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Linda Baker Obituary

Linda "Linnie" Anne Trexler Baker passed away on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, in her home in Venice, Florida.

She was born on January 15, 1944, in Allentown, Pennsylvania to Dorothy Rothrock Trexler and Frederic Trexler; and she grew up in Emmaus, Pennsylvania, where she was an extremely active part of the community.

She graduated from Emmaus High School in 1961, where she was Class Secretary, President of the Synchronized Swimming Club and Gymnastics Club, and Captain of the Hockey, Softball, and Swimming and Diving Teams. She was active (and was married at) the Emmaus Moravian Church.

She attended Moravian Academy Prep School in Bethlehem, PA; and then attended Goldey-Beacom College in Wilmington, DE from 1962-1964, where she studied Business and was a cheerleader (Captain), on the Homecoming Court and Treasurer of Alpha Iota Sorority.

Linnie was engaged to Robert "Bobby" Tams of Wilmington, DE before he was killed in Vietnam. She married Steven Crosley of Havertown, PA in 1967, and had 2 daughters - Kristin Joy and Kim Elizabeth; and lived in Wescosville, PA, Deerfield, IL, Worthington Hills, OH and Dunwoody, GA. They later divorced and Linnie married Philip A. Baker of Topeka, KS on 12/12/1981. They met and were very active at Kingswood United Methodist Church in Dunwoody, GA, and moved to Venice, FL in 1994.

She worked as Assistant Registrar at Boy Scouts of America and as a typist at National Association of Schools and Publishers in Wilmington, DE; a Receptionist/Private Secretary at Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. and as a Receptionist/Newsletter Reporter/Social Chairperson at Volkert-Allentown in PA - where she once accompanied the executives and rode in the Goodyear Blimp!

In Atlanta, she worked as a Secretary/Receptionist at Digital Equipment Corporation, Scottish Rite, IBM (where she and Phil later remembered chatting at the copier!), and A.C. Nielsen Company. Her passion was helping and coaching children; and she was a Special Education Teacher, Diving Coach (winning the IL State Championship), Swim Therapist and Aide for Brain Damaged Children; Gymnastics Coach; Physical Education Aide, and Learning Disabilities Aide.

She always said being a Mom (and Grandma) was the best and most important job she ever had; and she sure was an amazing one! She was involved in every PTA association in the states she lived in; was a classroom volunteer; coached soccer, softball and gymnastics, and was very involved in Dunwoody Elementary and High School, and Vermack Swim and Diving Club.

She was known as "Everyone's Mom" during the summers at Vermack. Wherever she lived, Linnie had a wonderful ability to bring everyone together for various special occasions - or no occasion at all! - and always made a point to make everyone feel included and welcome.

She was famous for her annual Christmas Caroling parties and loved having parades! She loved vacationing in Stone Harbor, NJ. She spread love wherever she went and to whomever she met; and truly

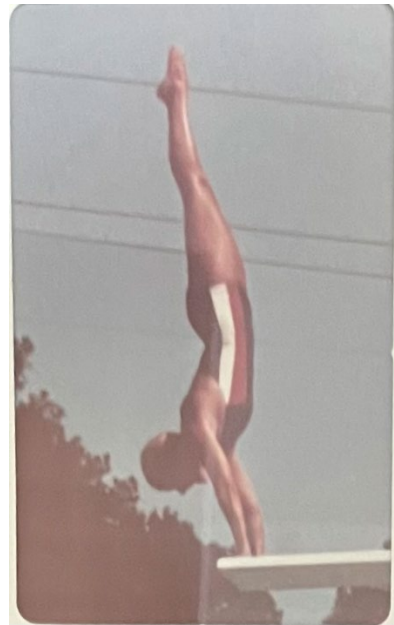
made an impact in so many lives.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband in 2020. She is survived by daughters Kristin Joy Crosley of Arvada, CO, Kim Elizabeth Crosley of Castle Rock, CO, Melissa Baker Nimke (Bill) of Mequon, WI, Kristin Elaine Larpenter (Jeff Blair) of Highlands Ranch, CO; Grandsons Will Nimke; Alex Larpenter (Sofiya); Kip Larpenter; Teddy Larpenter; and great-grandson, Julien Larpenter; brother Roger Bruce Trexler of Emmaus, PA; special family members Gregory Hannah and Jay James; extended family members and many, many friends.

A small Celebration of Life for family and close friends will be held in the future in Venice, Florida and Emmaus, Pennsylvania.

In lieu of flowers, please perform a "Random Act of Kindness / Make Someone Smile" in Linnie's memory. Donations may also be made in her memory to www.solvecfs.org (a disease that both she and Phil lived with for decades, and she did her best to spread awareness for and worked with the CDC for 12 years to help find a cure) or to the Moffitt Cancer Center at www.moffitt.org/give (she was actually related to the founder).

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