

LYNDA BETH NELSON PROFILE

I am known as Nelson at our L.I.N.D.A. Conventions!

I was born on September 24 as Lynda Beth Steinberg and raised in the small town of Titonka, Iowa. I feel lucky that I grew up on a small farm. My dad loved to milk Holstein cows. A treat as a child was warm milk on our cereal. Now I can't stand warm milk! I was the oldest child and have two younger brothers, Galyn and Bruce. Farming was tough but I never felt like we were poor. My mom told me that an older neighbor girl was named Lynda with a "y" and she liked that name so that is how I got my name. In high school, I was in the drill team and marched with the band.

After high school, I went to Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa. I received an Associate's degree in the Legal Secretary program. I only worked in a law office for about six months. I decided law wasn't for me. After 3 ½ years as a secretary at Grant Wood Area Education Agency, I moved to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to work at Kirkwood Community College. I did office work and then worked at the Help Desk for my last 14 years. At this job I learned something new every day. I retired from Kirkwood in 2015 after 34 years.

I met my husband, Steve, through Kirkwood, and we married on September 6, 1986. We were blessed with two children, Matthew and Stephanie (goes by Aaron). Matthew is married to Karen and they have two girls, Eisley (8 years) and Savanna (5 years). Aaron has a partner named Riley.

They say you are busier in retirement than when you are working. Boy, did I make that statement true! I try to go to the gym at least two times a week and "walk and talk" with my friend at least once a week. I love reading historical fiction books. I keep a summary of each book I read in Excel. It helps my memory! I am very active in my small church. I serve as Clerk of Session and am the head of our Mission Team. I am a collector of refrigerator magnets, mostly from our travels. I also collect Noah's Ark décor. I am reminded that God always keeps his promises.



*Front Row: Savanna, Eisley, Lynda, Riley
Back Row: Karen, Matt, Steve, Aaron*

My husband and I love to travel. We mostly travel in the United States, have enjoyed a couple cruises and hope to make it to all 50 states. In September we travelled to Gatlinburg and Nashville, Tennessee. We loved the Great Smoky Mountains and the Grand Ole Opry. My greatest joy is to spend time with our granddaughters. It is so fun to spoil them and leave them with their parents! It is a joy to watch them grow up.

My first L.I.N.D.A. convention was in 2012. The convention was in my hometown of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. A friend told me about the convention. I went with the idea that if I didn't like it, I could just go back home. But I loved it and have enjoyed the conventions ever since. I love all the new Linda friends I have made, and I love the opportunities to travel to different cities. My husband and I usually add more days to the convention and call this our vacation. Many of my friends are jealous that there is a club by my name. They all wish they had their own club. I am the webmaster for the L.I.N.D.A. Club and serve on the L.I.N.D.A. Board.