



Linda L. Hontz

January 12, 1951 - October 22, 2025

Jefferson Township - Linda L. Hontz, age 74, passed away on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at Saint Clare's Hospital in Denville. Born in Franklin to the late Donald and Gladys (Decker) Kautz, Linda had lived in Sussex County for most of her life. She had been employed as a department manager at Weis Supermarkets in Franklin before her retirement. Linda had a strong faith and attended various Bible studies in her community. Besides baking, she loved to spend time outside gardening and taking trips to the beach so her feet could be in the sand. Her pride and joy was spending time with her grandchildren and she especially liked watching wrestling events with them. Besides her parents, she was predeceased by her grandson, Robert J. Hontz in 2017; her brother, Robert Kautz; and her sister, Diana Decker. She is survived by her two sons, John Hontz and his wife Sharon of Franklin and Gerald Hontz and his wife Sandra of Oak Ridge; her daughter, Jennifer Morgan of Sussex; her step-son, Mark Zellars of Montague; her sister, Barbara Kautz of Oak Ridge; her grandchildren, Ashley, Kimberly, Tyler, George, Brielle, and Chase; and her three great grandchildren, Wheeler, Abilene, and Grayson. Friends can pay their respects to the family on Monday, October 27, 2025 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex. Private cremation services have been held at the convenience of the family. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation Services

Previous Events

Friends may pay their respects

OCT 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Linda was a strong, smart, compassionate person. We will always remember her for the love and support she had for her Family. Thank you Linda for making this world a better place. You will be missed,
The Kimble Family

Kimberly D Kimble-Kojac - October 27, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda L. Hontz.



October 27, 2025 at 01:42 AM

ML

“ I had the privilege to work with Linda for many years. We became good friends and I will always cherish the good times we had together.

Margie Labance - October 25, 2025 at 05:36 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Linda L. Hontz.



October 25, 2025 at 05:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda L. Hontz.*



October 25, 2025 at 02:50 PM



“ *To My Dear Friend Linda,
The sun doesn't shine as bright since you left.
I miss you.
Love, Jane Kimble*



Jane C Kimble - October 25, 2025 at 02:06 PM



“ *Kathy Riley lit a candle in memory of Linda L. Hontz*



Kathy Riley - October 24, 2025 at 11:42 AM



Linda always gave me true wisdom when ever I needed to vent. She was very spiritual and down to earth. I'm going to miss talking on the phone with her. She always said I talked like my sister wein . Love you always cousin and you will be in my heart forever.

Kathy Riley - October 24, 2025 at 11:47 AM

KC

“ Although Linda is not that much older than me, I affectionately refer to her as "Grandma Linda". I had the honor of spending an afternoon with her a few years back. She was such a kind person and I just love her. I know her grandchildren meant the world to her. Prayers to her family. Love, Kathy Chabot

Kathy Chabot - October 23, 2025 at 08:48 PM

PD

“ Im so glad I got to visit Linda a couple of years ago. We shared many stories and had a great conversation. She was very special to me and will truly be missed. Prayers for her family

Phillip Decker - October 23, 2025 at 08:29 PM

DO

“ Linda was a very kind and caring person. Her family was her pride and joy, and she gave them her support and love unconditionally. As her sister-in-law, she embraced me as part of the family from day one. I will always remember her laughter and her strength. She will be terribly missed by all of us. May God enjoy her forever. With much love, Donna.

Donna - October 23, 2025 at 08:01 PM

CL

“ I have known Linda for many years. She was a warm, wonderful person. My condolences to her family. Love Corinne Lovelace

Corinne Lovelace - October 23, 2025 at 07:46 PM