



# Lynda Joan Gainer

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**L**Lynda Joan Gainer (Funk), age 64, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by her family, on January 7, 2026. She faced determination. Though her disease primarily challenged her mobility and communication, it rarely dampened her spirit. She enjoyed a joyful Christmas and New Years season with her loved ones before finding the peace and comfort she long deserved.

Born in Corvallis, Oregon, to Lynn and Joan Funk, Lynda was the eldest of three and a lifelong Oregonian. As a child, she was known for being kind and growing up along a creek on the corner block of Crocker Rd. in Eugene, OR, where she primarily lived growing up. She graduated from North Eugene High School beginning a life built on a shared love for family, sports, and waterskiing. They wed in Eugene, OR on May 21, 1983.

Lynda's professional life reflected her sharp mind and organization. Primarily a bookkeeper, she was legendary for her lightning-fast typing and efficiency as a mother to her two daughters, Kari and Amy. She worked part-time most of their youth to volunteer in their classrooms, Girl Scouts, sports, or other community activities where her business-oriented tenacity and feisty, fun personality made her an easy person to chat with, befriending many. At home, she was a talented reader, and constantly refining her mastery of the Cricut for family celebrations and fun projects. Lynda retired from work in 2022.

Later in life, Lynda tended to be a creature of comfort who loved a cozy blanket and preferred a quiet afternoon reading on her Kindle or DVR, but also enjoyed a pool or campfire with friends, sipping an iced tea or sharing Pinterest s'more hacks. Her social nature meant she enjoyed lively conversation and was always up to date when it came to health and science.

Her greatest joy during this time though, undoubtedly, was her role as Grandma "Lala." A true pillar in the lives of her three grandsons, Carter (17, His most of it was pink). She was particularly close to Hudson, for whom she provided full-time care during his infancy and through the pandemic. Hudson is now 10 years old.

Lynda is survived by her parents, Joan (84) and Lynn (86) of Salem; her siblings, Cindy (Fidel) Cuellar of Portland and Darren (Krista) Funk of Salem; her three grandsons and one very special grand-dog, Ziggy. Her legacy of hard work, helpful determination, artistic beauty, and love for family will be missed.

A private celebration of life is being held January 31, 2026 in Hillsboro, OR. In lieu of flowers, the Gainer family kindly requests donations be made supporting swim lessons for her offspring, <https://www.sthelenspool.com/donations> or to The Michael J. Fox Foundation, [https://give.michaeljfox.org/albVL000006FYHJ&utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=cpc&utm\\_campaign=Google\\_Search\\_US\\_Fundraising\\_DonationKeywords\\_Apr2022&iBMgGaXr6bKeMUG\\_0et7s&gclid=CjwKCAiAybfLbHajEiwAI0mBBih-HAYqeGILUxpl3iu29ZvprE3UIfoDCspZ9-yOQWR\\_YeXdIE33MBoCEr0Q](https://give.michaeljfox.org/albVL000006FYHJ&utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Google_Search_US_Fundraising_DonationKeywords_Apr2022&iBMgGaXr6bKeMUG_0et7s&gclid=CjwKCAiAybfLbHajEiwAI0mBBih-HAYqeGILUxpl3iu29ZvprE3UIfoDCspZ9-yOQWR_YeXdIE33MBoCEr0Q)



# Tribute Wall

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JE

**Jerry/Joanne Eisenzimmer** lit a candle in honor of Lynda.

Prayers to the Gainer Family.

February 3 at 8:11 PM



TR

**The Rowe** sent a virtual gift in honor of Lynda.

♥ Reading the treasure of her life above demonstrates the gift she was to everyone in her life. A blessing to all. May the Lords Peace and Grace surround family and friends.during this sad time. Love and prayers. The Rowes

January 29 at 6:53 AM



JJ

**Joanna Jauron** posted:

Wishing you peace and healing in the days ahead

January 21 at 9:20 AM

JD

**Jim Dillard** posted:

My thoughts go out to her family and friends who knew her. Her Husband was my daughter frist baseball coach. She is going be miss.

January 21 at 8:19 AM

CE

**Cathy Edwards** posted:

My deepest sympathy for the Gainer family. My prayers are with you all.

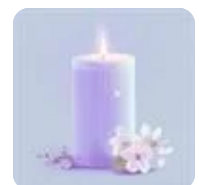
January 21 at 5:44 AM

KA

**Kathy Cooper Ashley** lit a candle in honor of Lynda.

Kathy Cooper Ashley lit a candle in memory of Lynda Gainer

January 21 at 2:14 AM





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