



Linda J. (Hellner) Issa

October 6, 1947 – March 22, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Linda J. Issa who peacefully passed away on March 22, 2025, at the age of 77. A lifelong resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan Linda was known for her warmth, curiosity, and unwavering love for family, history, and animals.

Born on October 6, 1947 to William and Virginia (Walters) Hellner, Linda grew up in a close-knit family and graduated from Pioneer High School in 1965. She began a long and fulfilling career at the University of Michigan, where she worked diligently until her retirement in 2014. Her passion for learning extended beyond her career—on weekends, she took joy in driving the Bookmobile for the Ann Arbor Public Library which brought the gift of literature to the community.

Linda had an incredible gift for conversation—engaging, insightful, and always full of laughter. She never met a stranger, only a friend she hadn't yet made. She was an avid reader and found solace in the pages of books, often immersing herself in history, fiction, and stories of the past. Music also filled her days with joy. She had a deep appreciation for the stars—both in the sky and in the zodiac. Linda loved astrology, finding wonder and meaning in the alignment of the cosmos, and she enjoyed sharing her insights with family and friends.

Linda's love for family was evident in the joy she brought to every gathering, especially with her homemade sweets. Her sweets were always a highlight at family celebrations. She also cherished annual trips to the Washtenaw Dairy in Ann Arbor, where she enjoyed family, ice cream and creating lasting memories. Linda's deep appreciation for family, food and special moments were undeniable.

Linda was also deeply dedicated to genealogy, spending years tracing her family's rich history back to the 1500s, uncovering stories and connections that spanned generations. This meticulous research became a labor of love for Linda, as she worked to preserve the rich legacy of her family's past. She was proud to share her findings with relatives, ensuring that the stories of her ancestors were passed down and remembered. Linda's work in genealogy was a testament to her dedications to family and history.

Linda was preceded in death by her beloved parents and siblings Gary (Nina), Glenn (Katherine), Michael (Pat), and Ralph (Su) Hellner, as well as her sister Bonnie (Daryl) Zemke. She is survived by her devoted sisters, Patricia (Stephen) Cottrell, Kathleen (Richard) Britton, and Sharon (Michael) Pendy, along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews, all of whom will forever cherish her love, wisdom, and stories. She also leaves behind extended family and friends who were touched by her kindness and generosity.

Among her greatest joys in life were her beloved cats, Tangierstair and Suzy Q, who were her faithful companions. Her profound love for animals extended beyond her own pets, as she was a passionate advocate for their well-being.

A celebration of life will be held in her honor in Fall 2025. Details will be shared with family and friends closer to the celebration. In lieu of flowers and to honor Linda's love for animals, the family kindly request donations be made in her memory to the [Humane Society of Huron Valley](#).

Linda's spirit, humor, and boundless love for family will remain in our hearts forever. May she rest in peace, guided by the stars she so deeply admired, surrounded by the love of those who went before her and remembered in the warmth of every shared dessert and cherished family gathering.