



Linda Marie Branch

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Linda M. Branch, 80, of Crawfordville, FL, died unexpectedly on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at HCA Florida Capital Hospital in Tallahassee.

Ms. Branch will be remembered as a kind-hearted, free-spirited soul and a great animal lover who treasured her cats and dogs. Over the course of her life, she spent many happy years as a homemaker and held positions at Florida State University in the admissions, financial aid and other departments. She also earned a bachelor's degree from the university, graduating in 1990. An artist at heart and an accomplished crafter, for several years Ms. Branch ran a home-based business called Air Plant Arrangements.

The daughter of the late J.G. and Eloise Hollister, she grew up on her family's farm near Marianna, in Jackson County, Fla. She was married for 60 years to Kenneth Branch, also a native of Jackson County. Their family traveled the country for Mr. Branch's career, living in Missouri, Texas, California, Alabama and various Florida cities, including West Palm Beach and Lakeland, before settling in a home north of Quincy where they lived for more than 25 years. Mr. Branch died in 2020.

Ms. Branch is survived by her daughter, Joni Branch, and grandson, Jack Branch Straub, both of Tallahassee; brother Charles Hollister and his wife, Annie, of Marianna; several nieces and nephews; and her beloved fiancé, Bruce Butler of Crawfordville.

Arrangements are being handled by Lifesong. A celebration of life is planned for a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be offered in memory of Ms. Branch to the Leon County Humane Society.



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RD

Ronny Dykes posted:

Linda and I were first cousins and not that close but I remember that when I did see her at Aunt Eloise's and Uncle JG she was always nice. Charles and I were nearly the same age and both into hunting and fishing so I hung around Charles, my Dad and Uncle JG more. May Linda's family be Blessed as they mourn her loss.

August 14 at 11:34 AM

JW

Janet Wilson posted:

I was one of fourteen cousins from the Hollister Family. Every summer at various time, the parents would bring the cousins to the Farm. For the most part we would stay out of trouble, but as children this was not always the case. Linda was usually in charge at the farm and as her brother, Charles, indicated, Linda sometimes helped get us in trouble. The older we got, as it should be, Life took us in different directions. I was very fortunate to see and visit with Linda before she passed. She seemed very Happy and Content. Love You Linda, Your Cousin Janet

August 7 at 9:50 AM

CH

Charles E. Hollister posted:

When Linda and I grew up together, family was real important to us. We had cousins up during the summer which we just loved every minute of. Linda had my cousin and I eat birds eye peppers telling us they were candy and another time had us eat mud pies with us thinking they were a new type of cookie! But she was a great protector of all the cats and dogs. She wouldn't let anything happen to them. She was always a free spirit and a very talented person. We always amazed at what she could make out of very little. She was a wonderful cook and a sister to appreciate for her love and respect of others. I know all the cats & dogs in Heaven are happier & proud today now that Linda is there! Your loving brother, Charles Hollister

August 2 at 1:06 PM



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AH

Annie E Hollister posted:

Linda was my sister-in-law and a sister of the heart! She was a sweet, gentle, loving person that was also a great cook (her chocolate cakes were the best!!) She shared her life with her husband Kenny, her daughter Joni and her grandson Jack and anyone else. She hosted family dinners and always had a beautiful smile on her face when people visited. She also loved to fish and she & Kenny enjoyed fishing together. Linda loved being home with her family, her cats and dogs and caring for them and Kenny. The world lost a treasure when she left our plane of life! She has left an empty spot in our lives & heart! I hope that you and Kenny both are sharing in heaven's glory together! We love you Linda and will never forget you!Your favorite sister-in-law Annie

August 2 at 12:57 PM

JO

Joe posted:

I loved Linda's projects, such as her air plant business. She was one of the kindest, friendliest people I've ever known. A great friend, mother, and she loved cats, foo!

August 1 at 5:55 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Linda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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