise that mama Venera told Tio ... Im so sorry Linda. My thoughts are with your brothers and sisters and my Dear Uncle. Huggs and kisses to you all.*

Marie(maruca)Di Giovanni Irizarry - April 15, 2011 at 03:44 PM

KT

“ Linda, you were there for me when I was young and troubled. You showed me my worth and helped to guide me. You never judged me or looked down at me and lightened my heart with that famous smile. Welcome home to the arms of the Lord. Love, "Barbie"

Kelly Trzcinski - April 15, 2011 at 03:33 PM


FC

“ Linda,

It's impossible to think of you and not laugh. Every time we were together, it was nothing but laughter all the time! Having known you since you were born, I have only fun memories of all the good times spent with you and your family. My favorites would be when you ran for Miss Hispanic Utica, won the contest, and all the drama that followed! And then your senior prom . . . and all the drama! But my favorite would be when I had to give you a ride to your godmother's house for a party one night, and you had jeans on so tight that you couldn't sit down, so I had to open my hatchback and slide you into my car sideways all the way there! Oh my God, I still get hysterical when I think of it. I know you are up there in heaven making everybody laugh right now! Querida Linda, que en paz descansas siempre. Love always, Frankito



Frankito Calaprice - April 15, 2011 at 02:00 PM


Karmyn
Rodriguez

“ Karmyn Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Karmyn Rodriguez - April 15, 2011 at 12:10 PM

KJ

“ Aunt Linda.. When ever I think of you I cant help but smile because of all the great memories, talks, and laughs we've shared. You are truly one of a kind. I have always thought of you and your family as my own. Your smile and attitude will never be forgotten.
Krystal .. remember the good times.. stories.. Puerto Rico.. and laughs as I hope this makes you smile in this difficult time..
No words can describe how sorry I am.. My heart goes out to the whole family.. I love you all .. Stay strong..
Love, Kara

Kara Jarmula - April 15, 2011 at 11:26 AM

CM

“ Carlos & Lissette Molina lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Carlos & Lissette Molina - April 15, 2011 at 11:03 AM

AC

“ I remember when Linda was Miss Hispanic of Utica. What wonderful times we had back then. We were all proud of her. She was beautiful. Rest in peace Linda, we will always remember your smiling face. Rest in the arms of our Lord.

Love Adel Cortes

Adel Cortes - April 15, 2011 at 10:26 AM

EE

“ Dear Friend, Thanks for giving me the Gift of being part of your Life. I have so many fun, funny and plain crazy memories about you. I know that you're looking down on us and probably yelling, "what's wrong with you people, don't cry just party, celebrate my life because I am celebrating it here with my mother and we're having a blast in heaven"

Linda, I didn't know if you was sufferined, because you never mentioned it to me. What I know is that the fight you had with your illness and life on earth is over. So go ahead relax and have fun, in your new Peaceful Life and know that you will be missed. Love U

Elizabeth Martinez Estremera - April 15, 2011 at 10:08 AM

AI

“ Anita Irizarry lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Anita Irizarry - April 15, 2011 at 09:40 AM



“ I have so many wonderful memories I couldn't possibly name just one...Naunny, Alexandra, Olivia and I have the most precious wonderful memories. Especially our "Tea Time with Naunny" Thank you for being an amazing Naunny... you have instilled great values (and some expensive taste) in "OUR" twins... Our hearts our in pain... but I know you no longer are suffering... you fought so hard and I thank God we had you at all even though it was not enough!!! We truly are gonna miss your silly ways... We love you "a super duper lot" (Olivia) Rest in peace our "so so so Special Naunny" (Alexandra) The girls will miss your "special treats and tea with you" I love you my beautiful Naunny!!! xoxo

Lynn Irizarry (Alexandra & Olivia) - April 15, 2011 at 08:09 AM

LZ

No Words can express losing someone you loved, Her smile,her beauty, her humor , She will always be in my thoughts . My sorrow go out to such a wonderful loving family i Love you all so much .It hurts so much that only tears is what comforts you . Memories will always be there. "Jehovah is near to those that are broken at heart." Psalm 34:18 RIP

Luz Maria Soto Zayas - April 15, 2011 at 10:05 AM

LI

“ rip linda



lisa - April 15, 2011 at 07:45 AM

JD

“ You were always and will always be the daughter of my heart. You made my life better to have known you. Be at peace now and know that I will always be thinking of you. Love transcends everything and I know we will meet again. I love you
Joyce (Mom)

Joyce M Drew - April 15, 2011 at 06:47 AM

LH

“ Linda Kawam Hart lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Linda Kawam Hart - April 15, 2011 at 05:35 AM

LH

“ *My deepest condolences to the Irizarry family. Linda was one in a million. Such energy and zest for life, a beautiful smile and a warm heart. She was always just someone you wanted to be around. Even though we haven't seen each other in a while, we were able to reconnect on facebook. I feel blessed to have known such a wonderful person and call her my friend. She will never be forgotten. RIP Linda. Heaven has received a very special gift.*



Linda Kawam Hart - April 15, 2011 at 05:34 AM



Thank you Linda... we all were so blessed to have had her in our lives... she was one in a million.... Thank you for the kind words... xoxoxo

Lynn Irizarry (Alexandra & Olivia) - April 15, 2011 at 07:49 AM

MA

“ *Michelle Argen lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball*



Michelle Argen - April 15, 2011 at 05:14 AM



“ *Tio Nicolas and family, I am sorry. I love you all. I will never forget her beautiful smile. R.I.P Linda*

Renita Zayas - April 15, 2011 at 02:56 AM



“ Amanda Martell-Irizarry lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Amanda Martell-Irizarry - April 14, 2011 at 11:14 PM



“ Miriam Pagan-Ayala sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Miriam Pagan-Ayala - April 14, 2011 at 09:31 PM



My condolences to Nicolas and the family. I am sorry for your loss. "God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted" Matthew 5:4

Miriam Pagan-Ayala - April 14, 2011 at 09:35 PM



Amen

Renita Zayas - April 15, 2011 at 02:49 AM



“ Netta Irizarry Brady lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Netta Irizarry Brady - April 14, 2011 at 08:24 PM

MW

“ *Michelle Livingston Williams lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball*



Michelle Livingston Williams - April 14, 2011 at 08:24 PM

M-

“ *Linda..My beautiful childhood friend i was so blessed to have known her.....*

Michelle Livingston -Williams - April 14, 2011 at 08:23 PM

LL

“ *Linda was a beautiful person inside and out. She was always happy & a special friend. My condolences to the entire Irizarry family. Rest in peace Linda, my friend.*

Liza LaMay - April 14, 2011 at 07:48 PM

RN

“ *RENEE NELSON sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball*



RENEE NELSON - April 14, 2011 at 07:41 PM

LR

“ *Your beautiful smile is in our hearts forever!! Thoughts and prayers with the whole Irizarry family!! Heaven shines brighter with you in it!!*

Lorrena Randio - April 14, 2011 at 07:41 PM

SB

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Stacy E Brown - April 14, 2011 at 07:31 PM



I remember this day... It was her first Saranac... she looked awesome..(she would want me to put.. HOT..lol)

Lynn Irizarry (Alexandra & Olivia) - April 15, 2011 at 07:52 AM

OM

“ *My Condolences to the Irizzary family. Oneida
Miranda Osuna*



Oneida Miranda - April 14, 2011 at 07:28 PM

RC

“ *Rosemaria Conkling lit a candle in memory of
Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball*



Rosemaria Conkling - April 14, 2011 at 07:15 PM

RC

“ Rosemaria Conkling lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Rosemaria Conkling - April 14, 2011 at 07:15 PM

ER

“ Eddie And Tina Rivera sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Eddie and Tina Rivera - April 14, 2011 at 06:47 PM

ER

“ Eddie And Tina Rivera lit a candle in memory of Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball



Eddie and Tina Rivera - April 14, 2011 at 06:41 PM

ER

To my dearest friend Lynn-I am so sorry about Aunt Linda I know how close the two of you were. I have so many fond memories of her. She will always be with you Lynn, don't ever forget that. You have an amazing angel watching over you..Love you always..Tina

Eddie and Tina Rivera - April 14, 2011 at 06:44 PM

ER

God Bless the Irizarry Family during this diffucult time..

Eddie and Tina Rivera - April 14, 2011 at 06:48 PM



Thank you both.. I know she will be watching over her twins and I... I already miss her so much... she was the best!!!

Lynn Irizarry (Alexandra & Olivia) - April 15, 2011 at 07:53 AM

RL

“ I had the pleasure of working with Linda many years ago when she was a teenage page at the Utica Public Library. She was always so vibrantly vivacious and always had a beautiful smile on her face. Much later, she would run into me here and there. She'd recognize me before I recognize her! and it was as if we still worked together! She always remarked how she loved my late mother's "seven-up bundt cake" recipe. I remember I brought it to work on one or two occasions. She asked for the recipe, and although I searched my late mother's files extensively, I was never able to locate it for her: I was SO sorry about that.

*Linda's sister and brother -in -law live near me on the corner of Albany St and Tilden Ave. in east Utica. I occasionally run into Mr. Garcia (?) on my walks, and he is always so friendly with me. I extend my deepest sympathies to him, his wife, and the entire family at this sad time. My DEEPEST condolences to all of you.
Sincerely, Bob Lalli*

Robert S. (Bob) Lalli - April 14, 2011 at 02:46 PM



Thank you Robert... she loved her "library days"

Lynn Irizarry (Alexandra & Olivia) - April 15, 2011 at 07:54 AM

MS

Our condolences to the Irizarry family. Linda was a great person. RIP Linda, it's your turn to fly with the angels.

Maria Tedesco Spine - April 15, 2011 at 12:19 PM