

“ Member Profile Story “

This week's feature : Linda Thompson



Linda was born in Los Angeles, California in 1965. She is the 4th child out of 5 kids in the family. She has 3 brothers and 1 sister. They lived in southern California until 1974. The family moved to a town of 500 people in Bruce, South Dakota. Just a little culture shock!

They lived in Bruce for 1 year and then moved to Pierre, South Dakota. Linda graduated from Pierre Sr. High School. After high school, she went to college at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD majoring in Psychology. She spent 2 years there. When Linda was 19, she decided to leave SD and moved to Portland, Oregon.

Linda gained residency in Oregon and then moved to Corvallis, Oregon and went back to school at Oregon State University to finish her degree. After graduation, she moved yet again to Tacoma, Washington. She was

only there for about 6 months when she injured her back. Linda's mom had moved back to California and so she moved to Sacramento and lived with her to rehabilitate. Lots of moving!

In Sacramento, Linda worked for the State of California and this is where she met Jeff Thompson. He was from Ohio and they decided to get married and move to Ohio to help his father with the family business.

Jeff and Linda have two children. Adam is 28 years old , has an Engineering degree and works as an Application Engineer at Northrich Company. He lives with his dog Alto in Fairview Park. Their daughter Mariah is 26, has a degree in Higher Education Administration and works at CSU as a coach/advisor for students in the Arts and Science college. She lives in North Olmsted. Linda is glad they are both close to her. No grandkids yet, but both of her children are happy and healthy, and she is grateful for that.

Linda is single and lives in North Olmsted with her brother Paul who is disabled and unable to live on his own. She doesn't currently have any fur babies but who knows what the future will bring.

Linda has worked in the field of Human Resources for 25 years and currently she is the HR Director for Spitzer Automotive. She has 2 wonderful ladies that work for her and the 3 of them manage the 27 dealerships , a Marina, a Golf Course and the Hardware store. Spitzer is in 3 states and has about 1250 employees. This keeps her very busy. Every day is different and just when you think you have heard it all, you haven't!

Linda started attending Prince of Peace regularly in 1999. Everyone was very friendly and welcoming. Her sponsor was Beth Cornick and they continue to be close friends! She calls POP and the people there her family and they have been a significant source of faith, joy and support. She has been involved in Social Ministry, on multiple call committees, fellowship groups and Linda currently serves on Church Council and the Engagement Committee!

In her free time, Linda enjoys gardening, hiking, theatre, music, the water, traveling and home renovation. She also enjoys just a quiet night at home relaxing . People probably wouldn't expect her to be a motorcycle enthusiast, and she has her own motorcycle! Hopefully she can spend more time on the bike this summer. Linda is looking forward to more travel and adventures in the future!

Linda has followed her dreams throughout life and made an impact along the way. Her Faith, Family and Commitment shows her character. She contributes much to our church in the many roles she has filled. Leadership is a strong part of what makes her tick! You can connect with Linda at the Contemporary Service and many other times as she always seeks to spread God's Love!

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