



Linda Faye Herndon

February 9, 1942 - February 20, 2026

Linda was born February 9, 1942, in Louisville, Mississippi to Rufus Foster Patterson and Lovie Irene Kemp and passed away Friday, February 20, 2026. Linda was a devoted member of Church of Living Hope in Tyler, Texas. She loved quilting and gardening; however, her greatest passion in life was her calling as both a career nurse and missionary to Africa with the Assemblies of God. Throughout the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s, she served alongside her husband, Bobby Herndon, nursing people in Senegal and Republic of the Congo while helping plant churches to share the gospel.

She carried this calling into a lifelong career of hospital nursing and home health care throughout East Texas and the Dallas–Fort Worth Metroplex, providing compassionate care to thousands of patients. With a desire to pass on her knowledge and skills, she devoted a significant portion of her career to teaching future nurses at Tarrant County College and the University of Texas School of Nursing in Palestine, Texas, where she retired after more than 50 years in the nursing field.

Linda earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing and RN from University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and later achieved a Master of Science in Nursing from Texas Woman's University in Denton. In 2002, she received the lifetime achievement award and was inducted into the University of Texas Medical Branch School of Nursing Alumni Hall of Fame for her distinguished contributions to the field of nursing.

Her greatest achievement, in her own words, was her marriage to Bobby

Herndon and the adoption of her two sons, whom she said she “drew out of the waters” when God gave them to her and Bobby.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Bobby Joe Herndon.

Left to cherish her memory are her two sons and their wives, Jon and Annie Herndon of Corpus Christi, Texas, and David and Krysta Herndon of Lindale, Texas; grandchildren Autumn and Chris Turner, Atlas Herndon, Allyson Herndon, Elijah Herndon, Evangelyn Herndon, and Emily Herndon; great-grandchildren Rosie, Judah, and Sterling Turner; her two brothers, Roland Patterson and Jim and Dee Patterson; her sister, Sidney Utsey; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Calvary Commission in Lindale, Texas with Pastor Gregg Headley officiating. Family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday, February 27, 2026, at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale. Interment will be at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2026 at the DFW National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Dallas\Ft.Worth National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home
206 West South Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-3141
jeff@crdfh.com

Funeral Service

FEB 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

Calvary Commission
15983 CR 4140
Lindale, TX 75771

Interment

MAR 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



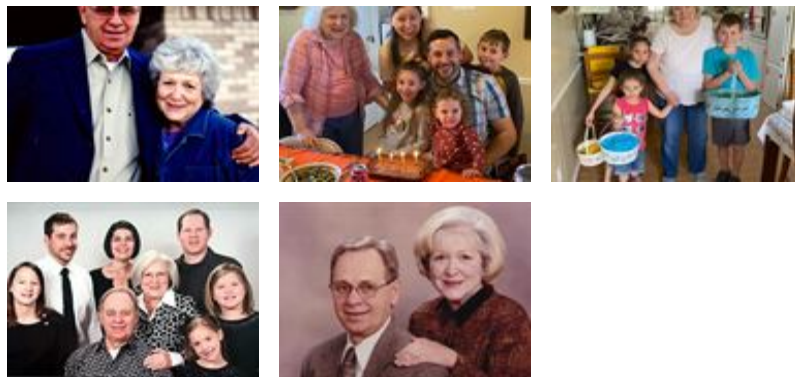
“ Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Linda Faye Herndon



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - February 26 at 05:27 PM



“ 51 files added to the album Life Tributes



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - February 26 at 05:16 PM

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“ Adkissons, Matelskis, & Sidney Utsey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Faye Herndon.

Adkissons, Matelskis, & Sidney Utsey - February 26 at 02:04 PM

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“ Adkissons, Matelskis, & Sidney Utsey purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of Linda Faye Herndon.



Adkissons, Matelskis, & Sidney Utsey - February 26 at 02:04 PM

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“ Robert/Becky Creel, Edgar/Janora Reed purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of Linda Faye Herndon.



Robert/Becky Creel, Edgar/Janora Reed - February 26 at 09:12 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Linda Faye Herndon.



February 25 at 12:22 PM

DC

“ My condolences to David ,Jon and their families. Linda was a light of hope and pride for her boys. She loved her family. She will be missed but has finally got her rest from pain. Bless you all in this time of grief.

Donna Cochran - February 23 at 11:14 AM

WG

“ *My first wife, Frances Louise Patterson, and Linda were first cousins. We were close to Linda and Bobby Herndon for many years.*

I met Linda's family in Preston, MS at Christmas time 1960. I always thought highly of Linda and all her siblings.

I was truly sorry to learn of her passing.

Roger Gaddis

Noxapater, MS

William R Gaddis - February 23 at 10:24 AM