



Linda R. Tacoma

September 30, 1948 - October 3, 2025

In Loving Memory of Linda R. Tacoma
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Linda R. Tacoma, cherished sister, aunt, great-aunt, and devoted public servant, passed away peacefully on October 3, 2025, at the age of 77.

Linda was born in Tarrytown Hospital to her loving parents, Renee Frankolino and Vincent Tacoma. Her maternal grandparents were Rose and Sal Frankolino, and her paternal grandparents were Concetta and Valentino Tacoma.

She was a graduate of Sleepy Hollow High School, Sleepy Hollow, New York, Class of 1966. She went on to earn a B.A. in English from Cortland State University, received a Master's Degree from the College of New Rochelle, and a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree from Pace University in 1982.

Linda had a distinguished career as an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx, New York, hired by District Attorney Mario Merola in 1982, and served with dedication and integrity throughout her years of public service.

Linda loved to write and was part of a small writing group that met weekly. She was close to completing a fictional book chronicling her days as a District

Attorney in the Bronx. Linda was also an avid crocheter and always made the babies in her family a beautiful blanket when they were born.

She was a loving sister to Eileen Tacoma, Denise Cookingham, and Annette and brother-in-law Steve Leo.

A devoted aunt, Linny brought love, guidance, and laughter to Wesley (Meghan) and Michael (Kara) Cookingham, Jamie (Nicole) and Ryan (Haylie) Funigiello, and Matt and Nick Leo (Nick, predeceased). She was also a cherished great-aunt to Kayleigh, Madison, Michaela, Sienna, and Avery, and is remembered by her former brother-in-law, Joe Funigiello.

Linda's warmth, generosity, and sense of humor brought joy and comfort to all who knew her. She had a gift for making people feel seen and cherished. She lived life with kindness, humor, and a big heart — leaving behind memories that will continue to inspire and uplift her family and friends.

Services

Visiting Hours: Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Dwyer Funeral Home, Tarrytown, NY.

Mass of Christian Burial: Friday, October 17, 2025, at 9:30 AM at Church of the Magdalene, Pocantico Hills, NY.

Entombment: Immediately following at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, Sleepy Hollow, NY.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 16. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home
90 North Broadway
Tarrytown, NY 10591

Closing Prayer

OCT 17. 9:00 AM (ET)

Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home
90 North Broadway
Tarrytown, NY 10591

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 17. 9:30 AM (ET)

The Church of The Magdalene
525 Bedford Road
Sleepy Hollow , NY 10591

Entombment

OCT 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sleepy Hollow Cemetery
540 N. Broadway
Sleepy Hollow , NY 10591

Tribute Wall

DA

“ I worked with Linda in the investigations unit of the Bronx DA's office for a couple of years. To say she was a 'guru' is an understatement; more like "Gandalf;" she knew everything about everything, bordering on wizardly. More than that, she had such a wicked--and wickedly sharp--sense of humor about it all. Sitting in her office, talking law, life, or movies, it was one of the pure, unadulterated joys of my time at the DA.

Dan - October 15, 2025 at 04:09 PM



Donna
Cannillo

“ I went to Sleepy Hollow High School with Linda. I will always remember her as a very special person. Even in High School you knew she would be successful in all she would do in her life. To all that knew and loved her I offer my condolences.

Donna Cannillo - October 26, 2025 at 11:07 AM

AF

“ Linda was one of a kind. During my time at the Bronx DA's Office she always had an open door and a welcome suggestion. She was a mentor and a friend to all the junior attorneys. She will be missed. And she was also beloved by Nick Lewis who I am sure will be welcoming her in Heaven! They had a special bond as colleagues and I imagine them both smiling.

Alyssa Preston Friedman - October 15, 2025 at 04:07 PM

JG

“ I worked with Linda for years at the Bronx District Attorney's Office. Whenever I knocked on her door seeking advice, she would unfailingly greet me with a smile and was always willing to share her insights and experience. Smart, funny, skillful in court, she was the Real Deal. Thanks for all the help you have me and many others.....

James Goward - October 14, 2025 at 05:29 PM

KD

“ Kelly Glover and Dianne DiCerbo, purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Linda R. Tacoma.



Kelly Glover and Dianne DiCerbo, - October 14, 2025 at 04:43 PM

BS

“ To Linda`s Family and Loved Ones, Please accept my heartfelt condolences at your great loss.

I worked with Linda in the BXDA Office. I will always remember her as a kind, caring, wonderful person. She was a great friend.

Linda helped many of our colleagues by writing their motions. Whenever a child visited the Office she would magically set the child at ease and comfort him or her. She was wonderfully compassionate with children and spoke of her pre-lawyer days in childcare.

As you well know, Linda possessed a loving heart. She had a wonderful way of looking out for others. She will be sorely missed.

God Bless All of You.

May Linda Rest in Peace.

Brian J. Sullivan

Brian J Sullivan - October 13, 2025 at 07:17 PM

AL

Dear Brian, So wonderfully said. She told me she would give the children candy and small toys while waiting in the crowded hallways before court.

Also I remember when she worked as a social worker she would bring children home to celebrate holidays with us. Although she is my oldest sister, she will always be everyones Aunt Lin.

annette leo - October 15, 2025 at 09:04 PM

JH

“ I met Linda at the Writing Center in Sleepy Hollow, and we became friends almost immediately. Most nights she would bring coffee and pastries for the entire group! She loved words and it showed in her writing. In the years that followed she continued working on a novel, a fictionalized account of her work in the DA's office. The parts she read to us were often raw and thrilling, incidents taken from her career. She struggled with the ending. It's sad to think that her novel will never see the light of day. Linda was unique in so many ways. I'll miss her. John Hogan

John D. Hogan - October 12, 2025 at 03:14 PM

DF

“ Dianne and Joe Funigiello purchased the Rose R emembrance for the family of Linda R. Tacoma.



Dianne and Joe Funigiello - October 12, 2025 at 01:09 PM

KF

“ Kevin, Sue, Betsy and Caroline Finn purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Linda R. Tacoma.



Kevin, Sue, Betsy and Caroline Finn - October 11, 2025 at 05:09 PM

LP

“ I was fortunate enough to work with Linda in the Investigations Division for several years. Linda was smart, generous and an excellent attorney. We will miss you Linda.

Larry Piergrossi - October 09, 2025 at 04:07 PM

OA

“ Linda was an incredible person. She was kind and generous when we worked together and always stressed the importance of doing the job of a prosecutor with the highest level of ethics and integrity. It is hard for me to articulate how much she meant to me as a person and colleague. This is an incredible loss. Linda- I love you and hope you are at peace.

Osman Abbasi - October 09, 2025 at 02:49 PM

PC

“ I remember Linda when she joined the office in the Appeals Bureau. From the start she impressed all of us with her dedication to our work and her tireless energy for it. At the same time Linda was known as the compassionate person she was. We kept in touch after she left the bureau. A life well spent with us. I miss her.

peter coddington - October 09, 2025 at 12:15 PM

JH

“ Linda was a great attorney and co-worker here at BXDA.
I'm so sorry to hear of her passing. My sincerest sympathy to her family and loved ones.
Rest in Peace- Linda



Joan Hill - October 09, 2025 at 12:10 PM

ED

“ Elizabeth Diaz lit a candle in memory of Linda R. Tacoma



Elizabeth Diaz - October 09, 2025 at 10:04 AM

JM

“ Judges Brescia and Meister purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Linda R. Tacoma.



Judges Brescia and Meister - October 09, 2025 at 08:20 AM

MM

“ I was Linda's third interview when she applied for the job in the DA's office. The next step was to be interviewed by the DA. Of course, Linda got the job. After she began in the office she came by to see me in my office. She told me that she was convinced she had blown the interview with me. In fact, she told me she was so shaken that she had to fix herself a drink when she went home. I explained to her that I always gave recruits I thought were good a tough interview - and a long one, but there was no doubt she would get the job once the Boss received my positive report. We had a good laugh and became good work colleagues. She always had a warm smile and welcoming greeting. May she rest in peace. Michael A. Marinaccio

Michael Marinaccio - October 08, 2025 at 08:26 PM

DH

“ Debra Houlihan lit a candle in memory of Linda R. Tacoma



Debra Houlihan - October 08, 2025 at 06:08 PM

PK

“ As a second year law student and intern at the Bronx DA's Office, despite being very busy (as prosecutors are), Linda took lots of time to "show me the ropes," explaining various aspects of the criminal justice system and "what it means" to be a prosecutor. She was kind, and funny. She will be missed.

Peter Kennedy - October 08, 2025 at 04:42 PM

CS

I knew Linda in her later years. She spoke with pride about her work as an attorney but her love and devotion to her family was how she defined herself. She adored her nephews and remembered her interactions with them as they grew into adulthood with happiness, warmth, satisfaction, and meaning. May she rest in peace.

Carol Sandak - October 08, 2025 at 08:35 PM

YT

“ Yvonne Thomas lit a candle in memory of Linda R. Tacoma



Yvonne Thomas - October 08, 2025 at 04:42 PM

JH

“ *Janette Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Linda R. Tacoma*



Janette Hernandez - October 08, 2025 at 04:39 PM

LW

“ *Linda and I were colleagues at Bronx DA. My husband was a Detective in the Bronx. He and Linda had a case together and a friendship blossomed. When we married, she jokingly warned me not to break his heart or she would “get” me! 😂. We loved her wit, spirit and friendship. Our condolences to her family who she spoke so fondly of. May she RIP.*

Lisa Payne Wansley & Terrance Wansley

Lisa Payne Wansley - October 08, 2025 at 12:13 PM