



Linda Carol Tomlinson Yarbrough

July 23, 1942 - September 1, 2024

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Linda Carol was born on the 23rd day of July, 1942, the second of six children to Trudet and Pearl Tomlinson at the home of her maternal grandparents, James Wesley and Marianne Almeda “Allie” Thomas, one and one-half miles east on the same road from the farm/ranch owned by her parents where she grew up. She attended the first through eighth grades at Parks Elementary Country School and graduated from Elmore City High School in 1960. She was baptized while in high school at the First Baptist Church of Elmore City. She was a child of God and went to the arms of her Savior on September 1st, 2024, after a battle with lung cancer. She worked as a hair dresser with her sister Bonnie in Ada, and later they had the Cinderella Beauty Shop in Pauls Valley where she met the love of her life, Don Yarbrough. Linda and Don were married on the 23rd day of June, 1968, at Trinity Baptist Church, and immediately moved to Oklahoma City. Linda changed professions to the oil and gas industry, working first with Thomas Engineering; then as the Executive Assistant to the President of Swan Petroleum, and lastly, provided contract services to Spinner Platt, Landman. She retired early to help care for her precious grandchildren and great-grandsons.

Linda loved being a sister, wife, mother, aunt, grandmother and great-grandmother. She attended as many of her family’s special events as possible and would always wish for more hours in the day so she could complete one more thing on her To Do List. As the matriarch of her family, after her

Mother and sister Bonnie's deaths, she thoroughly enjoyed hosting, setting a beautiful dining table and preparing a wonderful meal. There wouldn't be enough food if there weren't plenty of leftovers for everyone!

Linda loved reading, cooking, quilting, scrapbooking, shopping, playing games, traveling and spending time with her many dear friends. She was active in Desk & Derrick, serving as its Rules Chairman and Secretary for many years. More recently, she was a member of Republican Women and the Edmond

Quilt Guild. She was an active member of the Village Baptist Church for over 50 years before moving her membership to the Quail Springs Baptist Church.

Linda is survived by Don, her husband of more than 56 years; her sons, Corbin and wife Shantel (Bighead), and Chad and wife Carol (Bellinghausen); her grandsons, Bobby and wife Taylor (Whiteley), Braden and Braxton; her "favorite" granddaughter, Bailee; and her four great-grandsons, Cashel, Deegan, Lennox, and Beaux; her sisters, Wilma Bettes Jones, and Patty and husband Tommy McKee; as well as many cherished nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Bonnie Burk Griffiths Garvin and Ruby Smith; and her brothers-in-law, Martin Osleger, H. B. Griffiths, Lee Bettes, Jr., and David M. Jones, all of whom she loved dearly. The Yarbrough family would like to acknowledge the many doctors, nurses, and hospice professionals who cared for her, and extend their deepest gratitude to her niece, Kristen (McKee) Claydon, for the love, care and compassion she gave to Linda in her final days at home.

Our family also appreciates the community of Quail Springs Baptist Church, 14613 N. May Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73134, for the hospitality for her memorial service to be on Friday, September 13, 2024, at 1:00 P.M. Go online at www.woosterfuneralhomes.com to leave a message to share your favorite memories and offer words of sympathy.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **13.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Quail Springs Baptist Church
14613 N. May Avenue
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73134

Tribute Wall

WJ

“ It's so hard for me to think of life without you in it. You have always been more than just a sister. You were my best friend and my protector from first grade at the days of Park School when you would beat up the boys who picked on me. I started to call you last evening to tell you the name of a Netflix movie you would enjoy, but then reality hit and I hung up the phone, remembering we will never talk again. I am glad you aren't struggling to get a breath, but can't come to terms with you not being in my life, after 80 years of having you. Give my love to my family members up there with you, I miss all of you



Wilma Bettles Jones - September 19, 2024 at 08:00 PM

KC

“ I would like to thank Wooster for posting this. Linda was a wonderful aunt. I learned a lot from her. I will cherish my memories. I loved her dearly.



Kristen Claydon - September 16, 2024 at 11:48 AM

SJ

“ Stacey Johnson lit a candle in memory of Linda Tomlinson Yarbrough



Stacey Johnson - September 13, 2024 at 10:17 PM

GD

“ This is such sad news to hear. I am terribly sorry to hear of her passing. We were Classmates in High School & had exchanged emails & messages along the way. She was such a nice person. Always eager to help whatever info I needed. Condolences to her family. Ginger (Hursh) Dahlem

Ginger Dahlem - September 13, 2024 at 03:50 PM

WJ

Thanks, Ginger, for your kind words. Linda spoke well of you to me. I was in the '61 class and remember you fondly. Bonnie of the '59 class passed in '02, and Ruby of the '64 class passed in '16 and Linda all passed from lung cancer. As did Mother's baby brother that lived with us and our brother of the '67 class who passed in '21. I am being tested again in November as I have three spots on my lungs that my new pulmonologist thinks may be cancer. I think they are pneumonia scars as I have had congestive heart failure and pneumonia at least 25 times in the last 20 years. The first test was between Feb and April which did not show any growth of the spots, but the one coming up will be between Feb and Nov, which any growth will be cancer. No growth will be scars. At least mine will be less than stage 4 which all the others have been when detected, which is more difficult to cure.

Wilma B. Jones - September 15, 2024 at 10:36 PM

VC

“ So sorry to hear of Linda's passing. Prayers for the family.



Virginia Coffey - September 13, 2024 at 10:06 AM



“ *Linda Williams lit a candle in memory of Linda Tomlinson Yarbrough*



Linda Williams - September 13, 2024 at 01:23 AM