



Linda Donahue

January 21, 1962 - August 30, 2012

Linda Louise Donahue age 50, loving, wife, mother and grandmother, died Thursday, August 30, 2012 at her residence.

Born in Erie, PA, she was a daughter of the late Carl Laverne and Josephine McHattie. Linda was a mother and wife who made sure that love and friendship were first and foremost. The first third of her life she became a woman, took a man and child into her life and created a home. The second third she added twins, faced health problems, fulfilled a family and career. The last chapter she released her children to prosper enjoyed her husband and then found the passion of her later days. The love and needs of Gods animals to care and nurture founding a food bank to service our communities and animals in need.

Survivors include her husband of 30 years, William "Bill" J. Donahue; a daughter, Tabitha L. Custer; sons, William C. Donahue, Stephen C. Donahue and Jason Custer; a brother, David McHattie; a sister, Hope Sabanick; grandchildren, James Andrew Lee Wilson, Jr., Christina Marie Haught, Gage Joseph Wilson and Bianca Deborah Louise Custer.

A memorial service will be held on Monday, September 3, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries

Memorial donations are accepted on her behalf to Keep Our Pets Food Bank, PO Box 1451 Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 or to Coastal Animal Rescue, 1288 Limestone Street Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Celebration Center

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Tribute Wall



“ Mom, Your love and care for all those around. I will miss you with all my soul. I love you so and forever will. All the things you taught me and smiles we shared, I love you so and forever will. I will take your teachings and pass them on, your gift of life and compassion for all. I love you so and forever will

Stephen Donahue - September 12, 2012 at 11:44 PM



“ Linda you will never be forgotten. I was running the other day and went past SBB. I think one of my best memories was how you, Bill and your entire family help make our mega yard sale for the animals a success. I got myself in a bind with donations in storage lockers from Murrell's Inlet to Conway and a very short time to move it all. You, Bill, your Sons and Daughter showed up and just wanted to know how to help. Bill and your sons really saved me and made the yard sale a success by helping get all the items to SBB. This was just a small example of the love you and your family have for others. Always looking to help, always giving, always smiling: Thanks for touching my life. You will always be with us. Thanks Bill and the entire Donahue Family for touching some many and making a difference.

Robert Vittetoe - September 06, 2012 at 06:21 AM

AJ

“ Dear Bill and Family, Norm and I send our sincere condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all as you go through this difficult time. I have been so blessed to get to know Linda and her family. There certainly will be an empty space in my heart due to the loss of my dear friend. I will miss her so. I guess God needed another angel, probably to control the animals waiting at the the "Rainbow Bridge". Her kind nature and love for helpless animals will continue to live on at the rescue and her food bank. I know she will be watching over all of us everyday. Luv ya, Mighty Mouse!

Angela Johnston - September 05, 2012 at 08:16 PM

RM

“ Linda touched the lives of so many people with her kindness, generosity and giving spirit. She will be missed by so many and will remain in our hearts and thoughts always.

Rebecca Martin - September 04, 2012 at 07:39 AM

BL

“ Dear Bill and Family. We know you have very large empty space in your lives that seems bottomless. The love and the beautiful memories of Linda will help to fill this void. Please remember there are a lot of friends who are there for you. Linda will be missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.
Love,
Steve and Brenda (Rusty's Parents)

Brenda Litaker - September 03, 2012 at 10:03 AM

KG

“ Karen Guiffre sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda Donahue



Karen Guiffre - September 03, 2012 at 08:17 AM



I am so sorry for your loss. Linda will be missed but she will also be watching over you. May God give you the strength to get through this difficult time. Take care.

Karen Guiffre - September 03, 2012 at 08:26 AM

PS

“ Paula Syms sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda Donahue



Paula Syms - September 03, 2012 at 07:39 AM

PS

Linda now you are free of pain and flying away with a beautiful smile on your face leaving us with so much beauty, wisdom and most of all love. I can see you now saying don't cry I am OK get to work and take care of the animals. Our hearts are broken but you leave so much behind for us to remember you with. Your love of your family, friends and animals. When you ask me to help you with the food bank I was honored and I plan with Bill and the rest of your family making it the best food bank ever. You will be proud of us. I can not think of you with tears and as Marie said also a smile. You brought out the best in us and now we have to do it alone. Sleep well dear friend you will always be in our hearts and never forgotten. Bill and family, you were her loves and she will always be with you!

Paula Syms - September 03, 2012 at 07:47 AM

KD

“ Linda made a real difference in this world – she had a tremendous compassion for animals, and actually did something to make their lives better. She will be remembered, I’m sure, for many things, but her love and care of God’s creatures and her dedication and many hours of volunteer work on their behalf certainly guarantees her a place in heaven. Rest in Peace Linda – you were one in a million and will be missed by all.

Kathy Davis - September 02, 2012 at 03:29 PM

S(

“ Linda will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was a tireless advocate for animals and helpful in so many circumstances. It's hard to believe she's gone - It seems to hve happened so fast. I last saw her at Bob Evans where there was a CAR benefit. So much could be said. May she rest in peace. Susie Kresse

Susan Kresse (Susie) - September 02, 2012 at 01:57 PM

LS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of Linda's friends and family. She will be missed greatly by all of the people and animals whose lives she touched. Lisa Sizemore, Murrells Inlet

Lisa Sizemore - September 02, 2012 at 10:10 AM

KN

“Mourning the loss of Linda, I'm reminded of reading "let us not mourn the extinguished candle, let us instead remember how brightly it glowed". Bill, as Linda lives on in our hearts may our prayers bring you and your family some comfort.

Linda's laughter, friendship, generosity and dedication were rays of sunshine.

I'll forever treasure the many laughs "Mighty Mouse" and I shared especially when, as non-golfers, we organized a golf tournament to benefit the animals ... and after the event when she determined we were ready to go on tour!

I can see her now at the Rainbow Bridge giving loving attention to those many four-legged friends who wait (showing favoritism to the Chihuahuas, of course).

Karen Nierengarten

Karen Nierengarten - September 01, 2012 at 12:10 PM

MV

“Our thoughts and prayer are with you Bill, and your family. Our hearts are going out to you. Our thoughts are with you all during this profoundly difficult time. We are here for you, anytime. Please keep in touch. May God wrap you in his arms around you and comfort you.

Mike Jurich and Brenda Veauthier

Mike Jurich and Brenda Veauthier - September 01, 2012 at 11:08 AM

JT

“ *Bill and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Linda will be greatly missed by all her many friends. She taught me a valuable lesson in one statement about keeping and loving your animals. Love and prayers, Jane Taylor Murrells Inlet*

Jane Taylor - September 01, 2012 at 10:35 AM

DS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.
Diane, Phil, Krystal & Janeen Salone*

Diane & Phil Salone - August 31, 2012 at 02:07 PM

DS

“ *Diane & Phil Salone lit a candle in memory of Linda Donahue*



Diane & Phil Salone - August 31, 2012 at 02:03 PM

LR

“ *Butch and I are sorry for your loss. Please know that our prayers are with you through this time. God will take care.... Linda and Butch Rumsey*

Linda and Butch Rumsey - August 31, 2012 at 12:04 PM

SW

“ SHAIN (FOLTZ) WIDDERSHEIM sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda Donahue



SHAIN (FOLTZ) WIDDERSHEIM - August 31, 2012 at 11:13 AM

SW

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SHAIN (FOLTZ) WIDDERSHEIM - August 31, 2012 at 11:12 AM

SW

“ MY HEART GOES OUT TO ALL OF YOU DURING THIS TIME!! I LOVED LINDA AS IF SHE WERE MY OWN MOTHER! WE ARE ALL BLESSED TO HAVE HAD HER IN OUR LIVES!!! MANY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO ALL OF YOU!! LOVE ALWAYS~ SHAIN (FOLTZ) WIDDERSHEIM AND SONS

SHAIN (FOLTZ) WIDDERSHEIM - August 31, 2012 at 11:02 AM

BS

“ Betsi Santone lit a candle in memory of Linda Donahue



betsi santone - August 31, 2012 at 09:34 AM

BS

Linda what a joy it was to have known you thank you so much for Lola ... now i know she was a gift from heaven sent to me from grammy through you love betsi

betsi santone - August 31, 2012 at 09:40 AM

AN

“ How fortunate am I to have been accepted as family by this wonderful woman who had such a powerful spirit? I will hold her near and dear for the remainder of my time and will never forget her strength and beauty.

Anita Newhouse - August 31, 2012 at 07:39 AM

MB

“ I am so grateful that I got to meet Linda. She was the first person I worked with at a CAR adoption event last Fall and it was a friendship I hoped we would enjoy for a long time. However, I think God had other plans for her. I think Linda must now be at the Rainbow Bridge with all the pets she has helped who went before her. May God hold her family in his hands and comfort them as they go through this very sad time. I offer this poem in Linda's memory.

THE RAINBOW BRIDGE

There is a bridge connecting Heaven and Earth. It is called the Rainbow Bridge because of its many colors. Just this side of the Rainbow Bridge, there is a land of meadows, hills and valleys with lush green grass. When a beloved pet dies, the pet goes to this place. There is always food and water, and warm Spring weather. Those old and frail animals are young again. Those who have been maimed are made whole again. They play all day with each other.

But there is only one thing missing. They are not with their special person who loved them on earth. So, each day they run and play until the day comes when one suddenly stops playing and looks up. The nose twitches, the ears are up, the eyes are staring, and this one suddenly runs from the group. You have been seen, and when you and your special friend meet, you take him or her in your arms and embrace. Your face is kissed again and again and again and you look once more into the eyes of your trusting pet.

Then you cross the Rainbow Bridge together, never again to be separated.

Mary Ann Braunstein

Mary Ann Braunstein - August 31, 2012 at 07:36 AM

RW

“ *Rebecca Windle lit a candle in memory of Linda Donahue*



Rebecca Windle - August 30, 2012 at 11:36 PM

CP

“ *Linda, thank you for all you did in your life and with the animals! I will never forget the love and kindness that you shared with so many! Our last event that we were together it was freezing and you graciously went and got a sweater for me to wear. Thank you for the smiles, love and kindness that you showed to us all.*



Crystal Plogman - August 30, 2012 at 09:34 PM

TF

“ *The Carpenter Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Linda Donahue.*



The Carpenter Family - August 30, 2012 at 08:37 PM

CA

“ *Christy Jo Anderson lit a candle in memory of Linda Donahue*



Christy Jo Anderson - August 30, 2012 at 08:25 PM

MG

“ *Marie Gilroy lit a candle in memory of Linda Donahue*



Marie Gilroy - August 30, 2012 at 07:43 PM

MG

*Linda,
I will never and can never find a better friend. You made such a difference in my life, I will miss you so much. We had many good times and have left me with so many wonderful memories I can't help but smile while I cry. Thank you for being my best friend. I will love you forever!*

Marie Gilroy - August 30, 2012 at 07:52 PM

CC

“ *Christina Cox lit a candle in memory of Linda Donahue*



christina cox - August 30, 2012 at 06:12 PM

CC

*Linda,
Words cannot express how i feel. You were a great women, and,
helped others who were in need. Especially animals. My thoughts and
prayers go out to you and the family. We will all miss you at Coastal
Animal Rescue. You can now Rest In Peace, and, be with the other
mothers in heaven. Another angel has been taken away from us. You
are now going to be up there with my MOM, and, you both can talk
about the LOVE OF ANIMALS that you both shared. She would be
very proud of you. We all love and will miss you very much. May god
bless you and the family.*

christina cox - August 30, 2012 at 06:18 PM

JS

“ Jessica Lynn Downard Smiley sent a virtual gift
in memory of Linda Donahue



Jessica Lynn Downard Smiley - August 30, 2012 at 05:23 PM

JS

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memory of Linda Donahue



Jessica Lynn Downard Smiley - August 30, 2012 at 05:20 PM