



Linda Graves Albisani

Linda, who loved her chosen nickname "Lindsay", passed away peacefully on August 5, 2007 after a long and courageous fight with cancer. Her last hours were spent surrounded by loving family. Lindsay is preceded in death by her father, Leo Graves. She is survived by her two beautiful children, Yukari and Eason Albisani; her mother, Leora Graves; four siblings, Ruth (Sam) Cooper, Ernest (Mellie) Graves, Lloyd (Lina) Graves and Helen (Clarence) Roman; and her many loving nieces and nephews. Lindsay was born in Springfield, TN on January 12, 1948, to Leo and Leora Graves. Her family moved to Tucson in the early 1950's. Lindsay was a bright and loving child with a great sense of style who grew into a beautiful, independent woman full of life and a love of adventure. Her natural gifts for science and math assisted in her graduating from high school with high marks in just three years in 1965. Before starting at the University of Arizona in the Fall of 1965 she demonstrated a fondness for adventure and travel by going on an extended trip to Russia. She earned a B.A. and a Masters Degree in Science Education and another Masters Degree in Special Education. The mid 1970's were occupied with teaching at Rincon High School before her urge for adventure led to a teaching position in

Isfahan, Iran. After an escape, requiring that she leave her car and other possessions behind, during the fall of the Shah of Iran, she went to Egypt and taught for a year at the American University of Cairo. Upon her return to Tucson she earned another Masters, this one in Management Information Systems. In the ensuing years she explored Thailand, Spain, Indonesia, and Italy. She married Rocco Albisani in 1984 and moved to Nagoya, Japan where she took up teaching once again. She gave birth to her daughter, Yukari, in March of 1985. The family traveled throughout China that summer before returning home to Tucson. Lindsay gave birth to her son, Eason in January 1987. She enjoyed varied and interesting work, including her four years with the U of A Extended University in the early 1990's before leaving to create a successful computer networking company with her close friend, Dan Meyer. She continued to travel as often as possible to Italy, Africa, Mexico and throughout the United States. During the course of her life she was generous in both spirit and finances to family and friends alike even funding scholarships for acquaintances who were in need. The smart, engaging, and kind soul will be lovingly remembered by those many lives graced by her touch. The family wishes to thank the staff of the Kanmar Place Hospice for their competent compassion. Lindsay's life will be celebrated in a private family memorial.

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