



## Linda Kay Beekley

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Linda, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, and servant of Christ, passed away peacefully in the care of Hospice and Palliative Care of Iredell County in North Carolina. She lived a life marked by faith, devotion to education, and service to others.

Linda was born on December 12, 1947, and grew up in Strongsville, Ohio. She graduated from Strongsville High School in 1966, where she participated in the drill team and baton twirling.

On January 27, 1968, Linda married the love of her life, Charles "Charlie" Beekley, at Highland Christian Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Their marriage began after a four-month engagement in a ceremony officiated by Rev. Eugene Beekley. Shortly afterward, Charlie served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Germany, where Linda joined him from August 1968 through September 1969. Their partnership was marked by deep commitment, shared faith, and mutual support that lasted more than 5 decades. After returning from Germany, she attended Ashland University and

graduated in 1971. Linda and Charlie welcomed their son, Timothy, in 1981, while living in Ashland, Ohio.

Linda devoted her professional life to teaching. Over a 30-year career, she taught kindergarten through sixth grade, first in Ohio and later with Frederick County Public Schools in Maryland, where she retired in 2010. She was known for dedication to her students, her patience, and her belief in the potential of every child.

In addition to her work as an educator, Linda faithfully served the Brethren Church as a missionary, writer, and leader in family ministry. She led Vacation Bible School, wrote Bible studies and curriculum, trained and served Crusaders, and shaped countless lives through teaching and encouragement. Linda and Charlie moved to Frederick, Maryland in 1990 to plant Mountain View Brethren Church.

In 2012, Linda and Charlie moved to Mooresville, North Carolina, to be near Tim, his wife Amy, and their growing family. Linda cherished her role as grandmother to Micah, Eli, and Caleb.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Ed and Betty Smith, and by her beloved husband of 54 years, Reverend Charles Beekley, who passed away in 2022.

She is survived by her brother, James Smith; her son, Timothy Beekley and his wife, Amy; and her grandsons, Micah, Eli, and Caleb, who will carry forward her legacy of faith, kindness, and devotion to family.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, January 18 from 3:00-4:00 PM with a service following at 4:00 PM in the Chapel of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Paulk officiating.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Beekley family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

JAN 18. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Memorial Service

JAN 18. 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

ET

“ *The best memories are those of the fun times we had (and hard work) as members of Strongsville High School Band. Elaine (Spieth) Teague*

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**Elaine Teague** - January 18 at 10:51 AM

CS

“ *Remembering times shared with Linda and Charlie while they lived in Frederick, Md. Linda's positive and cheerful way was inspiring. They were such loving, caring friends and glad they were in my life. Cindy Stegle*

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**Cindy Stegle** - January 08 at 09:43 PM

DT

“ *Timmy, I was so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a good, kind person and always had the best laugh. You and your sweet family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Donna Tindera** - January 07 at 04:40 PM

TP

“ *Mrs. Beekley, as we called her, was one of the most beloved and caring teacher my kids had. Her love and devotion for kids definitely showed. Kids loved her, and as a parent, we loved her. May she rest in peace*

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**The Ron Pusters** - January 07 at 12:23 PM

JM

“ When Charlie and Linda came to Bush Creek after the death of my father to take over as pastor, they were very gracious and sensitive to my family in taking over that role. I will always be thankful and appreciative to them.

*Jane Musselman*

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**Jane Musselman** - January 06 at 02:52 PM

MS

“ Sending prayers of comfort and peace in the coming days to you, Amy, Tim, and the boys. May you feel God's arms around you as you cherish her memories and love.

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**Melissa Spears** - January 06 at 12:23 PM

AP

“ My deepest sympathy to Tim, Amy and sons. Linda was a sweet, caring, and wonderful friend. I remember many good conversations and laughs with her, and with Charlie. I cherish that I was able to speak with her on her recent birthday. I treasure our friendship, and will greatly miss Linda.



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**Anna Poole** - January 06 at 10:04 AM

KB

“ Kelly Bernard lit a candle in memory of Linda Kay Beekley



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**Kelly Bernard** - January 06 at 09:01 AM

KB

“ Charlie and Linda were related to me through the Gill family line. My grandmother, Louise Julia Gill Purvis was the sister to Peggy Gill Beekley, Charlie's mother. My mom and Linda were great friends, Charles Beekley was my mom's first cousin. Prayers to the Beekley family, Tim, Amy and Phillip Beekley.

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**Kelly Bernard** - January 06 at 08:59 AM

VH

“ Linda was one of a kind. She shaped me into the person I am today. She saw something in me and guided me over the years. She was my confidant, adviser, cheerleader and so much more. I cherish every memory of her and her precious letters she gave me over the years.

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**Vanda Harvey** - January 06 at 08:39 AM

JA

“ Sincerest sympathy to Tim, Amy and sons. I have fond memories of Charlie, and Linda at Trinity UMC in Frederick, Md. They were two blessed servants for our Lord. God Bless all.

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**Janey Andrews** - January 05 at 11:15 PM

HE

“ I've known Linda close to 50 years. She lived three houses down from me. I'm send my condolences and prayers to her family and friends. 🙏🙏🙏

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**Holly Manley Elkins** - January 05 at 10:21 PM

JM

“ My life was shaped by Linda's loving kindness! She & Charlie kept the youth and crusaders laughing much of the time! All while fully in love with God, each other, and those of us under their leadership. One time I drove to babysit Timmy and Charlie needed to move the car before they left. The car didn't move and soon he was back inside holding only part of the key! They didn't get a date out and my dad came to pick me up. Linda didn't get many breaks, she was always busy. Her smiles and gentle hugs were a joy. I'm so thankful for their care for me while I was in Ashland. A blessing to know they never lost their walk with God and have walked into His presence. Prayers continue for Tim & Amy and family.

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**Jules (Ronk) Michael** - January 05 at 09:58 PM

MF

“ Charlie and Linda were so important in my life and I served 5 years with Charlie as a summer crusader! 4 years on music teams and one summer 1983 on an education team and Linda was our training person she was best wrote a letter to each one of us to uplift us! I still have it to this day in my Bible ! Love you Linda and Charlie and can't wait til we all get to heaven

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**Mike Funkhouser** - January 05 at 08:39 PM

AE

“ Linnie and Charlie were dear friends to my parents, Alan & Christine Hildebrand, in Ashland. They saw the 3 of us Hildebrand kids as their own and treated us as much. I loved them both dearly. My deepest sympathy to the Beekley family.

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**Ann Hildebrand Egelston** - January 05 at 07:55 PM

LB

“ *Linda had such a wonderful laugh and such a caring heart. I was blessed to know her from our time together at Ashland College and then as a fellow pastor's wife. May God give His comfort to Linda's family at this difficult time. Linda Barr*

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**Linda Barr** - January 05 at 07:54 PM