



## Linda Ann Punska

June 14, 1947 - February 20, 2025

Linda Ann Punska, 77, of Hatfield, passed away at home surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, February 20, 2025, after a long illness. She was born in Northampton on June 14, 1947, to the late Edmund and Elsie (Ginette) Channell. Linda was a 1965 graduate of Northampton High School. She spent many years working in service to others at the Northampton State Hospital, First Call for Help, and the Holyoke Soldiers Home. She married Ronald Punska in 1967, and they began their life together.

Linda was full of life and joy. Her smile would light up any room she entered. Linda had a way of making everyone in her orbit feel special. She made the best apple pies and could beautifully braid a head of hair in minutes. She knew how to work hard, and her home was always gleaming. True to her selfless nature, she invariably put others ahead of herself. Always a caretaker, Linda made certain those she loved had what they needed. She provided food, shelter, and affection for so many family members and friends over the years. If you were to ask Linda what she was most proud of in her life, she would say that she knew how to love with an open heart.

Her fifty-seven-year marriage to Ron was a love story for the ages. Ron and Linda shared many adventures, including six trips to Disney World, Niagara Falls, and their favorite restaurant Dimillo's on the Water in Portland, ME. They also loved gallivanting to casinos wherever they could find them. They created a beautiful family, which culminated in her proudest role-devoted grandmother. While her body was still able, she did not miss a dance

performance or sporting event. Linda's laugh was big, but her heart was bigger. She will be deeply missed, but her family will honor her legacy by continuing to love and live as she did.

She is survived by her loving husband, Ronald Punska, her children, Heather Punska and her husband Jacob Masenior of Leeds, Joseph Punska and his wife Elizabeth of Hatfield, and Joanie Rockett and her husband John of Leeds, her grandchildren, whom she loved and cherished, Jonathan, Jeffrey, Jack, Ellia, Lukas, Kaia, and Kolton, her brothers Bob and Scott Channell, her sister Donna Caron, and several nieces and nephews.

Besides her parents, she was also predeceased by her siblings Tom Channell and Karen Soucy.

Calling hours will be Sunday, March 2, 2025, from 1-3 PM at the DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME, 120 DAMON RD, NORTHAMPTON. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be in Linda's memory to Cooley Dickinson VNA and Hospice 30 Locust St., Northampton, MA 01060.

For more information or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit [Drozdalfuneralhome.com](http://Drozdalfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

MAR 2. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Drozdal Funeral Home  
120 Damon Rd.  
Northampton, MA 01060  
drozdalfh@aol.com  
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# Tribute Wall

RP

“ Ron so sorry for your loss, as I knew Linda back in the day she was always happy and had a great laugh.  
Rich Perry

Rich perry - March 03, 2025 at 06:10 PM

SA

“ Stacy A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Ann Punska.

Stacy A. - March 02, 2025 at 11:34 AM

TF

“ The Ginnett Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda Ann Punska.



The Ginnett Family - March 01, 2025 at 05:20 PM

DS

“ Dara, Ron, Jacob & Julian Smith purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Linda Ann Punska.



Dara, Ron, Jacob & Julian Smith - February 28, 2025 at 10:10 PM

MK

“ Michelle K. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Ann Punska.

Michelle K. - February 27, 2025 at 09:14 PM

JC

“ Jill and Carl Dattel, Nancy Channell purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Linda Ann Punska.



Jill and Carl Dattel, Nancy Channell - February 25, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Ann Punska.

February 24, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Ann Punska.



February 24, 2025 at 08:28 PM

LE

“ *Leah Halloran- P.D. Fighters Exercise purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Linda Ann Punska.*



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**Leah Halloran- P.D. Fighters Exercise** - February 24, 2025 at 05:04 PM

LB

“ *Joe, You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers Michelle Burden*

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**Lisa Michelle Burden** - February 24, 2025 at 04:32 PM

LA

“ *Lisa & Alison purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Linda Ann Punska.*



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**Lisa & Alison** - February 24, 2025 at 04:30 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Ann Punska.*



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February 24, 2025 at 03:40 PM

RK

“ *Condolences to you Ron and Family. You were always there for her.*

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**Ronald Kumiega** - February 24, 2025 at 01:23 PM

CB

“ Ron,  
Our hearts are broken for you and your family. No words can express how sorry we were to hear of Linda's passing. We have many wonderful memories of spending time with you and Linda when our daughters were growing up.  
Linda was a beautiful and caring person. Her warmth and kindness were felt by everyone who met her and her memory will be cherished by many.  
May the many loving years you shared bring you comfort and peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Heather and Joe, and the many other family members and friends who will miss Linda. May she rest peacefully. With love and sympathy, Carole and David Brown, Easthampton, MA

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**Carole and David Brown** - February 23, 2025 at 09:31 AM

MW

“ To Ron and your extended family.....please accept our condolences from a very long way from Hatfield! Just reading the obit of Linda makes us feel we knew her, and we feel poorer for never have met Linda. Ron, I don't know if I'll be able to keep that next lunch with you at Tom's, but let's keep our fingers crossed!  
Marty and Ann Wilkes, Melbourne, AUSTRALIA.

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**Marty Wilkes** - February 23, 2025 at 04:07 AM

JC

“ Jay and Diana Coyne planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Ann Punska.

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**Jay and Diana Coyne** - February 22, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ Jay and Diana Coyne purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda Ann Punska.



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**Jay and Diana Coyne** - February 22, 2025 at 12:54 PM



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**Drozdal Funeral Home** - February 21, 2025 at 03:34 PM