



## Burness McIlwean Linker

April 7, 1942 - May 17, 2018

Burness "Bunny" McIlwean Linker, 76, of Mooresville, passed away on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at the Gordon Hospice House in Statesville. She was born on April 7, 1942 in New Bern, NC, to the late Earl and Ila Soles McIlwean. Mrs. Linker was a former Health and PE teacher from Corner Stone Christian Academy and later from Mooresville Christian Academy. She was a military wife and homemaker, raising five children. Bunny was a member of River Life Fellowship Church in Mooresville. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Martin Linker, Jr. She is survived by her husband of 53 years, M. Neel Linker; children, Julie Lawler, Jody Linker, Bret Linker (Susan), Wesley Linker; sister, Ila Grey White; brothers, Earl, Ed, and Gene McIlwean; and nine grandchildren. The family will receive friends on Sunday, May 20 from 2:00-3:00 PM with a service following at 3:00 PM at Prospect Presbyterian Church with Pastor Byron Wicker officiating. Burial will follow the service in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to River Life Fellowship Church, PO Box 1312, Mooresville, NC 28115 or Gordon Hospice House, 2341 Simonton Rd, Statesville, NC 28625. Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Linker family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Tribute Wall



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“ *Bunny traveled to Harnett County for Christian Women's Club as our area rep when we did not have one. She was so lovely and kind and helped us to function as we should. Her travels blessed our area and kept us working well until our position was filled. She really listened to us each one, as I had moved there and missed our home church from Salisbury, Maranatha Bible Church! It was a few years later that I learned she had recommended our church to Jim and Petey Winters, where they came and stayed and became members with us as we did move back to my home after two years away. Bunny was so special to all who got to know her! One day we will all be together again with the LORD Jesus in Heaven forever*

**Carolyn & Peter Hopley** - May 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. It has been a long time since I have seen you cousin. Barbara and Andy Neel,, were my parents , my brother Mike lives still in Pensacola retired Navy. Our heart goes out to your family .Frances Ann sent me the notice of Bunny's passing. Your family will be in our prayers. Love the Karen Neel Chatham family...

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**Karen Neel,Chatham** - May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ We new Bunny for only a short time, but it was to our loss. Her love and welcoming personality always showed through and she will be sadly missed by us. Our thoughts and prayers are now for Neel and their family. She's gone to a far better place and we'll all see her again "in the plan".

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**Eric Marshall** - May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Mr. Neel, I am so very sorry for your lost. Miss Bunny has been a blessing to many, including me. She is alive forevermore now, and one day we will all rejoice together. Until then, continue to look for His return while allowing His love to shine through you. I, too. will see Miss Bunny again, and so will you. May God Bless you will the strenth need to see you and your family throughthe greiving period. God bless you. Cindy Whitmire

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**Cindy Whitmire** - May 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ You are finally home rejoicing in the presence of the Lord you loved so much. I will always be thankful our many talks, your encouragement and support of me as a young wife and mother and certainly your witness in my life which always assured me of God's love for me. Uncle Neel, Bret and family, my thoughts and prays are with you and I extend my deepest condolences.

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**Becky (McIlwean) Bernabe** - May 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

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**Gayle&Dave Chastain** - May 20, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Condolences to all the Linkers. Bunny was a one-of-a-kind bright light. Out of town, and sorry I won't be able to attend services. Blessings!

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**Palmer Holt** - May 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Neel, I am so sorry to learn of your wife's passing this week. Please know that many of your classmates are holding you up in prayer at this time. I recall all of the times you were with Robert Brawley and the group. I hope you will be able to attend a future class reunion so we can all give you a hug and support for the future without Bunny by your side. May God bless you and your children. Sheila

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**Sheila Bostian (Johnson)** - May 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ We were blessed to know Bunny and call her our friend. We remember her when she was a conference speaker for Christian Women's Club and encouraged so many with her testimony of God's love and faithfulness. We look forward to our reunion in Heaven.

Harold & Rusty Hansen - May 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Bunny and my mother, Marie, were first cousins, but as little girls playing together and all through the years it seemed like we were the first cousins. Even though we did not see one another often I still felt a close connection to her. Bunny was a lady of many talents and she will be missed. My heartfelt sympathy goes to all her family.

Connie Greene - May 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Bunny and I were high school classmate friends. We shared lunch break together on many days. I will remember her kindness and friendship and she will be missed. She was a living example of sisterly love during those days when we were growing up. She had a strong Christian faith and is in heaven rejoicing with the angels. I extend to her family and loved ones my deepest sympathy and prayers.

Janeth Hill Hopewell - May 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ She was a great lady. I know she will really be missed by her family and friends. She's up in heaven with her family that preceded her. God bless her and bless her heart. The

Rickey Markey - May 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Bunny was a very special, loving and generous lady, and will be greatly missed. We attended the same high school in New Bern, NC and were college roommates at East Carolina College (ECU). Rest in the joy of Heaven, Bunny.*

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**Marsha Paul Reel** - May 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *My prayers are with Neal and family.*

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**Janice Stollberg** - May 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ *Bunny was the "mother" of our church for many years. One of my favorite memories was seeing Bunny dressed up in a bunny outfit (from head to toe) standing at the door of the church to greet everyone on Easter Sunday. She will be greatly missed but I am so glad that she is now with Jesus.*

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**Terri Manning** - May 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Out sincere condolences for your loss. She will be missed by so many of us who loved her. Prayers for comfort and peace*

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**Bobby & Pat Hobbs** - May 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *RiverLife lost her mother and I lost a friend. Thank you Linker Family for sharing Bunny with us.*

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**Byron Wicker** - May 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM