



# Linda B Nielson

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Linda B. Nielson - Schmidt, lovingly known as Yiayia, passed away peacefully in her home on October 30, 2025, at the age of 83, after a courageous battle with illness. She passed quietly at home and is now at rest.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on July 15, 1942, Linda lived a life full of compassion, dedication, and joy. She obtained a BS from Westminster College in 1976 and went on to earn her master's degree in social work from the University of Utah in June of 1979. In 1988 she became Board Certified in Clinical Social Work.

Linda began her professional journey with Kennecott and later found her true calling in psychotherapy, where she devoted over 40 years to serving her patients and the community with empathy and wisdom. Her work touched countless lives, and her legacy of care will continue to resonate.

Her greatest joy came from being “Yiayia” to her two grandchildren, Ricci Anderson (26) and Isabella Anderson (22). She provided unwavering support to them through everything, and they will carry her memory forward with love and pride.

Linda also leaves behind her devoted husband, Len Schmidt; her children, Sam Schmidt and Sarah Schmidt; and her son-in-law, Ric Anderson.

Linda had a vibrant spirit and a love for life's simple pleasures. A favorite quote of hers “more is never enough” - Miss Piggy and her home was always beautifully adorned for every season and holiday. She had a deep appreciation for the arts and especially loved Ballet West, the Shakespeare Festival in Cedar City, and the Utah Symphony.

Her style was impeccable. She had a gift for pulling together outfits and jewelry that reflected her warmth and personality. She will be remembered for her kindness, generosity, and the deep love



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she gave to her family and community. Her absence leaves a profound void, and she will be deeply missed.

A private family service will be held in her memory. Premier Funeral Home is handling her cremation.

11.5.2025



## Tribute Wall

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**Amanda Speer** posted:

Linda, YOU are the reason I'm a therapist! - Amanda (Smith) Speer

January 5 at 3:34 PM



**Brenda Biljanic** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Oh my sweet friend, how I will miss you! Linda began shopping with me in my specialty boutique many years ago and was more than a client...she was a friend. She wore all of her gorgeous "treasures" perfectly and I often would buy special things just for her because I knew what she loved! I enjoyed our hours of conversations, her beautiful spirit and her kindness! She was always perfect and I will miss her deeply 🌻❤️🌻 Rest in peace until we meet again. Brenda Biljanic ❤️



November 11 at 4:48 AM



**Renee Strand** posted:

I met Linda when I was 15 years old when we moved to Utah and my mom married my stepdad, Pete. Linda worked for my dad at Kennecott and attended their wedding. She was a great family friend. I remember when she went shopping with me to Arent's to buy my first fur coat - back in the day when people wore them. Linda was a warm, loving and vivacious person who will be deeply missed by many people. It should be noted that Linda was also an accomplished pianist. May she now be joined with those she loved. My condolences to you, Len.

November 9 at 5:09 AM



**Larry C Hinman** posted:

Len, it's Larry Hinman. So sad on seeing Linda's obituary. What a wonderful person she was. Best friend of my mother Joyce who worked with her at Kennecott and never missed a pre Christmas lunch with Joyce and other Kennecott friends at the Cotton Bottom. She was also a wonderful counselor to our family. Please accept our condolences and know that she will be missed.

November 8 at 8:42 AM



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**Jennifer Nicholas** posted:

Len, my name is Jennifer Nicholas. I am the oldest niece of Parker's. Our entire family enjoyed fun years with Linda while they were married. I kept in touch w her for years after that and then we drifted apart, as seems to always happen. After Parker died in 2022, I tracked her down again. My sister and I met her for lunch at Stella's. We all reconnected like we had seen each other just last week!!! I was so utterly surprised to see her obituary!! My DEEPEST sympathies to you and your family. I will cherish my memories of her❤️

November 8 at 7:25 AM



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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Linda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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