



Linda Sue Hancock Ashley

October 20, 1943 - June 22, 2025

Linda Hancock Ashley, 81 years old of Lancaster Texas, passed away peacefully on June 22, 2025, surrounded by her loving husband and children.

Linda was born to Martha and Emory Hancock on October 20, 1943, at Florence Nightingale Hospital in Dallas, Texas.

Linda attended school in Wilmer Hutchins from 1st thru 12th grade and graduated in 1962. In high school, she was a devoted member of the band and drill team. She maintained a continuous love and connection with her Wilmer Hutchins classmates. Through the years, she was deeply involved in class reunion planning and keeping in touch with them.

After a short time at the Nortex Phone company, she was hired at Beard Plumbing company where she worked side by side with her father. Linda went on to be a stay-at-home mom from 1967 to 1974. In 1974, when her friend Judy Houtchens opened the Lovin' Oven Bakery on the Lancaster Town Square, Linda joined Judy where she developed a passion for decorating cakes. She took what was a fun hobby and turned it into a career. In 1978, when the Lovin' Oven was sold, Linda continued her career by building her own bakery at home. She later expanded her business to provide full-service weddings and catering.

Through the years, Linda was involved in the community and many organizations. She loved being front and center in anything her children and grandchildren were involved in. She loved being a Cub Scout Den Mother, PTA Room Mother, and attending twirling competitions with Robin. She enjoyed being an avid supporter of the Lancaster FFA and attending Livestock Shows with Harlan and all his close friends. Linda had been an Elvis fan since her youth. Her love for Elvis continued in her later years by following Elvis tribute artists with many of her lifelong friends and her daughter, Bambi.

Linda belonged to the First Christian Church of Lancaster where she cherished her relationship with God. Many enjoyable times of fun and fellowship with her First Christian Church family, was near and dear to her heart. Linda was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Lancaster Chapter #943. Along with her First Christian and Eastern Star friends, Linda and Hugh Mac had lifelong friends and family in which time spent with them will forever be treasured!

She was preceded in death by her parents, Emory & Martha Hancock; her baby brother, Mike, and her son, Hugh Mac Ashley Jr. of 62 years; her in-laws, Roy & Marcelle Ashley; her brothers-in-law, Prentice Preston and Don Ashley; and numerous loving aunts, uncles, & cousins.

Linda is survived by her husband of 58 years, Hugh Mac Ashley; her son, Harlan Lowrance and wife, Michelle; her daughter, Robin Richie and husband, Mark; her daughter, Bambi Smith and husband, Mickey; her son, Robert Ashley; her baby sister, Rose Anne Preston; her grandchildren and their spouses, Brandon & Rachel Lowrance, Mallory & Shad Muth, Jamison & Sydney Miller, Connor & Jenna Lowrance, Cody & Ty Smith, Melinda Ashley, Lyndi McCollum, Logan Ashley, and Erika & Stephen Hopper; her great-grandchildren, Karsyn & Millie, Ella & James, Teagan & Logan, John, Deacon, Blaine & Hank, Jake, Peighton, Parker & Tyson, and Maverick.

The family will receive friends from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on Monday, June 30, 2025 at Byrum Funeral Home in Lancaster. A celebration of Linda's life will be at 11:00am on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at Frist Baptist Church of Lancaster.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Linda's name to the Colon Cancer Coalition.

<https://coloncancercoalition.org/get-involved/ways-to-give/?form=MissionSupportFund>

Cemetery Details

Laurel Land Memorial Park

6000 S. RL Thornton
Dallas, TX 75232

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Byrum Funeral Home Inc.
425 N. Dallas Avenue
Lancaster, TX 75146
(972) 227-2121
byrumfh@sbcglobal.net
<https://ByrumFuneralHome.com>

Celebration of Life

JUL 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
305 E. Third
Lancaster, TX 75146

Tribute Wall

JH

“ Linda has been my best friend for many many years. We raised our families together, baked and decorated cakes together, and built a lifetime of memories. I will miss her dearly but rejoice that she is at peace and whole again. I will see you again my friend.

Judy Houtchens - July 01, 2025 at 12:25 AM

JH

“ Judy Houtchens lit a candle in memory of Linda Ashley



Judy Houtchens - July 01, 2025 at 12:15 AM

JF

“ Judy Houtchens and family. purchased the Decadent Delights Chocolate Gift Basket for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.



Judy Houtchens and family. - July 01, 2025 at 12:10 AM

JF

“ Judy Houtchens and family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.

Judy Houtchens and family. - July 01, 2025 at 12:10 AM

JJ

“ Jason, Amy, Peyton, Jo and Jayden planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.

Jason, Amy, Peyton, Jo and Jayden - June 30, 2025 at 10:04 AM

JJ

“ Jason, Amy, Peyton, Jo and Jayden purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.



Jason, Amy, Peyton, Jo and Jayden - June 30, 2025 at 10:04 AM

 Monica May

“ My first encounter with Linda was my son’s 5th birthday cake. I called her and ordered a Mickey Mouse cake. Then I was told to pick it up at an auto parts business. I was a little leary but I did. It was the Best. Over the years Linda became a dear friend. She made everything she did beautiful and magical. Even turning that auto parts store into a gorgeous venue. I am so very sorry to hear of her passing and pray your wonderful memories of her will bring you joy, laughter and comfort. I will think of her whenever I dine at Amaya’s. Monica May



Monica May - June 29, 2025 at 11:34 PM

LF

“ Love, Debbie Henry & family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.



Love, Debbie Henry & family - June 29, 2025 at 10:11 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.



June 29, 2025 at 07:58 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.

June 29, 2025 at 07:58 PM

TF

“ Tammy Brockinton/Sandra Brockinton Fritc purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.



Tammy Brockinton/Sandra Brockinton Fritc - June 28, 2025 at 04:38 PM

TF

“ Tammy Brockinton/Sandra Brockinton Fritc planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.

Tammy Brockinton/Sandra Brockinton Fritc - June 28, 2025 at 04:38 PM

TF

“ The Derks Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.



The Derks Family - June 28, 2025 at 10:36 AM

RA

“ Rilla Ann purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.



Rilla Ann - June 28, 2025 at 10:13 AM

RA

“ Rilla Ann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.

Rilla Ann - June 28, 2025 at 10:13 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.*



June 28, 2025 at 09:53 AM

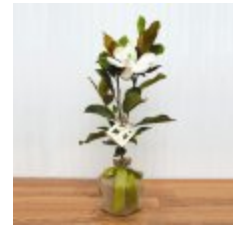


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.

June 28, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ *Wanda & Lafayette In Loving Memory purchased the Southern Magnolia Tree for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.*



Wanda & Lafayette In Loving Memory - June 27, 2025 at 05:59 PM



“ *Love, The Ootens and Miers purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.*



Love, The Ootens and Miers - June 27, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ 123 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Byrum Funeral Home - June 27, 2025 at 04:02 PM



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Byrum Funeral Home - June 27, 2025 at 03:02 PM



“ *Linda Sue was an amazing woman, her kindness and love for everyone couldn't be overlooked. My favorite memory would have to be her coming outside with cupcakes in hand and asking if I wanted to re-home her old benches she had in her yard. So now they will remain in my front yard and I sit on them daily to reflect the life that goes by too fast, until the day comes that I too pass them on. Thank you Mrs. Linda Sue for all you've inspired me to do and the love you gave you will be missed.*

Forever loved by Michelle Busby Pogue

Michelle Pogue - June 27, 2025 at 12:33 PM

DF

“ David & Montel Fanning purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.



David & Montel Fanning - June 27, 2025 at 11:42 AM

CP

“ Some of our families favorite memories include cakes from Linda - our kids still talk about picking up cakes from the parts store
We are so sorry for your loss
What a wonderful legacy she leaves behind
Prayers for you all
Kent & Carrie Pendley

Carrie Pendley - June 27, 2025 at 09:21 AM

ST

“ Shirley, Tricia and Tracie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.

Shirley, Tricia and Tracie - June 26, 2025 at 05:42 PM

ST

“ Shirley, Tricia and Tracie purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.



Shirley, Tricia and Tracie - June 26, 2025 at 05:42 PM

KN

“ 1 file added to the album pics



Kim Norrell - June 25, 2025 at 10:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.



June 25, 2025 at 09:57 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.



June 25, 2025 at 03:39 PM

MW

“ *Margie Waldrop* purchased the *Pure Heart* for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.



Margie Waldrop - June 25, 2025 at 12:48 PM

MW

“ My love and prayers are sent to the family of Linda Ashley. She was a dear friend for many years. I also new and loved her parents. During the years of Club Southwest she was not only a friend but I always recommended her when brides needed a cake or when someone was celebrating their 50th anniversary. My family was connected with her family and Harlan and Chuck are still good friends. She was indeed a special person and will be greatly missed by all that knew her. My heart goes out to all of her family. I loved her and I miss her.

Margie Waldrop - June 25, 2025 at 12:34 PM

KF

“ My sincere condolences to Linda’s family. What a LEGACY Linda has left all of us! Anyone living in and around Lancaster for the past 50 years has enjoyed the artistry of a Cake by Linda Ashley. Her cakes certainly made every one of my two daughters birthdays EXTRA EXTRA special! I know everyone can say the same about all the cakes she LOVINGLY made for all of their special occasions. She was a special person and will be greatly missed in our community. 🙏

Karen Barnum Fallen - June 25, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.

June 25, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.*



June 25, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ *Elaine P. Harris lit a candle in memory of Linda Ashley*



Elaine P. Harris - June 25, 2025 at 07:18 AM



“ *Sue Fabrizzio lit a candle in memory of Linda Ashley*



Sue Fabrizzio - June 24, 2025 at 10:51 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. I was Linda's junior leader in 4-H when we first became friends. Her cakes are part of our family's best remembered celebrations. Talented and very savvy, she left a true mark of love on this earth.*

Ellen Clark - June 24, 2025 at 08:08 PM

JF

“ *Jo Lynn Fisher lit a candle in memory of Linda Ashley*



Jo Lynn Fisher - June 24, 2025 at 07:17 PM

SE

“ *Selinda lit a candle in memory of Linda Ashley*



Selinda - June 24, 2025 at 06:24 PM

LL

“ *Very sweet and talented lady. I remember so many of her beautiful cakes.*

Lisa Bain Lankford - June 24, 2025 at 06:21 PM

KS

“ *Karen Philbrick Sanford lit a candle in memory of Linda Ashley*



Karen Philbrick Sanford - June 24, 2025 at 06:08 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.



June 24, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.



June 24, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.

June 24, 2025 at 04:47 PM



“ Jim & Tracey Chambers purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Linda Sue Hancock Ashley.



Jim & Tracey Chambers - June 24, 2025 at 04:46 PM

AM

“ *What a beautiful lady, inside and out. A lifetime of friendship and so many memories through the years. Linda was like a second mom to me through the years and never hesitated to just speak her mind or tell it like it is, in a loving Linda fashion. My heart hurts but I know she has entered heaven in Linda fashion. This is a tragic loss to all who knew her and all of the community that she brought so much to. Fly high my friend...I love you Linda. Amy M.*

Amy Miller - June 24, 2025 at 03:41 PM

TL

*Tim and LaVell Wagner
Linda was such a kind and loving texas lady. I never heard her speak cross about any. Her baking reflected her personality and beauty. She was always asking with genuine interest about our kids and grandchildren when ever we got together at Amyas. She will be missed by many.*

Tim and LaVell - June 24, 2025 at 06:54 PM

SB

For over 20 years we worked with this wonderful lady and her family. When we arrived at the church and saw she was catering, we knew this was going to be a wonderful experience and we would be able to make photographs that the couple would enjoy for many years to come. We send love and prayers. Bobby, Sally and Shannon Bradley of Bob Bradley Photography

Sally Bradley - June 24, 2025 at 07:02 PM

KM

Linda Ashley's name was synonymous with Lancaster, kids, cakes and friendship. She defined the word community. I cant image anyone from Lancaster not having a birthday or wedding cake from Linda. The late hours she must have kept filling orders. Young and old, everyone loved. Our condolences to the entire family. She will be missed by all.

Kathy & Chuck Magers

Kathryne L Magers - June 24, 2025 at 08:46 PM

DS

Linda was such a sweet, talented and caring individual. From my kids birthday cakes to my daughter's wedding cake and many other special occasions she always made sure the occasion was perfect! Thoughts and prayers for her family. She will definitely be missed.

Debbie Stevens - June 27, 2025 at 07:33 AM