Christmas is a good time to pause and appreciate all the things that mean the most in life, the beauty all around us, and the joy that comes from giving. And most important of all, it is a time to remember those who are dear to us, especially those who may no longer be with us, but have truly made a difference in our lives.

IN MEMORY OF LINDA

Our dear friend Linda passed away unexpectedly only 4 months ago. Linda, who at the age of 36, as a result of a chiropractic manipulation, became mute and paralyzed. However, with the use of only one hand, she was able to do so much for so many people, not only in Connecticut, but other states as well. In fact, in 1993, she worked with Governor Weicker to help get a law passed which required chiropractors to finally carry medical malpractice insurance, something her chiropractor didn't have for her.

She spent hours on the Internet consoling and comforting so many victims over the years who suffered a stroke or serious, debilitating injury at the hands of a chiropractor. She worked diligently to promote awareness of the risks of chiropractic to hopefully warn the public that chiropractic treatment is not without risk. Linda also co-founded a group called the Chiropractic Stroke Victims Awareness Group, whose members generously provided much needed financial and emotional support for many of these victims.

Linda showed us courage in the face of adversity. For twenty years, although she was confined to the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain, she never felt sorry for herself. Instead, she was always thinking of how she could help others.

Linda was a true HERO. She never gave up. And she never demanded anything back. She was a beloved mother, grandmother and friend. She was a pediatric nurse at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital for many years and she loved to dance. We hope that Linda is finding peace in heaven and pray that she is dancing once again. She so deserves to have her dreams finally come true.

Linda, we love you and miss you so very much. Thank you for making a difference in all our lives.

With gratitude,

Your Friends and Family