

In Memoriam

Dr. Linda Finke

Dr. Linda M. Finke, 74, past Dean of the College of Health and Human Services, passed away on Saturday, September 16, 2023. Linda earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Indiana University, a master's degree in nursing from the University of Cincinnati and a PhD. in educational leadership from the University of Miami Ohio. Linda served as a faculty member at the University of Cincinnati and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire before serving as Associate Dean for graduate programs at the Indiana University School of Nursing. In 2005, Linda became the director of the Northeast Indiana Health Education Center in the School of Health Sciences at IPFW. Three years later she was appointed Dean of the College of Health and Human Services. Following her time as Dean, Linda served as Professor in the College of Health and Human Services and as Executive Director of IPFW's Health Clinics and Special Programs.

During her academic career, Linda supervised 47 graduate students' thesis, dissertations and fellowships. She presented at over 100 national and international nursing conferences. In addition, she received over \$2,000,000 in grants and awards for her work in the research areas of psychiatric nursing, substance abuse among nursing professionals, and the development of graduate nursing programs.

Outside of her impressive academic career, family was most important to Linda, and she cherished spending time with them. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, and antiquing with her husband Bruce. A perfect day for Linda would be driving up to Lake Michigan with her family and watching the beautiful colors of fall taking effect.

Dr. Linda Finke is survived by her husband, Bruce, and children Scott and Kelly as well as her brothers Jerry and Jeff Glenn.

Linda will be remembered for her dedication to excellence in nursing education and for instilling pride in the profession to the hundreds of nursing graduates who continue to provide high quality health care across the region, the state and the country.