



Linda Carol Bishop

March 12, 1945 - April 22, 2025

Linda Carol Bishop, 80, passed away on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at Saint Francis Hospital (Franciscan Health) after an extended illness, with her children and brothers by her side. Linda was born in New Castle, Indiana, on March 12, 1945, the daughter of William Lee and Flora Lee (Edwards). She was an inquisitive soul who carried enough love to make angels jealous. Linda held many jobs throughout her life, but was happily retired from Perry Meridian School Corporation. Linda was also a holder of many titles and nicknames—such as Aunt Linda, Sis, Mammy, and Mamaw—but none that she loved more than simply being “Mom.”

In Linda’s own words, she would say:

“Well damn... I’ve traveled the world; loved all kinds of music; been mesmerized by art; a master at asking questions because I am nosey; fascinated with Hollywood glitz, glamour, and gossip; a steadfast navigator when driving through ‘the outback’; and talking politics just ‘sends me there.’ I am the Queen-B. My family is my heartbeat, and I demand to know where they are at all times and that they are safe—otherwise they’ll get it... ‘three times.’ I kicked a lot of ass... them neighborhood boys’ ass... cancer’s ass... that damn virus’ ass... and gave ‘that damn pneumonia’ a long run for its money. I lived and loved my fabulous life, and it was AWE-SOME!! Remember that I’m your number one fan! I’ll be missin’ you! Be safe! Love you more!”

Linda is survived by her daughter, Kim Light; son, Chad Bishop; grandchildren, Kevin Light (Anna), Jes Alexander (Chris), Brandon Smith,

Breana Bishop (Seth Ferrel), and Maddy Bishop (Riley Merkel); and great-grandchildren, Ricki, Shawn, Cici, Austin, Donovan, Braylon, Keeton, Rowan, and Stevie; her brother Steve Lee (Covella); her brother Jack Lee (Sandra). Linda was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Russell Lee; her sister, Mary Massengale; her daughter, Karen Jo Smith; her granddaughter, Stephanie Smith; and the love of her life, Eddie Bishop.

A private ceremony will be held for family and friends at South Mound Cemetery. A "Celebration of Life" will be announced in the coming months for all to gather and honor Linda's life and memory.

Cemetery Details

South Mound Cemetery

New Castle, IN