



Linda Gifford

March 26, 1948 - May 25, 2022

Our dear mother, wife, and sister, Linda Carol Gray-Gifford, sadly passed away on May 25th, 2022, at the age of 74. On March 26th, 1948, Linda was born in Bartlesville, OK, to Melvin and Alice Gray. Linda was a God-fearing woman who lived a life to be an example to her family and friends. She was a vital member of the community of the Permian Basin as a lifetime member of the Texas PTA. Linda supported our troops through the charity Soldiers Angels. Linda had a heart for missionaries, loved her women's group at Cornerstone Assembly of God Church, and constantly listened to gospel music. She had a love for shopping, and the family joked that she was a VIP member at Kohl's, finding all the fantastic deals.

Linda had a sense of adventure and loved to travel, which led her to meet the love of her life on one such adventure. Mike and Linda met on a boat ride, where they knew instantly they would be lifelong partners. She also had a not-so-secret love for Disney World, where she made lifetime memories with the entire family.

During her life, Linda wore many hats. She worked at the Social Security Administration, the United States Marine Corp., and the libraries at Bonham and Scharbauer Elementary. These jobs paled compared to her favorite job, being a mother and wife. As her children became parents, she looked forward to the daily updates on her grandchildren. One such tradition she looked

forward to was receiving a daily morning picture of her granddaughter, Scout.

She was preceded in death by parents, Melvin Gray Sr. And Ottis Alice Gray, brother Melvin "Bud" Gray Jr., and sister Kitty Darnell. Those left to cherish her memory are her loving husband, Mike Gifford, her supportive brother, Everett Gray, and her wonderful children, Pam Wyrick (Warren) of Kasilof, AK, Beverly Pate (Joseph) of Lubbock, TX, and Shawn Gifford (Emily) of Lubbock, TX. She lovingly doted on her grandchildren, Shane Osborne, Shawn Wyrick, Grayson Gifford, Scout Pate, and her great-grandchild, Chandler Wyrick.

Funeral services are under the direction of American Heritage Funeral Home. Service officiated by childhood friend Pastor Phillip Neely. The viewing will be from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on May 31st, 2022. The funeral will be held at American Heritage Funeral Chapel on June 1st, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., followed by Linda's burial.

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album livestream



David Cole - June 01, 2022 at 10:32 AM

BP

Love you mom ❤️

Beverly Pate - June 01, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Gifford.



May 31, 2022 at 08:48 PM

SP

“ Linda was my “Soldier’s Angel” while I was deployed back in 2005. We met through mail, and eventually met in person years later. We remained in contact and built a great friendship. I loved talking to her and hearing about her family and her trips, and unfortunately now that I’m back in Texas we were not able to see each other once again. May God bless the family and we send out condolences.

-Susana Polynice

Suzu Polynice - May 31, 2022 at 11:59 AM

BP

She loved you dearly.

Beverly Pate - June 01, 2022 at 07:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Gifford.*



May 31, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Linda Gifford.*



May 31, 2022 at 05:48 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Linda Gifford.*



May 30, 2022 at 06:21 PM

J(

“ Jack and Bonnie Spratt (cousin) purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Linda Gifford.



Jack and Bonnie Spratt (cousin) - May 28, 2022 at 02:45 PM

JC

“ Jimmy and Haley Carter purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Linda Gifford.



Jimmy and Haley Carter - May 27, 2022 at 08:34 AM

BP

“ I have a lifetime of memories about my mom. She was my biggest cheerleader my entire life and I was so blessed that God chose her to be my mom. Mom had a very dry sense of humor that I loved and a quick wit about her. Any time spent with mom was a good time. Mom never gave up on me, even when I could be a difficult strong willed child and young adult. She would drop everything to make sure we were taken care of. I remember the day I called her and told her I was pregnant! It was so amazing to hear the joy and excitement on the other end of the phone. Mom had prayed many years for me to be a mom and when she found out her prayers has been answered she cried, laughed, giggled, and was praising Jesus all at once!! She said she knew from the beginning she was gonna get a granddaughter, and she did. Mom loved that little girl from the moment she was born! I'm so glad we got to make some fun memories with Scout before she passed away. I know everyone says they have the best mom, but I really did. Life won't be the same without her, but I know I will get to see her again some day.



Beverly Pate - May 26, 2022 at 07:40 PM

RA

Mrs Linda was awesome! I remember her dearly. Going out to eat, enjoying lunch with her a few times, and shopping! She was a fun mom, and will never be forgotten. Very special lady. Look forward seeing her again! Until then she will always be remembered in our hearts and memories.

Rachel - May 28, 2022 at 10:52 AM

VS

“ Prays for all the family. She was my BFF. We had so many good times together. Always had a good laugh about things that happened to us when we lived together in VA. Yes, it can be cold in Alaska in July. So many good memories. Know she touched so many lives .Love you all very much.

Vickie Sigler - May 26, 2022 at 06:28 PM

BP

Love you Aunt Vickie.

Beverly Pate - May 26, 2022 at 06:31 PM

JP

We were Linda's pastor since this last November and came to live her from the day we met both Mike and Linda. Many days we have prayed and believed with them for healing and toward the end we agreed with her that there are more that one way of receiving that healing! She knew without a doubt in the last days she was going home in June; she just made a little sooner exit! Amazing that God allowed her no pain or suffering thru this whole time when others with similar disease has suffered excruciating pain and body functions shutting down. A life lived for His glory magnifying the king of glory at all times I believe gave her peace thru the deepest of turmoil! He promises us through His Word when we put all our trust in Him; Linda truly trust the Lord for all things. She was faithful to attend church until she couldn't come, and then she watched online, faithful in tithes to church and missions, faithful in prayer, faithful to family, faithful to friends; faithful in All things! Now she is with Jesus in Heaven! We all will miss her but we will see her soon!

Pastor JimandDena Pomeroy

JimandDena Pomeroy - May 26, 2022 at 08:11 PM