



## Linda Y Phillips

February 23, 1947 - November 25, 2020

Linda Young Phillips, age 73, completed her battle with Alzheimer's and transitioned to her heavenly home on Wednesday, November 25, 2020. Linda was a devoted wife of 53 years to her surviving husband, partner, and caregiver, Dale Phillips. Linda loved Jesus and her family dearly. Born in Nashville, TN, Linda lived the majority of her life in Tullahoma, TN, where she graduated from Tullahoma High School (1965) and Motlow Community College (1971). She worked at Grabers Department Store, United Guaranty Bank, and Dillard's. Linda loved being a mother and devoted herself completely to raising her only daughter, Sarah Burris, of Cleveland, TN. She welcomed her dearly loved son-in-law, Colby, into the family in 2009.

Linda found joy in many hobbies and interests throughout her lifetime. In her younger years, Linda enjoyed deer hunting and waterskiing. She was a talented seamstress and knitter; she loved cooking and baking, growing flowers and birdwatching, and traveling. Linda never met a stranger and was generous, compassionate, and loving toward everyone who crossed her path.

One of her greatest highlights in life was becoming a Mimi to her only granddaughter, Lillie. The two were gifted nearly six years to make many wonderful memories in Cleveland, TN, where Linda resided at home until her passing.

After being diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Linda participated in a drug study at Vanderbilt Hospital to further research and progress in the field. She also inspired many by walking in the Cleveland Walk to End Alzheimer's. Her team, "Mimi's Memory Keepers," raised over one thousand dollars for the Alzheimer's Association in 2018.

Linda was preceded in death by her mother, Evelyn Young Prosser of Shelbyville TN; her brother, Jerry Young of Fayetteville, TN; and her father, Leroy Young of Fayetteville, TN.

Additionally, Linda is survived by her sister and brother-in-law, Judy and Roger Matlock of Hillsboro, TN; two nieces, Mindy Milligan of Gulf Shores, AL, and Lori Darden of Manchester, TN; and numerous cousins.

Due to COVID-19, the immediate family will hold a private burial. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you honor Linda with a memorial donation to the Vanderbilt Memory and Alzheimer's Center by visiting [give.vanderbilthealth.org](https://give.vanderbilthealth.org).

The family would like to express a great debt of gratitude to Linda's primary care physician, Dr. John Peach, and neurologist, Dr. Lealani Mae Y. Acosta, both of Vanderbilt, for preserving her quality of life for many years. They would also like to thank Hearth Hospice of Cleveland, TN, for their tender love and care during Linda's final days.

Please visit our website at [www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.davesculbertsonfuneralhome.com) to leave online condolences. Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Linda Y Phillips*



**Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home** - November 27, 2020 at 05:13 PM

RM

*So lovely and dear to the heart.*

**Robin McChesney** - November 27, 2020 at 08:00 PM

CW

*Wonderful tribute to a very special, loving, beautiful Lady!*

**Carol Warson** - November 28, 2020 at 09:03 AM



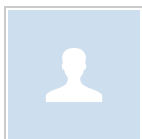
*Dale and Sarah, I'm so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. She was always so loving and good to David and me when our parents would visit Tullahoma. May you know she'll always be with you and guiding your every move. You're in my thoughts—Suzanne Holt Overgaard*

**Suzanne Overgaard** - November 28, 2020 at 05:43 PM

CF

*So sorry to hear of Linda's passing. She was a lovely person.*

**Carolyn Frederick** - December 05, 2020 at 04:36 PM



“ *Linda Y Phillips*

January 25, 2023 at 12:28 AM

DA

“ I will always remember Linda's radiant smile and warm and friendly personality. She was a beautiful soul and a blessing to all those she met.

Dr. Acosta - December 03, 2020 at 04:48 PM

LM

“ Dale and Sarah, I'm so very sorry to hear of Linda's passing. She was a wonderful friend, always smiling and full of fun. She so loved her family and will be greatly missed. Love and prayers.

Lisa Morrison

Lisa Morrison - December 01, 2020 at 07:50 AM

RB

“ Linda was a beautiful, very kind, loving, and generous woman. She always had a smile and was so proud of her family. We are saddened by her passing, she will be greatly missed, but we know that God has welcomed a new angel. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Dale, Sarah, Colby, and Lillie.

Love The Burris's

Rachel Burris - November 30, 2020 at 09:46 AM

VI

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Virgil,Peggy,Chad,Rachel,Caleb,Morgan - November 30, 2020 at 09:44 AM

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Virgil,Peggy,Chad,Rachel,Caleb,Morgan - November 29, 2020 at 10:50 PM

AM

“ Linda, what a sweet fun loving lady! It was such a pleasure getting to know her over the past few years as her stylist and friend. She was always so full of life and joy. We had so many laughs!  
Prayers of peace and comfort over Dale, Sarah, Lily, Colby and the family during this time.

Amanda - November 29, 2020 at 09:34 AM

MM

“ I will never forget Aunt Linda taking me to the movies in Tullahoma. I can't remember the movie we watched but will never forget sitting in the car and her stuffing her purse with goodies to sneak in! I also remember when I was a young girl she braided my hair when it was wet one night before bed. When I woke up the next morning she took the braids out and my hair was a big poof ball and I was late for school! I will also cherish the time she gave me that lovely bridal tea and taking the time to have me over to have pictures taken of me in my wedding dress. There are so many more memories I have and will hold on to for the rest of my life. I loved my Aunt Linda and will miss her dearly.

Mindy Milligan - November 29, 2020 at 08:12 AM

TR

“ I first had the privilege of meeting Linda and Dale during Sarah’s first performance leading the Hopewell singers in concert. She and Dale were beaming with pride as they witnessed a spectacular concert led by Sarah. They told me how proud they were of Sarah and how she loved working at Hopewell and the children. They made many trips after that concert to support Sarah. Dale would tell me that I had better take care of Sarah since they lived in Tullahoma. What wonderful and loving parents who truly adore their daughter. Heaven has truly gained a wonderful angel!  
Tim Riggs

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**Tim Riggs** - November 28, 2020 at 09:08 PM

LR

“ Sherrie and I were sorry to hear of the loss for the Phillips family, but our loss is heaven's gain. We remember that King David had a child who was sick. The King prayed all night for the child to live, but he did not. The servants were hesitant to tell the King of his child's demise, but told him anyway. To their surprise the King got up from where he was praying and washed his face. Then David spoke to the servants saying "My child cannot come back to me but I will go to him!" We are very sorry to see her go, but as believers, we will see her again. She is free now from all the pain and suffering of this world. We like to think that our son Andrew has already found Linda and they are rejoicing together at the new found peace in the Lord Jesus. Our prayers go with those of us believers who wait for our turn to experience what Linda and Andrew already know. We love you all. Sherrie and Larry Roberts

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**Larry Roberts** - November 28, 2020 at 09:06 PM

TA

“ Uncle Dale and Sarah,  
We are so sorry for your loss. She was a beautiful woman with a heart of gold. We have so many fond memories of her. Sending you all of our thoughts and prayers.



Love,  
The Assadourian Family

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Talar - November 28, 2020 at 10:51 AM

AL

“ Linda Phillips might have been one of the most patient mothers I ever knew. She was our Girl Scout leader and took the role of driving several of us to day camp at Woods Reservoir every day for a week. We decided we needed to prank another group of scouts in an adjacent tent, and bought a can of 75 crickets from a bait shop on our way home from camp one afternoon. Linda told us to be careful and hold the can of crickets still. Being a bunch of obstinate 8 year old girls, we passed that can of crickets around the back seat to have a look, and somehow the 75 crickets got dumped out into the back seat of her large car. Linda was smart enough to lock the doors, because the first thing I tried to do was jump out of a moving car. She managed to maneuver into a near by parking area, where we were out of that car before any of the crickets. I still remember her laughing so hard she was crying, while chasing those crickets around the floorboard of her car. She still let us stop and buy another can of crickets the next day to throw on that other troop.

Laughs aside, she was always volunteering to be a room mother, hosting the best birthday parties for Sarah, and making sure everyone was well fed and having fun. I know her absence will leave a large hole, but she left such a lasting impact on so many. Much love to all of her family.

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Abbey Logan - November 27, 2020 at 10:17 PM

JS

“ Dale, Sarah, Lillie, and Colby, My heart and prayers are with you. Linda was such a kind and loving lady. We became new residents and neighbors to Cleveland together. It was a joy to become friends with her, Sarah and Lillie. May our Lord comfort you and hold you close. Jan Smith

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**Jan Smith** - November 27, 2020 at 10:24 AM

JH

“ I remember Linda for her kindness. When we moved back to the RE Lee district, she and Sarah made the effort to invite JeanE over for a day to help her feel a little less lonely. It was a generous thing to do. Our condolences to your family.

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**Joyce Hiebert** - November 27, 2020 at 08:54 AM

RM

“ Linda would shine with such admiration and pride for her daughter, Sarah, at all of the choral and musical performances at Hopewell. I loved to hear her talk about Sarah with such love. Her warmth and kindness was a such a gift. Sending thoughts of love and peace to all.

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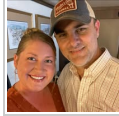
**Robin McChesney** - November 26, 2020 at 08:38 PM

TM

“ Dale, I'm so sorry to see this news. I must tell you, just yesterday I had a memory out of the blue of Donna and I visiting you and Linda at your home on Cumberland Springs road, I believe it was. I don't know what made that memory bubble up, but, it did. God bless Linda, you, and your family. I'll be thinking of you. - Thom Moorer

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**Thomas Moorer** - November 26, 2020 at 12:32 PM



*My dad was just thinking of you as well and talking about you and your brother Grady. He said himself how you had just popped into his mind. He would love to be back in touch. If you would, email him at [dlsphillips@att.net](mailto:dlsphillips@att.net) so y'all can exchange contact info. Thank you so much for commenting here!*

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**Sarah Burris** - November 27, 2020 at 11:41 AM

NL

“ *So sorry to hear of Linda’s passing. She was such a warm and gentle person and I also enjoyed taking to her at Dillard’s. I also was fortunate to have Dale and Linda as clients at Lester, Greene and McCord Insurance Agency.*

*My condolences and prayers to Dale and Sara during this difficult time.*

*Nancy Langford*

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**Nancy Langford** - November 26, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Y Phillips.*



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November 26, 2020 at 11:49 AM

SR

“ *Prayers for the whole family, Dale and Sarah and Lilly, especially. Linda had many friends, including me. I remember visiting with her many times through the years. She was always so sweet and funny and kind. She will certainly be missed in our family, as I know she will missed by others. Love from Scarlett and Ron Robinson*

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**Scarlett Robinson** - November 26, 2020 at 11:30 AM