

Remembering LINDA



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A TRIBUTE TO *Linda Schultheis*

BY JERRY & ANGIE JOHNSON



We were heartbroken when we learned of Linda’s passing away after a long battle physically and mentally. As hard as it was, we thank the Lord that He gave each of you the opportunity to say your goodbyes and then release Linda back to the One who created her surrounded by those who loved her and a life filled with peace and joy.

In knowing Linda these past years, it was obvious that some of her trademarks were her gracious heart, loving compassion, strong faith, mercy, and servant’s spirit she had for people. Her imprint has been left on so many lives that will last throughout eternity.

The Bible says: “A good name is more precious than fine rubies.” As one thinks of Linda and the life she lived, we can be thankful that her name will be remembered for the different ways she impacted so many lives.

The psalmist reminds us: “Precious in the sight of God is the passing away of one of His children.” When God whispered into Linda’s ear, “It’s time to come home and experience all that I intended for you when I created you,” God called it a *precious moment*. The angels carried her to heaven, and she was ushered into God’s loving presence.

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We are comforted that when she returned to the God who created her, who loves her dearly, she completed her life's work and was welcomed home with celebration by our loving Lord with these words: "Well done, my good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of the Lord."

No one can fathom the physical and emotional toll on a person as they walk with a beloved wife and loving mother struggling daily both physically and mentally. However, we are comforted knowing that Linda lived each day in the present, enjoying and cherishing each moment with her precious family. Today we celebrate that at last she is free from all physical discomfort and mental confusion—she is "free at last."

God will honor and bless each of you for the way you cared for her, especially these past few years as she struggled with her health: your willingness to respond to every call, patiently listen with your caring spirit, reassure her in times of fear or confusion, and care often for her needs. Our loving Lord has recorded every moment you spent loving and caring for a faithful wife, beloved mother and grandmother, a dear friend, and one of God's special servants.

Our memories are powerful and can be a source of comfort, strength, and meaning in the days ahead. We pray that the precious memories of the relationship you shared, the stories she told, her passion for life, her love for the Lord, the guidance she gave, the fun times together, her servant spirit, her contagious laugh, her unique way of expressing her feelings, and her love for her family and others strengthen and comfort you in the days ahead.

A TRIBUTE TO *Linda Schultheis*

Linda's journey through years of dementia was a challenging one, yet it was also filled with moments of connection, love, and shared memories. It's those memories that will live on to strengthen, encourage, and comfort you in the days ahead—memories surrounded by the laughter you shared, even when words failed her. Her smile, though sometimes fleeting, lit up the room and brought warmth to your hearts. Being grateful for teaching you patience, compassion, and the value of presence. Her presence, even in the midst of confusion, was a gift. Remember the way she sang and hummed old tunes, lost in a world of memories that only she could access. Those moments were precious, and you hold them close.

Dementia stole her memories, but it could not erase her essence. She remained a wife, mother, grandmother, friend, a soul, even when words slipped away. You witnessed her courage as she faced this invisible battle, one that tested her resilience and strength. She fought with grace, even when the enemy was within.

Now, she has found inner peace and rest, free from the chains of dementia and cancer, living and enjoying God's presence. Her legacy lives on in your hearts and lives and the hearts of those who knew her. Until you meet again, cherish the memories, knowing that she continues to be in your hearts—a wife, mother, and friend who is loved, cherished, and missed.



What Is My Wife Like

BY PAUL SCHULTHEIS

She is like radiant sun in summertime,
A warm image, loving and kind.
Every word from her lips is a ray,
Beaming rapture and joy into my day.

She is like a tall oak in fall,
With poise and dignity, standing tall,
Dropping leaves of many colors and shades,
Each having its meaning throughout the days.

In winter she is like the brisk wind
Piercing the depths of my every limb.
Cooling and preserving my passion,
She adds goodness—our valued possession.

She is like the new freshness in spring.
Dancing, laughing, and always surprising.
She instills in those who are around,
The word *life*—with such a wonderful sound.

She is like every day and every season,
An expression of reality and reason.
The reason for waking in the morning,
And each day, the reality of living.

Yes, that is what my wife is like.
She is a SYMBOL of life and love,
Of intense happiness and abundant joy,
She is MY SYMBOL.



“Sea Beyond”

BY PAUL SCHULTHEIS

“SEA BEYOND” in twilight’s gentle embrace.
A symbol of a journey to a heavenly place.
Not just a yacht, but a vessel of hope,
Sailing towards the horizon where souls elope.

In the autumn of life, with its golden hue,
“SEA BEYOND” whispers of a journey anew.
Beyond earthly shores, to realms divine,
Where eternal waters of grace align.

In this final chapter, with faith as the guide,
“SEA BEYOND” journeys with Christ by its side.
A voyage towards heavens, in celestial light,
Where the soul finds rest in God’s loving sight.

*This adaptation reflects the spiritual journey and
the anticipation of life beyond, with the yacht
“SEA BEYOND” as a metaphor for moving toward
our eternal journey with Christ.*



LINDA'S FAVORITES

Movies

9 to 5
Book Club
First Wives Club
Any classic movies

TV Shows

Everyone Loves Raymond
Seinfeld
The Big Bang Theory
Documentaries
about celebrities

Food

Cheese quesadilla
Chocolate malts
Chocolate sundaes
Fettuccine Alfredo
Granola
Hamburger patty
and coleslaw
Hash browns with jelly
Jordan almonds
Mud pie
Oatmeal
Pancakes with
butter and syrup
Peanut M&Ms
Pepperoni and
cheese pizza
Walnuts
Watermelon

Music

Andrea Bocelli
The Prayer
CeCe Winans
Goodness of God
Celine Dion
I'm Your Lady
Dolly Parton
9 to 5
Dolly Parton/Zach Williams
There was Jesus
Helen Reddy
I Am a Woman
Neil Diamond
Forever in Blue Jeans
Sweet Caroline
Pentatonix
Hallelujah

MEMORIES OF LINDA

Her wonderful, spontaneous laugh and wittiness

Always grateful, never complaining

Affirming and positive with everyone she encountered

Wise, intuitive, street-smart, and common sense

Disciplined in studying the Bible and discussing
doctrine and theology

Loved music and dancing, alone or with a partner

Strong personality with a keen sense of justice

Great sense of style in fashion and interior design

Loved homemaking and raising her daughters—
often said they were the best years of her life

Animal lover, especially dogs

Loved being outdoors and watering and tending to plants

Very protective of family and friends and
those who needed an encouraging or caring word

Still felt like she didn't give enough, even after
giving generously



LINDA AND FRIENDS



LINDA AND FAMILY



Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

**Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside



How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God, when I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art



Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all



Goodness of God

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

**And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God**

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known you as a Father
I've known you as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah



Linda's Ministry

Bible Study Fellowship leader for years prior to teaching her own women's Bible study

Co-led San Marino Christian Celebrity Series

Mission trip to Russia and also traveled to China when Paul was on the board of English Language Institute China

President of Disciples Sunday School class together with Paul

Supported Paul in his ministry responsibilities associated with:
Lake Avenue Church sanctuary building project
Apartment Life
Strategic Resource Group
English Language Institute China

Inspiration for the establishment of the "Linda Children Center" in India

Ministered to individuals through her gifts of encouragement and hospitality

Empathized with the spiritual and personal needs of others, often providing wise counsel and discipleship

Brought laughter and humor into every day and activity

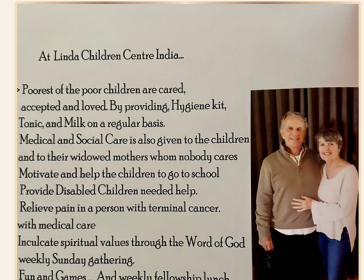
Linda Children Center

BANGALORE, INDIA

AN INITIATIVE OF
PAUL & LINDA SCHULTHEIS & FAMILY



Life at Linda Children Center
Bangalore, India



At Linda Children Centre India...
Poorest of the poor children are cared, accepted and loved. By providing, Hygiene kit, Tonic, and Milk on a regular basis. Medical and Social Care is also given to the children and to their widowed mothers whom nobody cares. Motivate and help the children to go to school. Provide Disabled Children needed help. Relieve pain in a person with terminal cancer, with medical care. Inculcate spiritual values through the Word of God weekly Sunday gathering. Fun and Games ... And weekly fellowship lunch.

Linda Children Center - India
An Initiative by Paul & Linda Schulteis & Family





A Story of Courage



MELANOMA

We had moved to Flagstaff, AZ, when Linda noticed an unusual growth on her face. A biopsy indicated stage four melanoma. Linda had many visits with a dermatologist, who mapped her entire body and regularly removed melanoma tumors.

We were finally referred to a specialist at John Wayne Cancer Institute near UCLA who was known for developing a procedure called a sentinel lymph node removal.

Linda had surgery to remove the growth on her face, followed by plastic surgery to repair her looks and her smile. After the surgery, she had CAT scans every six months to monitor the situation. This was followed by a second surgery to remove a sentinel lymph node.

BREAST CANCER

After 12 years in Flagstaff, we returned to Newport Beach, only to discover that Linda had breast cancer. Linda's oncologist put her on chemo pills monthly for five years to stop any aggressive growth. However, on one occasion, a breast exam indicated the possibility of a tumor, and Linda had a lumpectomy to examine the growth, which turned out to be benign.

ALZHEIMER'S

About 20 years ago, there was early indication of memory loss, but we did not identify it as such for several years. Eventually, brain scans, under the care of an Alzheimer's specialist at Hoag Hospital, indicated increasing plaque, which is thought to be a

leading cause of memory loss. Linda dropped her six-monthly memory tests after a while because they were never good news.

Loss of memory episodes started out monthly, then weekly, then several times a week, then daily, and then several times a day. We learned that Alzheimer's is a progressive disease with no known cure. Fortunately, Linda remembered most friends and family until the fall of 2023, when her short-term memory became very challenging.

LUNG CANCER

During Covid, we both developed persistent coughs and congestion symptoms. Tests showed that Linda had growths on her right lung, and she had a needle biopsy to determine if they were cancerous. Results came back positive, and we were referred to an oncologist who prescribed immunology to boost Linda's immune system to fight the cancer growth.

Eventually, the cancer grew aggressively, with swelling to Linda's face, neck, and upper arms. An x-ray indicated a blockage in her arteries. In December 2023, while at Hoag Hospital for surgery to put in a stent, the doctors discovered a great number of blood clots. Linda was placed on a blood thinner and released.

For the next 90 days, Linda's health and strength declined, and the family decided to bring in hospice to keep her comfortable during these last weeks.

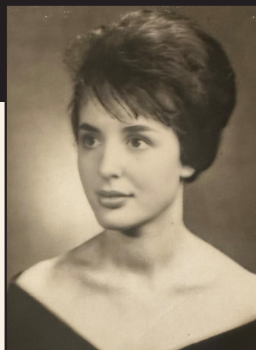
MOMENTS OF JOY

Our dear wife and mother experienced threatening medical challenges for decades. Each time it created anxiety and stress, but it was our honor to serve Linda just as she had so many times served her family and friends.

Throughout this entire journey, Linda never lost her joy, her sense of humor, or her grateful attitude. We had many moments of joy where we laughed and shared life challenges. Linda did not display anxiety or anger during any of these episodes. She was realistic and brave each step of the way and an incredible example of caring for and about people until the end.

Some have said that one's legacy is not what you leave behind, but the life you live. Linda left us with a wonderful legacy, having lived a loving, kind, generous, and courageous life.

Condolences



Al & Pattie Kuhn
Al Fadi
Alan White
Ali & Françoise Arhab
Alia Abboud
Ally Tedrow
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Clyde & Shirin Taber
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Warren Schultheis

Yvette Isaac

Zita Nix

*The Schultheis family gratefully acknowledges these and any
inadvertently omitted condolences.*



*I am not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of
God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.
Romans 1:16*



LINDA LOUISE WISE
SCHULTHEIS

MAY 13, 1942 – FEBRUARY 8, 2024