



## Lynda R. Laatsch

September 22, 2020

Lynda Laatsch age 59 of Huntington died on September 22, 2020.

She was born on March 2, 1961 to Charles and Ruth Richards in Lansing, MI. Lynda graduated from Loy Norrix High School, Kalamazoo, MI, with the class of 1979. Lynda earned her bachelor's degree from Huntington University. Lynda worked as a Teacher for the Huntington County Community School Corporation. On March 31, 1985 she married John Laatsch in Kalamazoo, MI. Lynda and John lived in Huntington, IN.

Lynda is survived by her loving husband, John S. Laatsch, sons, Logan Laatsch of Florida, Benjamin Laatsch of California, and Isaiah Laatsch of Fort Wayne, IN, mother, Ruth Richards of Bronson, MI, sister, Joni (Terry) Siler of Bronson, MI, and brother, Matthew (Michele) Richards of Scottsdale, AZ. She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Richards.

She was a member of Evangelical United Methodist Church where she was a children's choir director, praise band member, youth mentor, camp counselor, and church board member. Lynda began her teaching career in 1992 at Crestview Middle School in Huntington, moved to Roanoke Elementary for two years, then Northwest Elementary for sixteen years and spent the last nine years at Lincoln Elementary. She was also an associate at Kohl's of Jefferson Pointe in Fort Wayne, IN.

Lynda was a wonderful, dynamic, positive, radiant teacher who had the best interest of her students at heart. She was an avid Star Wars, Harry Potter, and Star Trek fan, often incorporating their themes into her teaching. She was

Starbucks most loyal customer and created many friendships with those who worked there. Lynda was known for her vibrant sense of style, fun loving personality, and her crazy socks.

An outdoor Celebration of Life Visitation will be held on Friday, October 2, 2020, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm & will continue Saturday, October 3, 2020, 10:00 am- 12:00 pm at Evangelical United Methodist Church, 1000 Flaxmill Road, Huntington, IN. A public remembrance will be scheduled at a later date.

May we love and care for others like Lynda would. As a memorial please continue to keep the light that Lynda shared through acts of joy and kindness. Online condolences can be given at [www.bailylove.com](http://www.bailylove.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evangelical United Methodist Church  
1000 Flaxmill Rd.  
Huntington, IN 46750

## Celebration of Life

OCT 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Evangelical United Methodist Church  
1000 Flaxmill Rd.  
Huntington, IN 46750

# Tribute Wall

NH

“ I had the privilege to work alongside Lynda for the past 6 years at Lincoln. I am so very sorry for your loss, and I will continue to keep your family in my prayers.



Nichole Harner - October 05, 2020 at 08:06 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Lynda R. Laatsch.



October 02, 2020 at 02:26 PM

AB

“ Best 4th grade teacher ever everyone wanted her instead of mrs.purdy she would make the hole class laugh with her jokes and her leg warmers she would wear and the way she told stories in different voice's only teacher I ever appreciated and cherished during elementary school

Alicia Bradley - October 01, 2020 at 08:22 PM

SC

“ I had lots of interaction with Lynda during the fall when our sons ran cross country. She was always a joy to be around - and ALWAYS had a smile. Just being around her, you could not help but smile and be happy. Even though we didn't see each other often after that season of life was over, she was always interested in how my family was. I loved singing in the Community Christmas Choir. She did not sing with us, but she was always in attendance with that beautiful smile that lit up the room. She will be missed. Earth's loss is truly heaven's gain.

Sheryl Cline - October 01, 2020 at 04:28 PM

CO

“ She got me into one of my favorite childhood fiction series, “The Chronicles of Narnia” I'll never forget that. Thoughts to her family. She was an amazing teacher who inspired imagination.

Cory - September 30, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ Mrs. Laatsch was always so supporting. I worked in the schools and we both loved Star Wars and had the same Starbucks order. We both loved making jokes together too. She always supported me going into ministry and encouraged me in that and is always something I'll be grateful for. Praying for her family!

Caleb Jordan - September 29, 2020 at 07:55 PM

ML

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Laatsch family. All my sympathies, Mike Lawless



Mike Lawless - September 29, 2020 at 06:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Lynda R. Laatsch.*



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September 29, 2020 at 10:58 AM



“ *Gary And Cindy Mast lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch*



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**Gary and Cindy Mast** - September 29, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ *My first memories of Lynda are from many years ago when I became a substitute teacher at Northwest. She always had a smile & encouraging word for everyone! Her students were very important to her & I know she made each one of them feel very special. Years later I became a member of EUM & I got to enjoy her being part of the praise team. She had a love for life & a beautiful spirit! She will be missed! Maria Chanley*



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**Maria Chanley** - September 28, 2020 at 09:01 PM

MB

“ *Mark And Charlotte Buzzard lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch*



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**Mark and Charlotte Buzzard** - September 28, 2020 at 07:49 PM

JS

“ *Joni, Lee, And Nate Schmalzried lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch*



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**Joni, Lee, and Nate Schmalzried** - September 28, 2020 at 11:49 AM

JA

“ *I have fond memories of Lynda's sense of humor, smile, and contagious laughter while teaching with her at Northwest. She made you a better person just by being around her !*  
*John Adams*

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**John Adams** - September 28, 2020 at 08:40 AM

HS

“ *Horace Mann Elementary School purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lynda R. Laatsch.*



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**Horace Mann Elementary School** - September 28, 2020 at 08:19 AM

CB

“It’s hard to imagine a world without Lynda. Our lives crossed paths through the years in different ways but I always loved her zest for life and enthusiasm and that smile! I first worked with Linda at Target and she was always my favorite to work with, many nights we closed down Pizza Hut having a late night snack after zoning at Target. I was so proud of her getting her teaching degree and I was so happy that she was a big part of my grandchildren’s lives as their children’s choir director at EUM. Lynda was so much fun to watch as she led those children singing. You could not stop smiling watching how much she loved what she was doing. I can only imagine all the lives she has touched during her years teaching and her church family. I love reading everyone’s memories of her - there is one common thread through all of them - that she radiated joy to everyone! My prayers to her family and so many that were so close to her. I hope she’s enjoying her great reward in Heaven! Thank you Lynda for a life well lived!

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**Cindy Barton** - September 27, 2020 at 04:34 PM

BS

*I will miss my friend, Lynda Laatsch. We first met as college freshmen at Huntington College. Lynda was like a big sister. We had many of laughs & late night study session. As time went on, she was a part of our wedding. Although we grew apart with distance, every time we’d have a chance to meet up for coffee, it was like the conversation just continued. She will be deeply missed.*

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**Brenda Shafer** - September 29, 2020 at 11:28 PM

KD

“I loved Lynda’s shoe game. I would always say to her that I wanted to have shoes like her when I grew up. To say she was a great person is an understatement. I’m going to miss her.

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**Kimberly Dixie** - September 27, 2020 at 02:27 PM

CF

“ Craig & Vendetta Gutshall Family lit a candle  
in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch



Craig & Vendetta Gutshall Family - September 27, 2020 at 01:22 PM

PA

“ With Love from the Applegate Family  
I enjoyed knowing and working with Mrs  
Laatch, she was a big impact on me and my  
two girls. 💕 I loved your Contagious smile  
and the  
“Joy Of life” that you could spread through the day. When I think of  
you, I shall remember you laughing and smiling.  
You’ll be missed.



Patricia Patty Applegate - September 27, 2020 at 12:51 PM

CE

I remember Linda from Salamonie. Very personable, fun.

Carolyn Eltzroth - September 27, 2020 at 07:21 PM

KE

So sorry John, when I think of Lynda I remember her smile and laugh.  
Hang in there bud.

Keith - January 20, 2021 at 03:40 AM

BS

“ *Bridget Swaidner lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch*



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**Bridget Swaidner** - September 27, 2020 at 12:08 PM

PM

“ *Lynda was amazing - as a friend and coworker at Target, as a fellow student at HU getting our teaching degrees, as a parent when Isaiah was in my class, as a teacher for Jesse and Jamen, and as co-teachers at Northwest and Lincoln. She was beautiful inside and out. Her spirit was one of a kind. She will be very missed.*



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**Patty Myers** - September 27, 2020 at 11:52 AM

AL

“ *I'm reminded of so many great memories of my childhood at EUM. Lynda was an amazing person! So full of energy and love for others. Sending hugs to the family.*



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**Alli Lee** - September 27, 2020 at 09:06 AM

CS

“ *Carolyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch*



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**Carolyn Smith** - September 27, 2020 at 07:17 AM

LH

“ *Lisa Hoch lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch*



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**Lisa Hoch** - September 26, 2020 at 09:45 PM

LH

“ *Lisa Hoch lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch*



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**Lisa Hoch** - September 26, 2020 at 09:41 PM

SR

“ *Sue And Bill Ransom lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch*



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**Sue and Bill Ransom** - September 26, 2020 at 02:55 PM

PH

“ *Pam Hesting lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch*



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**Pam Hesting** - September 26, 2020 at 12:25 PM

SR

“ Sue And Bill Ransom lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch



Sue and Bill Ransom - September 25, 2020 at 11:03 AM

SR

“ Sue And Bill Ransom lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch



Sue and Bill Ransom - September 25, 2020 at 10:59 AM

SR

“ Sue And Bill Ransom lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch



Sue and Bill Ransom - September 24, 2020 at 07:06 PM

CW

“ Carole Wohlford lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch



Carole Wohlford - September 24, 2020 at 03:29 PM

MM

“ *Lynda was a real joy to work with. Her smile, laugh and caring ways were wonderful! She always put others first and was ready to help you out! Heaven has gained a beautiful angel. She will be missed by all of us. My prayers to John, Logan, Ben, and Isaiah.*

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**Marinda Meyer** - September 24, 2020 at 01:52 PM

MM

“ *Marinda Meyer lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch*



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**Marinda Meyer** - September 24, 2020 at 01:49 PM

CM

“ *Laatsch family,  
Mrs. Laatsch was my absolute favorite teacher. She was a blessing to all of us. I remember hearing a classmate ask her what will happen if they didn't bring lunch money again. Later that day, I watched her pay for that students lunch. Watching her walk around with a huge smile on her face every day or in braids, overalls, and Crocs will always be how I remember her. She inspired so many of us who were in her class. Some of us were blessed enough to have her two years in a row. Because of Mrs. Laatsch, I am now teaching 5th grade. Her legacy is one that honored God and will live on. I'm honored to have known her.*

*With love,*

*Cassie (Bradberry) Moser*

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**Cassie Moser** - September 24, 2020 at 01:38 PM

RK

“ RhondaBauer Kattau lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch



RhondaBauer Kattau - September 24, 2020 at 09:20 AM

MG

“ Lynda was a joy to teach with. She showered love and caring actions on her students, who bloomed in her classes. Our daughter, Amy, was a member of the Hopping Hoosiers team with Logan, and has fond memories of Lynda on the trips they went on. We are so sorry for your loss, but Heaven is surely a joyful place right now.

Margaret Porter Griffin - September 24, 2020 at 09:08 AM

EL

“ God gained an angle, I'll never forget the memories I shared with you, you were an amazing teacher and always cared for everyone ❤️ Rest In Peace



ella - September 24, 2020 at 12:33 AM

BV

“ Brailynn Vogleman lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch



Brailynn Vogleman - September 23, 2020 at 09:23 PM

SH

“ Susan Hiple lit a candle in memory of Lynda R. Laatsch



Susan Hiple - September 23, 2020 at 09:12 PM



“ John, Logan, Issaha and Ben..I am heartbroken for you all. Lynda was such a beautiful and loving soul that touched everybodys life..she will live in our hearts and memories always..Heaven gained an AWESOME angel, love you all, Kathy



Kathy Harper - September 23, 2020 at 08:13 PM

MW

“ What a Great lady. Many ballgames spent on the bleachers watching our sons play All Star Baseball!!! Not sure which one of us Yelled the Loudest. Our thoughts and prayers are with All of your family. 🙏

Mary Wilson - September 23, 2020 at 07:53 PM