



**REMEMBERING**  
**Linda Mary Van Leeuwen**

July 6, 1946 - March 26, 2024



With deep grief, we announce the unexpected passing of our dear mom, Linda Van Leeuwen,

on March 26, 2024 in Abbotsford, British Columbia. She was 77 years young and predeceased by

her loving husband Jack Van Leeuwen (August 1994). She is survived by her daughters Lisa Van Leeuwen (Steve Garton),

and Nicki (Patrick) Ellis and their two sons Derek and Nathan.

Linda was born in New Westminster on July 6, 1946, to Gordon and Lillian Clarke. She was the

much-anticipated sister to her big brother Larry Clarke. Linda grew up in Burnaby, blocks from

what is now Metrotown. Linda attended St. Mary's Catholic School in her early days, then Notre

Dame, and graduated from Burnaby South. After graduation, Linda worked at the Royal Bank

of Canada in downtown Vancouver, before meeting the love of her life, Jack Van Leeuwen.

They were married on November 11, 1966, and Linda took on her new role as the wife of a dairy

farmer in Sumas Prairie.

On the farm, Linda was a wizard at entertaining. She was an expert at whipping up dinners for

crowds with no advance notice. She also welcomed Jack's Dutch relatives into her home,

sometimes for months at a time and having no advance notice of their arrival.

Linda was a devoted mother and grandmother. While her daughters were growing up, she spent

her days sewing beautiful clothes and running them to various extra curricular events in

between working tax season at what became KPMG. She continued her family devotion with

her grandsons who she adored. She was always available to take them wherever they needed

to go and only missed sports and band events when she was at a bridge tournament or

travelling, which were her other great passions. Linda travelled the world and had so many more

places she was hoping to see. Her last travel adventure was with her dear friend Deb Erickson,

only a month before she unexpectedly fell ill to cancer.

Linda will forever be remembered as an upbeat, energetic, and happy person who never had an

unkind word for anyone. She will be fondly missed by many. A private celebration of life will be

held mid-spring by invitation only.

