



## Linda Anne Halliday

December 24, 1953 - March 23, 2023

Linda Anne Halliday, beloved wife, mother, sister, and friend passed away on March 23, 2023, after a short illness. She was the devoted wife of Jim, loving mother to Andy (Sara Caitlyn) and Kelly, Grandma to Emily and James, sister to Maureen (Steve), and Auntie Lin to Kayla (Matt) and Kristen.

Linda was born December 24, 1953, in Bridgeport Connecticut, to Ruth & James Farrell. She attended Notre Dame Catholic High School and the University of Bridgeport, majoring in accounting. She became a Certified Internal Auditor and rose through the ranks to become the Deputy Inspector General of the Veterans Administration. In 2015, she completed the Executive Development Program at Harvard Business School in Cambridge, MA. She retired after more than 30 years of service to our government and the United States. Linda and Jim moved to North Carolina to be close to family and enjoy her retirement on Lake Norman.

Linda was a fun personality who loved to host, to catch up on life's little details, go on trips with her girlfriends, plan thoughtful gifts or trips, and always sent a meaningful message when someone needed it. She was a strong woman who faced every challenge in her life with courage and dignity. She was an extremely thoughtful and a loyal servant of the Federal Government, an honor which she held in the highest regard. Linda was a source of inspiration to all and she will be deeply missed by everyone whose lives she

touched.

The funeral service will be held at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home on April 2nd at 2pm.

For those unable to attend the service please use the following link to view the service

<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTY4MDQ3MDc3MjI0NDE1MCZvbmVyb29tLWFkbWluJmNvcHlfbGluaw==>

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Department of Veterans Affairs, [https://www.cdceportal.va.gov/donate\\_online](https://www.cdceportal.va.gov/donate_online).

Mom, you will always be in our hearts and we will never forget you. We love you so much. Rest in peace.

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service**

APR 2. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Linda Anne Halliday*



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**Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory** - April 02, 2023 at 01:27 PM

KP

“ *It has taken me some time to digest this and think of the right words. First of all, my deepest condolences to the Halliday family. Lin was so very kind to me when I first started with the OIG. I specifically remember her taking the time to meet with me when I was in DC to ask about my father who had recently been diagnosed with ALS. She was a DAIGAE at the time, but still took the time to make sure that her people were ok. Those little moments of time that she gave to me, and to the many folks that she touched, will be forever engrained in our hearts and memories. Thank you, Lin for everything you have done. You will be missed.*

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**Kelly Perry** - May 08, 2023 at 05:00 PM

CV

“ *I am sending my heartfelt condolences to Linda’s family. Linda was an incredible woman. In 1999 when I started at VAOIG she was the person who recognized my skills and mentored me throughout my career. Linda was an extraordinary woman. Be blessed family.*

*Carla R Vines*

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**Carla R. Vines** - April 02, 2023 at 08:52 PM

JP

“ I enjoyed her visits to Chicago OIG.  
She will be missed.



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**John Pawlik** - March 31, 2023 at 03:30 PM

CW

“ A snippet in time. A snippet in time is all that I have to share on this most solemn of forums in memory of Linda Halliday. During a department gathering, we shared a funny conversation about the ‘Do Not Feed the Alligators’ sign on the waterfront right down from the Bay Pines, Florida OIG offices in which we both agreed that it would not be a problem for either of us to obey that particular city ordinance. Later, I was fortunate enough to sit across from her at the department dinner close enough to share in the anecdotes of the day’s news and laugh. I remember the laughter. A simple interaction at a business gathering where a senior member of the organization took the time to interact with a new hire who was excited about her new career choice. Mrs. Linda Anne Halliday made a difference in this world, and I am glad that I was able to have known her even if it was just for a snippet of time.

*Claudia L. Wellborn  
Benefits Inspector  
OIG San Diego*

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**Claudia Wellborn** - March 29, 2023 at 02:00 PM

JB

“ I was very sad to hear that Lin has passed. I didn't know Lin very well—we crossed paths infrequently maybe a dozen times for various issues related to my webmaster duties at the VA Office of Inspector General. But while I didn't know her well, she made an indelible impression from the first. She was one of those larger-than-life leaders in a way that veterans often remember that one commanding officer they would 'follow up the hill' at any cost. A good sense of humor, but deadly serious about her work for our veterans. Always positive and good natured, she would approach me for support with a casual demeanor but with that look in her eye that was serious. She would listen when I explained endless technical complexitie, always remembered my name. Several years after I transferred from Headquarters she traveled out to San Diego in December, 2016 to introduce us to our new Inspector General, Mr. Missa. She actually looked me up and surprised me by popping her head in my cubile to say hi and see how things were going with me. Here's a photo of her visit to San Diego, the last time I saw her. My sincere and deep sympathies to her friends and family. She was taken from us too soon.



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**Jeff Brewer** - March 28, 2023 at 11:55 AM

WT

*During my ten years with the VA OIG I spent one year as a Management Analyst in the Department of Audit. During a very difficult time in my Federal career Lin took the time to learn my face and name. As a high level leader she always greeted me in the hallways of HQ and stopped by my cubicle whenever she had a moment while in the office. The thing is, she treated everyone that way. She always made me feel welcome in Audit and I appreciated that. She wished me well when I retired. She was an outstanding public servant and recognized for her determined rise to such a high ranking position. Rest in Peace, Lin*

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**William Tully** - March 31, 2023 at 10:53 AM

CP

*“ Our forever friend, Lin. Our paths were destined the moment Rick and Jim met at Umass in 1967. Our paths diverged somewhat, but destiny prevailed. When Jim started at the Bronx VA, we were ecstatic that he would be close to us in NY. Then he met Lin and we shared movie dates, the first being Star Wars. Many more followed; some in the theater, some waiting outside the theater, and some watching VHS tapes on the home big screen that cut off before the thrilling finale. We made many trips to VA. Sometimes we arrived in the middle of the night and sometimes we left in the middle of the night' With our kids in tow, we visited theme parks, museums, zoos, and minor league baseball games. Lin and I shared a love of music, cookbooks, and books as well as our decorating style. A visit with Lin and Jim was a 5 star Yelp review. We will miss you dearly. All our love and sympathy to Jim, Andy, Kelly, Emily, and James. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. RIP forever friend. Love, Rick and Carol*

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**Carol Piteo** - March 27, 2023 at 03:33 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Anne Halliday.



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March 27, 2023 at 03:22 PM



“ I was so saddened to hear of this! I grew up spending a lot of time with the Halliday family in the 90's. We spent countless hours playing Mario kart, jumping on the trampoline and traveling to soccer tournaments in the conversion van. Linda was always so kind and welcoming and had such a unique and incredible laugh and smile. From reading all of the other posts, this was a common theme that resonated with all that knew her. That's remarkable. Many years later and as an adult I'm grateful for my time spent with Linda and her family. Sending Jim, Kelly and Andy and family love as you navigate this difficult time.

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**Liz (Kimmel) Miracle** - March 27, 2023 at 01:48 PM



So sad to hear this news. Linda Halliday always had my back as a whistleblower- she was the best agent out there and I am forever thankful for her work and eventual business friendship. She always gave me a pep talk before we testified together and I will never forget this amazing woman. Rest in peace Linda.

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**Kristen Ruell** - March 28, 2023 at 06:17 AM

RG

“ Mother Teresa once said "Share love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." This quote summarizes my 15 years working on the management team with Lin at the VAOIG. She was the consummate team player who always worked in a collaborative way. She was hardworking, insightful, and a joy to be around. I am sharing a photo from an award ceremony, because as always, when you looked into her eyes, you could see her heart and soul.  
I offer my deepest sympathy to Jim, Kelly, Andy and the extended family.

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**Richard and Mary Jean Griffin** - March 27, 2023 at 12:54 PM

RG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Richard Griffin** - March 27, 2023 at 12:20 PM

BP

“ Lin Halliday brought me into the OIG world. A beautiful soul and great advocate for the VA OIG. She will be greatly missed.

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**Brandon Parrinello** - March 27, 2023 at 09:46 AM

JM

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Linda "Lin" Halliday. She was simply outstanding in my eyes. Tough, fair, lovely, funny ... beloved by so many in the VAOIG community. From the youngest employee to the most veteran employee. RESPECTED without question for her professionalism and dedication!!! I have thought of Lin often since her retirement and very sadden to hear this news. With fond memories - my deepest condolences. Lin will be missed by all who knew her.

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**Johnny McCray** - March 27, 2023 at 09:41 AM

SC

“ Linda was a great OIG mentor and my friend, Linda was able to incorporate laughter with work which made it fun to learn. She will be truly missed. My condolences to the family.  
Sheila Cooley



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**Sheila Cooley** - March 27, 2023 at 08:50 AM

CJ

“ Lin was a very friendly and sweet lady. At the office she always had a smile on her face and treated everyone with the utmost respect. God rest her soul. Sending prayers to her family and close friends.-  
Respectfully, Candy Jones

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**Candy Jones** - March 27, 2023 at 08:05 AM

BF

“ My condolences to Jim, Kelly, and Andy. Linda talked about all of you during our 5 years together at the VA OIG, usually entertaining everyone with a funny story. She was a wonderful co-worker, mentor to many younger professionals, and a superb party planner. My heart is saddened to know her smile and laugh no longer brighten the world.

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**Belinda Finn** - March 26, 2023 at 06:35 PM

JP

“ I was fortunate enough to be able to call Linda my Godmother, blessed to have her in my life. So many memories of her, but what will always stick with me for the rest of my life is her full laugh. It was the kind of laugh that was infectious, the kind that brings with it a new level of joy to the conversation. She was an incredible woman, someone I always looked up to and I feel so lucky to have known her. RIP Linda you're missed and forever in our hearts

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**Jim Piteo** - March 26, 2023 at 05:45 PM

MB

“ My heartfelt condolences 🙏 to Linda's family. I am so sad to hear of Linda's passing. I am a retired (10 years) former VA OIG colleague (from Bedford, MA audit office) and for 10 years there - Linda was not only an amazing mentor for me (as she was for alot of women ) but she inspired me and I learned a lot from her. Per my experiences - Linda was very smart, was a hard worker, was tough at times, and had a great sense of humor and personality. I witnessed first-hand how amazing she was in managing the promotion process to enter the SES (executive) ranks - which she so deserved! Her ability to be calm, cool & collected at many congressional hearings at which she testified - was truly impressive and I was so proud of her! I interacted with Linda many times in D.C., lots of meetings, conferences, etc. and the many many times she made me laugh along with others is too many to count - especially if we shared a cocktail or 2 at a conference site. When we had a conference in Denver - she arrived with a scooter supporting an injured leg -- and it was stunning how determined and strong and committed to all of us she was in leading the conference. She truly was a wonderful person to know and the fond and funny memories I have of her will be ever lasting. She is in God's hands now I was blessed to have her as a boss and a friend .

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**Maureen Barry** - March 26, 2023 at 01:47 PM

JV

“ I am saddened to hear of Linda's passing. We worked together in VA OIG for many years and developed a close professional and personal friendship. I learned a lot from Linda. She had a good mind and a great heart, and was always interested in doing the right thing the right way. My prayers for her and her family. I attach a photo from one of our office celebrations. Joe Vallowe



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**Joseph Vallowe** - March 25, 2023 at 09:53 PM

NS

“ My deepest condolences to Lin's family. She was a mentor and a friend. Her insight in standing up benefits inspections did so much to improve accurate and timely benefits to veterans. Working with her in preparation for congressional testimonies will always be some of my fondest memories. She was an awesome woman and I'm so glad I knew her.

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**Nora Stokes** - March 25, 2023 at 08:02 PM

HD

“ So many wonderful times, so many belly hurting laughs, you my friend will live on in our hearts forever! I will miss your truth, generosity, strength and laughter. Until we meet again...



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**Heide Dykstra** - March 25, 2023 at 07:48 PM

JP

*I am so very sorry to hear of this tragedy. I will be praying for family and friends with all my heart. 💔*

Joanne Plum - April 01, 2023 at 03:31 PM

JM

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Joanne Moffett - March 25, 2023 at 06:59 PM

JM

*This is a photo of Linda and I at a Phillies game in 2004 when we were in Leadership VA together.*

Joanne Moffett - March 25, 2023 at 07:01 PM

JM

“ *Dear Jim, Kelly, and Andy,  
I worked with and for Linda at the VAOIG for over 10 years and stayed in touch after we both retired. We were LVA Classmates in 2004, where we bonded over the curriculum, cocktails, and Karaoke hour. She was soooooo much fun to be around and just lit up every room she walked into. Her generosity was legendary--she gave with her heart, time, and treasure. While she cracked jokes about her domestic shortcomings, family life was the central, most important part of her life. We got in the habit of sharing annual summaries of our activities on our birthdays (she, a Christmas Eve baby, and me, a Christmas Day baby). She was so proud of her family, her home, and all the fun times and activities spent together, especially anytime she spent with her grandkids. I will keep Linda and your family in my prayers. Joanne Moffett*

Joanne Moffett - March 25, 2023 at 06:56 PM

LG

“ Ms. Halliday hired me in 2007 as the audit statistician at VAOIG. Through her mentoring I grew to be a manager and now have a team of 7 statisticians that work for me and a job that I love. Linda was a kind, caring boss. She was a positive influence in my career and life. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.

*Lee Giesbrecht*

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**Lee Giesbrecht** - March 25, 2023 at 01:49 PM

GK

“ The Hallidays were wonderful neighbors and friends when we all lived in Manassas, Va in the early 90s. Our kids wore out their swimming pool and a path between our houses! Linda was always one of the most jovial and happy people we have known. She was always so generous and welcoming to our family and a dear to be around. Linda was very bright and a tremendous asset to the Veterans Administration. We know her many talents were missed upon her retirement. We are heartbroken for your loss Jim, Kelly and Andy and send our deepest heartfelt sympathy.

*Gray and Susan Kimel  
Winston Salem, NC*

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**Gray and Susan Kimel** - March 25, 2023 at 11:35 AM