



## Linda Runge

March 6, 1943 - September 17, 2023

Linda Lee Runge of Tinton Falls, NJ passed away peacefully on September 17, 2023 at the age of 80. Linda's journey began in Oxford, NJ, but she soon found her forever home in Monmouth County when her family relocated during her childhood. She later established her own family in Middletown, where she resided until 2007 when she moved to Tinton Falls.

Linda is predeceased by her beloved husband of 46 years, Albert Runge. Her parents Horace and Beatrice Baylor; her sister, Minnie and her brother, Buddy. Surviving are her three children, Lora Runge and her husband Pete Diggins of Keyport, Glen Runge and his fiancée Dena Massa of Ocean, and Ginger Hatton of Eatontown; four grandchildren, Paige Boyce, Megan Chinaea and her husband Carlos, Dani Runge, and DJ Hatton; two sisters Patricia Archer and June Ballew. Linda was also very excited to help welcome into the world a great-grandchild due in December.

She loved classic country music, crocheting, Hallmark, coffee, sweets, and her New York Yankees. Linda's love of angels resulted in hundreds of angel figurines displayed throughout her home. Her favorite saying was "everytime a bell rings an angel gets their wings", we ring a bell for her today. Throughout her life she made people feel welcomed through her love and care. Her witty

sense of humor and smile lit up every room she was in. She cared for her family deeply and took care of us all. She was a dedicated wife and mother, a beloved sister, aunt and friend, and a wonderful mommom. We all love you and you will be missed dearly.

Family and friends are invited to pay their respects on Monday, September 25th, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Bongarzone Funeral Home located at 2400 Shafto Rd, Tinton Falls. Directly following the viewing, a prayer service will begin at 11:00 am, which will be followed by a brief burial service at Fairview Cemetery, Middletown, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project ([www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)) in Linda's memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Fair View Cemetery

Route 35  
Middletown, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 25. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ

## Prayer Service

SEP 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ

# Tribute Wall

DJ

“ Mommom,

*I love you so much. I am very blessed to have had an incredibly close relationship with you. Thank you for taking such loving care of me throughout my whole life. I will always remember and be grateful for the time we spent together. When I was a young child we spent so much time together doing fun things like playing card games, searching for four leaf clovers, playing catch, drawing little pictures of dogs with French berets on, and so on. You taught me how to crochet, you passed down your love of classic country music to me, you loved and took care of me. I am beyond grateful for you. You helped make my childhood fun and filled with love.*

*When you no longer had a car I would ride my bike over to your house (always bringing the bike into your apartment because you were convinced it would be stolen). As I got older and started to drive I had the privilege of helping you shop, go to doctors, go to the bank, grab lunch or whatever you needed. I will forever be grateful for you calling me all the time to grab you milk (two half gallons). Running around with you, in the moment, seemed like simply doing errands, but today I see it differently, these drives we shared will be some of the best memories I will ever have. I loved our calls to talk about the Yankees and the things they need to do to be more efficient (you should have been the manager). I love you.*

*Not too long ago you told me how much you missed Poppop and your parents, I believe and know that you are with them now.*

*Mommom I could write about our relationship for pages upon pages, but I don't think it would ever truly express how much you mean to me. I thank God for blessing my life by having you as my Mommom and I will forever be grateful for the wonderful relationship we had and I will always hold it in my heart. Rest easy Mommom. I love you forever and a day Mommom, love always - Your grandson, DJ*

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DJ - September 22, 2023 at 02:57 PM

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“ Love, Aunt Pat Archer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Linda Runge.



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**Love, Aunt Pat Archer** - September 20, 2023 at 10:19 PM

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“ The Archers, Appios, Olsens, Ottens purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Linda Runge.



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**The Archers, Appios, Olsens, Ottens** - September 20, 2023 at 09:31 PM

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“ My mom, I can't believe I'm here writing about her. Is this real? I'm numb. I loved you so very much, when I was young you were so sweet to me, when I became a teenager you were so understanding, my friends adored you, and as they have reminded me these last few days they still do. You were kind. You were funny in your own special way, and boy you cracked yourself up. 😭. I mean it when you said a funny the snorting started (for a long time.) . Loved it, we had great times and you were a true blessing to me helping raise DJ. You took every opportunity to let someone, anyone know we were your children, for me it was always this is my baby, and then when I'd take you to a doctor you'd say ok mom. Lol. You had a passion for the Yankees almost obsessed. 😊 This has been so difficult, there is so much I want to write, but I could go on forever. So I will say thank you, thank you for always allowing us all kids and grandkids to be who we are, no falseness. I will miss you tremendously and our calls as I drove home from work. Please know always just how special you always were to me. No regrets just pure love. Rest peacefully mom. Until we meet again, I loved you then, I love you now and I will carry you with me and love you for all my days. ❤️

Ginger Hatton - September 20, 2023 at 02:47 PM

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Glen and family...again I am so sorry you lost such a beautiful and loving person as you have described her. I can now see her through you Glen as you have so many of her same qualities. I know over time and with all the love and support of family and friends you will begin to heal. You have so many memories you remember and share. RIP Angel. 🙏🙏

Holly Steinberger - September 22, 2023 at 07:04 AM



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



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September 20, 2023 at 12:29 PM



“ *Ballew's purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Linda Runge.*



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**Ballew's** - September 20, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ *Ballew's planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Runge.*

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**Ballew's** - September 20, 2023 at 10:43 AM



“ *Linda, although after you being the baby of the family for 9 years and then I came along and took that spot. You always loved me and with your great humor you would remind me of this. I will always remember our times together from the beginning as children to end with special lunches and phone conversation where we shared our memories. I will always love and miss you but I know you are the angle watching over us! Love you, June*

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**June Ballew** - September 20, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Runge.* ”



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September 20, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Runge.* ”



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September 19, 2023 at 08:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Runge.* ”



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September 19, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Linda Runge* ”



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**Bongarzone Funeral Home** - September 19, 2023 at 03:45 PM