



Linda Waddle

November 24, 1936 - September 28, 2015

Linda Lou Waddle of Iowa City, Iowa, died Monday, September 28, 2015, at her residence following a lengthy illness.

Linda was born November 24, 1936, in Webster City, Iowa, the daughter of Carroll Chester "Tad" and Mary Ellen (Isham) Van Doren. She graduated from Webster City High School in 1954 and also from Webster City Junior College. Linda received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Library Science from the University of Northern Iowa and received her Master's Degree in Library and Informational Sciences from the University of Iowa.

Following graduation, Linda worked as a Librarian for the Hudson School District from 1961 until 1963. She worked as the School Librarian at Cedar Falls High School from 1963 until 1990 during which time she also was an Instructor at U.N.I. in the Department of Library Science. After moving to Chicago, Illinois, Linda worked as the Deputy Executive Director of Young Adult Library Services in Chicago from 1991 until her retirement in 2002. Following her retirement she moved to Iowa City, Iowa.

Linda was a member of the American Library Association, the Iowa Library Association and the National Education Association. She was honored to have authored the following articles that appeared in professional journals: "School Media Matters," "Library Services to Youth," and "Cheap CE, Providing Continuing Education with Limited Resources." In 1990, Linda was the recipient of the AASL/SIRS Intellectual Freedom Award and was named the Iowa Educational Media Association "Media Professional of the Year." She was an avid reader and was equally interested in keeping informed about current events. Linda was also an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Her favorite things were libraries, books and cats.

She is survived by one son, Steven Waddle and wife Brenda of Cedar Falls, Iowa; granddaughter, Lauren Waddle of Waverly, Iowa; sister, Mickey Van Doren of Iowa City, Iowa; sister, Karen Moenck and husband John of Washington, Iowa; four nieces and nephews and four great nieces and nephews.

The Jones & Eden Funeral Home of Washington, Iowa, is assisting the family with arrangements. No services are scheduled. Memorials have been established for the Cedar Falls High School Library. Online condolences may be sent for Linda's family through the web at <http://www.jonesfh.com>.

Comments



“ Linda was an amazing and wonderful person and I'm sorry that I didn't know sooner that she was gone from us. She was a mentor to me and a friend, and I will never forget her wicked sense of humor and unflappability. I knew her when I worked at Chicago Public Library and she was at ALA, and then followed in her footsteps at ALA. I never filled her shoes, she was an original and I am honored to have known her. She left an incredible legacy.

Dr. Cindy Welch - June 27, 2016 at 12:43 PM



“ Mickey Van Doren I hope you read this. My sympathy to you for the loss of Linda. I remember her well. I would like for you to contact me so I can get updated with your life and mine. I've been doing some "time" in Iowa City but I think I'm done with it. Doris Fleshner, Cedar Falls. I'm in the phone book.
Thanks

Doris Fleshner - October 09, 2015 at 09:47 AM



“ It would be hard to forget Linda's smile and her ready laugh. Many of us in the library field got to know her when she was Deputy Director for YALSA [Young Adult Library Services Association] of the American Library Association. She was fabulous! She loved kids [teens, especially], libraries, and librarians and made sure many of us in the library field always put teens first. I have wonderful memories of her that will always bring a smile. Pam Spencer Holley

Pam Spencer Holley - October 05, 2015 at 08:27 AM



“ She read to us little kids during story hour at the Webster City library. I moved to Cedar Falls in third grade 1955 and she was our librarian at Cedar Falls high. Her husband and my cousin were good friends. Linda and I would talk about Webster City and the "good 'ol days"

K.O. Kelting - October 01, 2015 at 09:15 PM



“ I first knew Linda when she worked at the Kendall Young Library. Many years later we taught together at UNI and went to meetings together when she was a school librarian in Cedar Falls and I was one in Waterloo. And Steve, I remember you from subbing at West High. Peace to you and to your family at this time.
Terry Ross Dutcher

Terry Dutcher - October 01, 2015 at 03:21 PM