

## ***LINDA FAY CORNELL PROFILE***

Hi my name is Linda,

I was born in 1953 and grew up in Des Moines, Iowa. I only moved away when I went to college. I had a brother who was three years older.



*Cornell, Manuel, Brian ,Agnes, Tony, Angie, Ty*

I was married and we had two children, Angela and Brian. From them I have four wonderful grandchildren they range from 23-3. Angela.....Madysen 23, Kennedy 21, and Ty 18..... Brian ....Agnes 3.

I worked for a trucking company for 45 years before I retired in 2019. I still work part time at Kohls where I've been for 27 years.

I love to read and belong to two book clubs. I enjoy traveling and checking out things to see along the way.

I go line dancing every Wednesday evening. Once a month I get together with dance friends to go out to lunch and then dance afterwards. We have found a restaurant that will let us dance in a back bar area.

In the summer I go to the pool in the morning and walk in the lazy river to get some exercise. I'm looking forward to summer to get here again.

My mother read about the first Linda gathering in the newspaper and thought I should go. She came with me to entertain my kids and also to get entertained by the 160 Lindas that were there. I didn't know anybody there and I didn't know what to expect. The two Lindas that gathered us that day had plenty planned for us. Both their parents were equally involved. One thing that sticks in my mind was they had many gifts to give away. Every time they said Linda everyone was alert waiting to hear if their last name was called. There was plenty of laughter and making new friends. Since that first time I have attended every convention. It is so much fun to see the same faces every year and know you have something in common....the name Linda.

I have helped planned three conventions. There's a lot of work going into planning and pulling it off. I have a lot of respect for the head of those committees.

After the convention in Niagara Falls, we had a surge of Lindas interested in joining. We went from a little over 120 members to over 400! That was a BIG deal for the two that usually took care of business. I was one of a few that was asked to work on mailing out our newsletters. Last year there was a vacancy on the board so I applied. I had never been on a board before so I am learning as I go.

There have been many memorable conventions in the past years. We had Dickey Lee come and sing one of the earlier years, we had a group making a documentary about names following us around and filming us. We had Jack Lawrence come and perform our Linda song that he wrote for Linda McCartney when she was a child. We have been to many different states...Iowa, Kentucky, Florida, California, New York and so many more. The best part is meeting all of the Lindas. Looking forward to our next adventure. Hope you will be there.

Linda Fay Cornell



*Kennedy, Agnes and Madysen*