



## Linda Cornwell McLaughlin

May 21, 1952 - September 27, 2020

Linda Cornwell McLaughlin, age 68, passed away on Sunday, September 27, 2020 at Lake Manassas Health and Rehab Center in Gainesville, VA.

She was born May 21, 1952 in Washington, D.C. to the late Charles Robert and Helen Louise (Pat) Cornwell.

Predeceased by her parents; She was preceded in death by her loving husband Dennis William McLaughlin.

Survivors include her loving children, Michelle McLaughlin, Heather Mergler and husband Lee, Tim McLaughlin, Matt McLaughlin and wife Laney, and Sarah McLaughlin. She is also survived by her loving grandchildren Kalea Obermeyer, Cole, Carter, and Cooper Mergler, Kaitlyn Perkins, Charles McLaughlin, Linley, and Harper McLaughlin, and her siblings Patty Westmoreland and Bobby Cornwell. She is also survived by her loving fur babies Bailey McLaughlin and Jerry Mergler.

Linda, a.k.a. 'The Cabinet Lady,' spent 30+ years doing what she loved; designing kitchens and bathrooms. Her love for music started at a young age, and she turned that passion into a business when she opened up a record store in Manassas called Head over Heels with her friend Jane Albrite. She attended many concerts through the years, with Bonnie Raitt and Bruce

Springsteen topping the list. At Linda's house, the door was always open and she was there to greet you with open arms. If you were there for a monogram party, a pampered chef party, or one that involved a cocktail or two, you knew you were in for a good time and would leave with a smile on your face. She was a dedicated sister in the Beta Sigma Phi sorority, volunteering her time in the community and to the sisterhood. Her love for recreational activities and the social scene kept her going. She spent many years giving her time to youth sports, the PTA, Girl Scouts, and summers at Sudley Club making sure swimmers had their heat cards. Enjoying retirement was something she made a priority- traveling, going to Washington Mystics games, and spending quality time with lifelong friends and her grandchildren made those years count the most. Linda will be sorely missed by all that knew and loved her.

The family will receive friends on Friday, October 2, 2020 from 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 11:00 AM at Stonewall Memory Gardens, Manassas, VA with The Rev. Stuart Schadt officiating.

Expressing of sympathy may take the form of flowers or you may donate to: The Ann Clarke Dollard Memorial Foundation (<http://www.anndollardfoundation.org/>), 9306 Battle Street, Manassas, VA, 20110.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/6BWQHTM49MTJQ63H>

Condolences may be sent to: [www.piercefh.com](http://www.piercefh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Graveside Services

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Stonewall Memory Gardens  
12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin*



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**Pierce Funeral Home** - October 02, 2020 at 02:02 PM

MC

“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to the McLaughlin Family. I became friends with your mother even before our move to Daylily Ct. from NJ....not sure how she felt about having Northerners for neighbors though. She was a very kind and lovely person.*

*The Carroll Family*

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**Monica Carroll** - October 04, 2020 at 03:28 PM

LS

“ *Linda was one of those people who impacts your life and changes you forever. Spirited, passionate, loving, loyal with a sense of humor that lit up any room! I'm forever grateful for our friendship. I miss you dearly and deeply. Love you always. Lee*

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**Lee Schutter** - October 04, 2020 at 02:38 PM

PB

“ From our family to yours our deepest sympathies for the loss of such a wonderful person who had a beautiful soul. You all are in our prayers.

*Jim Blake and family.*

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**Pamela Blake** - October 04, 2020 at 02:09 PM

KF

“ Our deepest sympathy to the McLaughlin family and the Cornwell family.

*Ken and Armande Fisher(Fisher's Maytag)*

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**Ken/Armande Fisher** - October 03, 2020 at 04:24 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.



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October 02, 2020 at 01:35 PM

PG

“ We will always remember Linda's zest for life and love for her family. A smile comes to our faces as we think back on all the wonderful and fun experiences we shared. You will be greatly missed, rest in peace dear one.

*Pam and Meade Gwinn*

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**Pamela Gwinn** - October 02, 2020 at 11:56 AM

SB

*Dear Matt and family.  
We are keeping you in our hearts in this moment of sorrow. May the wonderful memories keep you and you hearts smiling 🌸  
Robert and Susana Barolin*

**Susana Barolin** - October 03, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



October 02, 2020 at 09:56 AM

HG

“ *To all the family and friends, so very sorry for your loss. Many memories of Girl Scouting days. Peace be with you all.*

**Heather A Ehrheart Guck** - October 02, 2020 at 09:43 AM

SP

“ *Sandy ,David, Mandy, & Jon Perkins purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



**Sandy ,David, Mandy, & Jon Perkins** - October 02, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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October 01, 2020 at 10:20 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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October 01, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ *I first met Linda in 3rd grade at Bennett Elementary in Manassas, and went thru high school with her. Although we were friendly in school, we became good friends as adults thru Beta Sigma Phi sorority and working together on many Class of 1970 high school reunions. She epitomized the motto of our sorority “Life, Learning and Friendship”. She embraced life with every ounce of her being, never afraid to learn new things and if you had her as a friend, you really had a friend. And to me she was an ambassador of not only our high school, but the City of Manassas. She seemed to know everyone and everyone loved being with her.*

*I will really miss her!*

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**Patty Easley** - October 01, 2020 at 08:46 PM

RT

“ Linda I remember the Girl Scout planning. Running by each other at Sudley and your home always a welcome spot for Victoria Rest in peaceful repose.

Rita Tenbroeck - October 01, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.



October 01, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.



October 01, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.



October 01, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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October 01, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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October 01, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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October 01, 2020 at 12:37 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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October 01, 2020 at 11:01 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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October 01, 2020 at 10:52 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the McLaughlin family.*

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**Maury and Vera Gerson** - October 01, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ *Dear Linda, the world will surely miss your warm smile and friendly vivacious self. Your sense of humor and creativity were remarkable and your sweet soul will definitely be missed by your lovely family and friends. Now you journey home to be with the Husband that you have so dearly loved and missed. Godspeed! Peace be with you, Linda and your family and always remember to ROCK ON! Much love goes out to your family. We love ya and will miss ya. Debbie Bucklew-McKee (AWC)*



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**Debbie McKee** - October 01, 2020 at 09:33 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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September 30, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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September 30, 2020 at 09:20 PM



“ *The DelSignore Family Leslie Bill Jr David Melissa purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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**The DelSignore Family Leslie Bill Jr David Melissa -**  
September 30, 2020 at 09:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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September 30, 2020 at 09:11 PM



“ *First meet Linda through a society that we were both in many yrs ago .I then I married her cousin Dave Kline .very sweet lady ,she will be missed .*

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**Marie and Dave Kline -** September 30, 2020 at 08:25 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



September 30, 2020 at 07:41 PM



“ *The Obermeyer Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



**The Obermeyer Family** - September 30, 2020 at 05:35 PM



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



September 30, 2020 at 05:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



September 30, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



September 30, 2020 at 04:43 PM



“ *We will miss you deeply, Linda. Memories will sustain us forever 🙏  
❤️ Thoughts & prayers to Matt & Family.  
Jill & Joseph Pascale & Family*

**Jill Pascale** - September 30, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



September 30, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



September 30, 2020 at 02:24 PM

LF

“ *Laura & Steve Fortunato purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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**Laura & Steve Fortunato** - September 30, 2020 at 01:39 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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September 30, 2020 at 12:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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September 30, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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September 30, 2020 at 10:01 AM

JE

“ *Matt and Sara,*  
*We are so sorry to hear about your mom. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your families during this sad time.*  
*Your mom was a special person to so many people, but her family always came first. She always told us how much she loved you and her grandkids. And us, her friends. So many others are grieving, too.*  
*Since elementary school Linda was one of a kind. She told it like it was, and we all knew it. That was special to me. I'll be forever grateful she told me to come to Osbourn's reunion. What fun we all had. Thank you, Linda.*  
*I'll remember her infectious laugh, twinkling eyes, and her courage. What a sweet, loving, friendly and caring person the world has lost. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead. May fond memories remain in your hearts forever.*

*Love and hugs,*  
*Jeanette Alvey Reynolds*

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**Jeanette** - September 30, 2020 at 09:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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September 30, 2020 at 09:54 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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September 29, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ *Matt, Sara and family,*

*I am so very sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was a lovely person, and I feel very grateful for having known her. I'm keeping all of you close to my heart during this very sad and difficult time.*

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**Dale (Potts) Jepson** - September 29, 2020 at 06:45 PM



*Matt and Sara,  
I'm very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. I've always enjoyed time spent with her. She was a pleasant person to be around. God's love be with you.*

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**pam belch** - September 29, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Cornwell McLaughlin.*



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September 29, 2020 at 05:32 PM

PR

“ *My Best friend. Was closer to me than any sister. She was there when I met my husband. My work partner ,traveling buddy and secret holder. I could always count on you when I needed you. Miss you forever till we meet again! Phyllis Shomate Roberts*

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**Phyllis Roberts** - September 29, 2020 at 04:18 PM