



Linda Ace Hoskinson

July 23, 1942 - February 10, 2025

Linda Ace Hoskinson, a leader in the field of nonprofit development, passed away peacefully on February 10, 2025. A resident of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, she will be remembered by many for her thoughtful wisdom, kindness, strength, and integrity.

Lin was born on July 23, 1942 to Walter Elmer Schlecht and Ethel Winnifred (Simpson) Schlecht in Tecumseh, Michigan. She graduated from Ann Arbor Senior High School in 1960 and earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Western Michigan University in 1966.

She married Ronald Elwood Ace shortly after college and welcomed a daughter, Kristen, a few years later. When Ron's military service brought the family to Durham, New Hampshire, Lin began volunteering with the local public television station, sparking a decades-long career in raising support for the causes she valued most. Her talents were quickly recognized, and she joined the station's development staff in 1977. Four years later, Lin and Kristen moved to the Washington, D.C. area, where Lin joined the national office of PBS and then the development team at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland.

In 1986, an opportunity with the Chambersburg Hospital convinced her to move once more. At the hospital and its parent organization, Summit Health, Lin served as vice president for development, leading the fundraising efforts

that established the Norland Avenue campus and the expansion of the hospital's main facility. She was an active member of the Chambersburg Rotary Club, joining in 1990 and becoming its first female president in 1994. It was through the Rotary that she met Richard Hoskinson, a local attorney; they married in 1993 and enjoyed 26 years together.

Lin's wisdom and expertise were widely lauded. She was pleased to serve on the boards of the South Central Pennsylvania Estate Planning Council (president), the Presbyterian Church of the Falling Spring (president), the Cumberland Valley School of Music (president), and Menno Haven, where she helped guide a \$20 million capital campaign to completion - enabling the creation of a new rehabilitation center, a resident life center, two memory care homes, and other expanded facilities. She held leadership positions with the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy and was a member of the Board of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, established by the U.S. Congress as the nation's highest presidential honor for performance excellence in business, health care, education, and beyond.

Lin's lifelong appetite for learning fueled her interests in photography, travel, music, art, theater, languages, economics, and more. She and Richard relished exploring the world with their family and dear friends, and she always had her next destination in mind. Her highest priority was her daughter, Kristen, and Kristen's family, for whom Lin would have - and sometimes did - go to the ends of the earth.

Lin was preceded in death by her parents, Walter E. and Ethel W. Schlecht; her husband, Richard K. Hoskinson; and her former husband, Ronald E. Ace. She is survived by her daughter, Kristen A. Burns, whom she loved deeply and who brought her great joy and pride; her son-in-law, Brenton W. Burns, whom she embraced warmly as her own; and her three grandchildren, Katharine, Evan, and Lila, who charmed her from the beginning. Kristen,

Brent, and their family adored Lin equally in return. They are forever grateful to the staff at Menno Haven and at Grane Hospice for their care and support.

A celebration of Lin's life will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Falling Spring Presbyterian Church, located at 221 North Main Street in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Menno Haven Benevolent Fund, the Cumberland Valley School of Music, the Totem Pole Playhouse, or a charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Presbyterian Church of Falling Spring
221 North Main Street
Chambersburg, PA 17201

Tribute Wall

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“ *Lin Ace came to my father’s Memorial service in 1993 representing the Chambersburg Hospital. It meant a lot to our family that she came to honor him. She was a lovely woman who cared about others. The family of Dr. Robert G. Greenawalt*

Michele Greenawalt - February 26, 2025 at 03:34 PM

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“ *Lin always treated everyone with respect and dignity. She was very helpful to new members and to people who had taken a leadership role. She had a way of making you feel more dignified in your role. She always had a smile and a subtle wit that you could miss if you weren’t paying attention. She is missed.*

Bill - February 19, 2025 at 01:30 PM

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“ *Rotary International admitted females into membership in the late 1980s. Lynn was among the first women and leading community leaders eagerly recruited into membership by the Chambersburg Rotary Club. She was appointed to the local Chambersburg Rotary Foundation contributing ideas and initiative. As mentioned earlier, she was the first of many females to serve as the club's President. Certainly a person of character and integrity Lynn was a good friend.*

Clint Bolte - February 19, 2025 at 09:26 AM