



Evelyn M. "Linda" Quinn

November 27, 1921 - July 4, 2017

Rye – Evelyn Mae “Linda” Quinn, 95, a most beloved wife and mother to ten children has reunited with her husband in the house of the Lord and Savior they served for 74 years of married life. Evelyn Mae “Linda” Quinn, recently of Langdon Place in Dover, NH, died peaceably on July 4, 2017 after an extended period of disability. She was the first of three daughters born to Halbert and Helen (Snow) Dow in Methuen, MA on November 27, 1921.

Linda was a graduate of Andover High School and the Chamberlain School of Retailing in Boston. She married George Francis Quinn of Lawrence, MA, son of Frank J. and Genevieve A. (McDermott) Quinn, on October 31, 1942 before being swept up in the war years and her (not insignificant) role in what would later be known as the baby boom.

Linda’s Catholicism and pursuit of all that might deepen her faith played a prominent role in her life. She and George were active and supportive parishioners wherever they lived. Despite the demands of raising a large family, Linda was a voracious reader, an accomplished pianist, a proficient cook, and an extremely informed and capable woman able to manage a large household with aplomb. She had deep appreciation for the arts complimented by her innate style, poise, and grace - all achieved without pretension. Her unrelenting efforts to convey faith and values to her children had a profound effect in overwhelmingly positive and unexpected ways. Her ten children and

25 grandchildren are a testament to the ripple effect of such dedication.

Linda loved to be social and had many friends who appreciated her conversation, interests, and talents. Her skills became especially valuable when she and George became active leaders in Marriage Encounter, where they had significant impact and many treasured friendships. Linda could appreciate an opera, a musical, a crossword puzzle, or a hand of Bridge as enthusiastically as a trip to Europe. She had a joy that comes of appreciating, and generously sharing, all the good that life has to offer. Is it any wonder that she is so thoroughly missed?

Linda Quinn was predeceased by her husband, George on November 7, 2016. She is survived by the following children/spouses who loved and appreciated her so very much:

Kathleen Quinn Wild of Brookfield, MA, David & Betsy Quinn of Frederick, MD, Jeffrey Quinn of Rye, NH, Terry & Doris Quinn of Emmitsburg, MD, Mark & Mary Ellen Quinn of Pleasanton, CA, Lisa Jackson of Walkersville, MD, M. Janine Quinn & David Frolio of Rye, NH, Marcia Quinn of Newport, RI, F. Maureen Quinn of Deerfield, NH and Michael & Sara Quinn of Rye, NH.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:30 AM on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at St. Theresa Parish, 815 Central Rd., Rye Beach, NH. Burial will follow in the Central Cemetery, Rye. In lieu of flowers, donations in Linda's name may be made to: The Michael Quinn Scholarship Endowment, Red Cloud Indian School, Advancement Office, 100 Mission Dr., Pine Ridge, SD 57770 www.redcloudschool.org.

Cemetery Details

Central Cemetery

20 Central Road
Rye, NH

Tribute Wall



“ Evelyn M. "Linda" Quinn

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ We were very privileged to care for Evelyn and her late husband George at Langdon Place of Dover for many many years. She touched a lot of lives here of both residents and staff. We offer our sincere condolences to her family and friends. We know she is now reunited with George who was so adoring to her. Thank you for allowing us to take care of your mother.

Susan Putney, Director of Admissions - July 18, 2017 at 11:21 AM



“ I remember my grandmother making the best scrambled eggs I'd ever tasted and they still haven't been beat in my book. I wish I had the chance to spend more time with her, but I have fond memories of a very kind woman that was a wonderful cook and loved playing beautiful music on her piano. I am glad she can be together with Papa.

Erin Chandler - July 17, 2017 at 10:00 PM



“ We send our condolences to the Quinn family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Cheryl & Rich Coggins, Summerton, SC.



Cheryl & Rich Coggins - July 12, 2017 at 10:02 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Evelyn M. "Linda" Quinn.*



July 11, 2017 at 08:03 AM



“ *One of my most cherished gifts from Mama, that I have carried with me to this day, is the love of books and with that, the joy of reading. I can't ever remember a time when she didn't have at least one or two books going. I treasure the memory of her reading many books to me at bedtime, even after I could have read them to myself, but she wanted to share in my experience of a wonderful story- like Anne of Green Gables or Winnie-the-Pooh. Her library was fascinating to me as I child and I could spend hours just looking at all the different types of books she had, thinking about the ones I would read when I became old enough. It became a beloved ritual with my own children and grandson to climb into bed at night and share in reading a good book. Mama was and is there in my heart every time.*

Maureen Quinn - July 11, 2017 at 07:21 AM



Thanks for reminding me of this, Moe. Wonderful stuff! See you soon.

Mark Quinn - July 11, 2017 at 02:16 PM

“Not seeing another opportunity, I’d like to mention here a few of the qualities that were part and parcel to Mama’s personality.

First, she had a wonderful sense of humor— so quick to smile or laugh. Granted, she couldn’t tell a joke without laughing all the way through it, but we loved it anyway. She thought we were so funny and we’d say “Oh Mama, you laugh at anything!” She was such a great audience, in fact, that we competed to keep her laughing. There was more than a little mirth at many meals or while playing a game of Bridge. But beyond this even, she truly appreciated all the amusing quirks of life and the foibles of people that most people miss.

Second, Mama had a manner of speech that was rich and rare— at least these days. I suppose this was a result of her being so well read combined with how people spoke in earlier times. In recent years, we (her children) have tried to recall all the expressions she’d use in everyday conversations that amused us and conveyed, in no uncertain terms, exactly what she meant. For instance, we were NOT to make anyone feel like “two cents waiting for change.” Or, we’d better change our attitude or be “knocked into the middle of next week!” Sometimes you just have to threaten your kids of being “snatched bald-headed!” I mean, who says “Lord love a duck” these days? I wish I could remember them all. If you could hear her speaking today, it would bring you joy to hear all the idioms and figures of speech (especially simile, metaphor, and irony) she used regularly.

Lastly, Mama had class. Not in the “look down on others” snooty sense of the word, but in the Grace Kelly sense of what one tends to admire in such women. I suppose some could have seen this as her thinking she was “all that,” but that would be a mistake. She was always her harshest critic.

No, she wouldn’t swear or even use coarse language— or tolerate it in others. Her standards were high and they did not include low

entertainment of any sort. For most of her life it was her daily practice to be smartly dressed, hair done, and with makeup on. As was common, and again, for most of her life, she was a smoker. But, she could never be seen smoking before breakfast, during a meal, or while walking or working. A cigarette hanging from her lips? Never! It sounds funny to say this today, I know, but she could make smoking look classy— like in the movies back then, I guess. Even the way she played piano was classy. She'd never slouch at the keyboard, and the hands were held gracefully above the keys. When finishing a piece, you had no doubt that you'd witnessed a work of art— not just by what you heard, but by what you saw!

And perhaps best of all, I can't remember Mama speaking ill of others or engaging in gossip of any sort. Yes, a classy woman, God rest her soul.

Mark Quinn - July 09, 2017 at 04:08 PM

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“ *I tuned and serviced Linda's piano. She would very often play for me afterwards. She read and played classical music with great feeling. She was very nice, pleasant and humble, about her talent. i tried to sell the piano on the internet...at those times not getting anywhere. Finally, I bought it and eventually found a great home for it where a mother and daughter both play and really appreciate it. This was some time ago so, I was surprised to see this obituary. There must have been difficult times. My condolences to the family. I was never close to Linda but she brought joy into my life and work by visiting with me and playing so beautifully after I tuned. Something I'll always remember.*

Ray DeMarco

Ray DeMarco - July 09, 2017 at 01:19 AM

JQ

“ *My mother was a truly GREAT woman in the classical sense. Full of passion, love and joy. She leaves a lasting legacy of family.*

Jeff Quinn - July 08, 2017 at 05:12 PM

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Yes, indeed! You inspired me. What a nice change to be able to think of her as she was-- fully alive, vibrant, and at the top of her game. What a profound effect she had on us. Thanks, Jed.

Mark Quinn - July 11, 2017 at 02:19 PM

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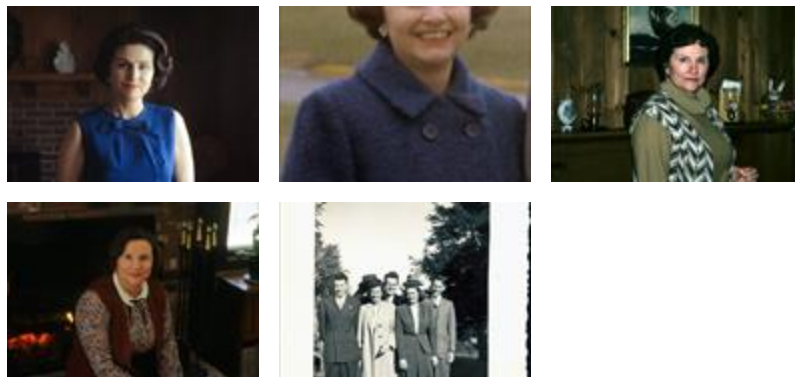
“ *Mrs. Quinn made a positive impact on my life as I frequented the Quinn home as a teenager. I am forever grateful for some of the skills and values I learned from her that are an intricate part of my life today. rest peacefully in heaven, Mrs. Quinn with your sweetheart.*

Terri Dove (Loeschke)

Terri Dove - July 07, 2017 at 06:41 AM

MQ

“ *56 files added to the album Through The Years*



Mark Quinn - July 06, 2017 at 08:48 PM