



Linda Nichols Gibson Martinez

July 5, 2021

Linda Nichols Gibson Martinez, 73, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 5, at her home after a seven-year courageous battle with leukemia.

She was born to Virginia L. Nichols in Winchester and raised by her mother and grandparents, Wheeler and Gertrude Nichols, and later by her mother and stepfather, James G. Baker.

She graduated from John Handley High School in 1966 and married James H. Gibson in 1966. She was a homemaker for many years raising her four children; Todd, Jackie, Patrick, and Tim, and babysitting many children through the years. She and her first husband later owned and managed several small grocery stores, including Mac's Market in Purcellville, and Gibson's Grocery I and II, and J&L Mini Mart in Winchester. After her divorce, she worked for 25+ years at Quick Stop, which later became Throx convenience store.

In 1991, she met her second husband, Juan G. Martinez. They married in 1996 and she helped with his Martinez Stonework business until his passing in 2012. She loved her customers, including many repeat customers that she served regularly. She stopped working in 2019 due to her health issues and missed her customers dearly. She enjoyed reading, watching certain TV shows, farmers markets, traveling, and simply spending time with her children, grandchildren, family, and friends. Her children and grandchildren were always her main focus. A dear friend recently said, "Linda and Juan's home was always full of family and love."

She is predeceased by a son, James Todd Gibson; her husband, Juan G. Martinez; her parents, Virginia and James Baker; and a sister, Shirley Drummond.

She is survived by her children, Jackie Gibson Griggs (Ken), Patrick Gibson, and Tim Gibson (Corrie); her five grandchildren, Taryn Gibson, Dylan Gibson, Taylor Gibson, Andrew Griggs, and Teagen Gibson; her first husband, James H. Gibson; a brother, Dennis Nichols, and two sisters, Nancy Johnson and Brenda Day; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, July 17, 2021 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Marker-Miller Orchards. Please bring any memories or stories about Linda to share with her family and friends.

A graveside burial at Shenandoah Memorial Park will be private.

Her family would like to thank Blue Ridge Hospice, Phelps Funeral Home, and Marker-Miller Orchards.

Arrangements are by Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 17. 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

Marker-Miller Orchards
3035 Cedar Creek Grade
Winchester, VA 22602

Tribute Wall

AJ

“ This was one of the nicest women I have ever met I been going to the store where she worked for many years since moving to Winchester and she was always so pleasant to talk to. I was sadden to hear when she first became to ill to continue working and would ask about her every time I went to Throx. Truly a great loss and when I went there today to the store 7/15/21 and heard of her passing I was truly heartbroken. Rip my friend you will be missed .



Angela Johnson - July 15, 2021 at 12:51 PM

RJ

“ Linda welcomed me with open arms. She was patient and kind hearted. I always enjoyed Saturdays at her house with all her kids and grandkids. She adored her family. She will be missed.



Ruby Jones - July 09, 2021 at 10:12 AM

TR

“ Traci lit a candle in memory of Linda Nichols Gibson Martinez



Traci - July 08, 2021 at 04:27 PM

KF

“ Patrick,Dylan,& family,You are in my thoughts,my heart,& my prayers.I am so sorry for your loss.

Kathy Fleming - July 07, 2021 at 09:53 PM

JA

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Jackie - July 07, 2021 at 09:06 PM

JA

“ Jackie lit a candle in memory of Linda Nichols Gibson Martinez



Jackie - July 07, 2021 at 09:05 PM

MS

“ Linda and i had lots of fun together we shared alot of secrets and dreams there will never be another woman like her i wish i had visited her more i will always love and miss her very much



Margaret Gibson Short - July 07, 2021 at 06:02 PM