

A Tale Of Two Linda's

I was born Linda Anne Irving on December 30, 1951. Actually, my mother wanted to name me Sandy. However, my father stepped in and said, "No, her name is Linda"!! Good thing, huh?

I grew up in Revere, Massachusetts- just north of Boston. I had a beautiful childhood and adolescence and remained in the area to attend Boston College School of Nursing. I worked for 44 years as a hospital nurse caring for adults with medical and surgical anomalies. I spent the last 20 years of that career as a clinical educator. I loved my work...and loved teaching it to young nurses!

I married in 1974 and had five children whom I raised in the wonderful nearby town of Winchester, Massachusetts. A few years after becoming a single parent, I met the love of my life, Nick DiSalvo. We were married in 2005. He brought to our marriage two more wonderful children. All of these seven kiddos have married/partnered with seven more beautiful people. They are the joy of our life and have become wonderful mothers and fathers, and accomplished professionals... as well as giving us 12 grandchildren (with #13 on the way!).

So...enough about this Linda...let me introduce the "Second Linda".....

My eldest child, Teresa, married her love, Steve Jack. In 2005, they announced that a baby (our first grandchild) was on the way! Excited?....oh yes!

On August 3, 2005, I got a call at work that Terry was in labor in Philadelphia and on the way to the hospital. Nick and I jumped into our vehicle and drove to Philly....fully expecting that when we arrived 7 hours later, we would be able to hug and snuggle our first grandbaby. But NO....that did not happen until the next day at 11:32 pm when Baby Girl Jack was born....but it was SO worth the wait!!

Exhausted, we left the hospital and headed for Terry and Steve's Philly apartment when I suddenly said, "Wait a minute....what's her name?" Steve said, "We want to name her Linda". Needless to say, I cried my heart out!

And...we danced with our Linda at our wedding eight weeks later!

Soon after, another "Linda", with whom I worked, showed me an article about the L.I.N.D.A. Club, so I filled out an application for both of us...and my grandbaby Linda has enjoyed being the "youngest Linda" ever since.....



I was born Linda Anne Jack on August 4, 2005, and was named after my grandmother. I was born and raised in Philadelphia. I frequently visited my grandparents in Massachusetts and Maine. I love to travel!

My grandmother signed the two of us up for the L.I.N.D.A. Club soon after I was born, and we have both been a part of the club ever since. Growing up, I always received and read the newsletters, and, due to my status as the youngest Linda, I collected a plethora of gifts and Linda T-shirts (thanks Linda Siebert).

The first L.I.N.D.A. convention that my grandmother and I went to was the 2013 Las Vegas convention. I remember lots of laughs and all the Linda's and Lynda's being extremely welcoming. The next convention I attended was the year after, the 2014 Memphis convention. I recall that convention was super fun as well.

I have just turned 15 and recently finished my freshman year of high school at Central High School in Philadelphia. It is a fast paced learning environment where I am able to cultivate and experience new passions, such as art, dance, theater, soccer, and volunteering.

My family and I were planning on attending the 2020 Niagara Falls convention but, unfortunately, due to the pandemic and spread of Covid-19, this did not happen. Hopefully, we'll be able to see everyone soon and reunite with our fellow Linda's!

With our love and good wishes-

Linda Anne DiSalvo and

Linda Anne Jack



