



## Mrs. Linda Gail Portman

January 18, 1948 - May 14, 2019

Linda Gail Buckman was born on January 18, 1948 in Muscatine, Iowa the daughter of Harold and Margret Buckman. She passed away on May 14, 2019 at Mercy Hospital surrounded by her loving family. Early in her life Linda moved to the Kansas City area with her parents. She graduated from Ruskin High School. Linda married Jim Portman in January of 1966. A week later he was inducted in the Marines. Linda stayed with her aunt and uncle in the L.A. area while he was in training. After Jim shipped out for Vietnam she worked for a savings and loan company in downtown L.A. After Jim returned, he joined the L.A.P.D. 5 years later their first son, Brian was born, and they moved back to north Missouri. They had a small farm there. Jeff was born and Linda would take him to the barn in a baby walker while she milked a Jersey cow. Jim's grandmother taught Linda to make butter, how to home can, and raise a garden. Linda worked at Montgomery Ward until Jim graduated from the Highway Patrol Academy. They were assigned to Dallas County. Linda began working as a babysitter, then a medical assistant with Dr. Sluder, then Dr. Carnell. She worked at Buffalo Bank, then 22 years at O'Bannon Bank as a loan officer and Vice President. She worked there until her health failed. While living in Dallas County, she served on the school board and several civic organizations. She loved working with the people of Dallas County and living on the farm. She was baptized during her last stay at Mercy Hospital. She is survived by her husband Jim, her sons Brian and Jeff, daughters-in-law Monica and Jessica, her grandchildren Rayghan, Cole, and Kayla, brothers-

in-law Terry, Charles and sisters-in-law Cheryl and Lynn. Linda was loved and will be greatly missed.

Graveside Service will be Saturday, May 18, 2019 in the Lone Rock Cemetery with Bro. Aaron Taylor officiating. Under the direction of the Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home of Buffalo. Visitation will be Friday, May 17, 2019 in the Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home.

In Lieu of Flowers the family has requested Donations to be made to Buffalo Heart to Heart.

# Cemetery Details

## Lone Rock Cemetery

235 Hwy MM  
Buffalo, MO 65622

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home - Buffalo  
931 W. Main St.  
P.O. Box 993  
Buffalo, MO 65622  
(417) 345-2211  
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<https://www.cantlonotterness.com>

## Graveside Service

MAY 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lone Rock Cemetery  
235 Hwy MM  
Buffalo, MO 65622

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Linda Gail Portman*

October 09, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Mrs. Linda Gail Portman*

October 09, 2023 at 04:09 AM



“ *Mrs. Linda Gail Portman*

October 05, 2023 at 11:14 PM



“ *Mrs. Linda Gail Portman*

October 05, 2023 at 05:41 PM



“ *Mrs. Linda Gail Portman*

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

*Debbie Cline*

**Debbie Cline** - May 18, 2019 at 07:54 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Linda Gail Portman.*



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May 17, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ *Jimmy and family: Tom and I are so very sorry for your loss of Linda. We will never forget her nor the last time we saw her. She was so accomplished in both her professional and personal lives. Life, unfortunately, dealt her with health issues, which she so valiantly battled day in and day out, such an example she set for all of us. She suffered more than we will ever know but nevertheless.....she was determined and she persisted. One of the examples a leaf gives us, is that it reminds us to live as well as one can as long as one can.....until its finally time to let go and allow yourself to drift away with grace. Grief is not a sign of weakness nor loss of faith, but rather it is the price of love.*

*This poem was read at President Bush's memorial by one of his very best friends and we dedicate it to our dear friend.....Linda:*

*"There are wooden ships and sailing ships, and ships that sail the sea. But the very best "ships" are friendships.....and may they always be."*

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Tom and Karen Lynch - May 15, 2019 at 11:13 PM