

Linda Klopp was born on August 11, 1945 on the coast of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. Her parents had one other child, a daughter name Sharon, who was born in 1948.

Linda lived most of her early life in Virginia. Up until the time she was ten years old, she lived in the small mining town of Fremont in the Appalachian Mountains. Her father was a coal miner and her mother was a housewife.

When Linda was eleven years of age, or thereabouts, her family moved to Hampton, Virginia. Her father got a job as a mechanic and her mother started working, outside the home, as a bookkeeper. She and her sister worked around the house - cooking, cleaning, and laundry, etc.

Linda didn't start dating (going out in cars) until she was 16 years of age. She had a tremendous amount of love and respect for her father and was devastated when he died in a Labor Day car accident in 1962. He was killed the day before she was to start her senior year in high school and this tragedy changed her life dramatically. She didn't want to finish high school and became quite morose and withdrawn.

She graduated from Ketrion High School in Kingsport, Tennessee and attended East Tennessee State University for three years trying to find some direction in her life.

In 1965 she dropoped out of college and went back to Hampton, Virginia where she worked for an attorney for two years. As far as her social life was concerned, she made up for lost time - her job almost interfered with her social life!

She left for the big city, Washington, D. C., in 1967 where she met and married her first husband, Tom Wybierala who was an Army recruiter. They spent about six months in Washington then moved to Des Moines, Iowa for a year and then on to Chicago, Illinois.

While in Chicago, she worked for an insurance agency and a condominium management company. Her husband Tom, who was still in the Army, but was moonlighting as a bellman, introduced her to a friend of his, Carl Klopp.

Carl and Linda were immediately attracted to each other and, since Linda's divorce was in the works, they started seeing each other and living together.

After a vacation to Aspen, Colorado, they decided to move out West. They lived in Aspen from 1976-1977, moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, stayed there for a few months, got married and struck out for Rock Springs, Wyoming where they'd heard rumors of lots of jobs and a good economy.

From 1977 to the present, Linda has worked at the Adult Learning Center at Western Wyoming College and Carl has tried several jobs, finally settling on a taxidermy business. They love the wide open space of Wyoming, the people, the clean air, the wildlife, and the sunsets. They would like to buy some acreage in the wilderness, build a cabin, and live in peace with nature.

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