



Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford

June 5, 1963 - February 17, 2026

Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford age 62, of McDonald, Tennessee went home to be with The Lord whom she loved to serve. Linda was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late James Henry Fulghum and Ivadell Bohannon. She spent her childhood in the Lakeview community and was a graduate of Lakeview Fort Oglethorpe High School – Class of 1981. Linda worked as a switchboard operator and receptionist at Hamilton County Nursing Home for several years. She retired from Road-Tec in 2019 where she worked in Sales Support. Linda had resided in the Ooltewah area for the past thirty years and enjoyed serving The Lord at Spirit City Church. She attended the ladies Bible studies on Wednesdays at First Baptist of Cleveland and Thursdays at Spirit City Church. She enjoyed camping, pontoon boat rides and traveling. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her sister: Diane Elizabeth Fulghum. She is survived by her husband: Waymon Bickford of McDonald, TN, and their children: Kristi (Rocky) Kilgore of Soddy Daisy, TN, Melissa (Dustin) Dawkins of Soddy Daisy, TN, Tara Kelley (Todd) of Ooltewah, TN, Tyler (Kellie) Harvey of Ooltewah, TN, mother: Betty Fulghum of Burning Bush, GA, sister: Peggy (Kenny) Simmons of Rossville, GA, brother: Keith (Angie) Smith of Rossville, GA, grandchildren: Erica, Dusty, Lexus, Kizer, Zoey, Emmy and Levi, great-grandchildren: Haley and Bryant, several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday from 4:00 pm until 8:00 pm and Wednesday from 11:00 am until the funeral time. Funeral services will be held

at 3:00 pm – Wednesday – February 25, 2026 in the Fort Oglethorpe Chapel of Wilson Funeral Homes with Pastors: Kelly Knouse and Cody Witucki officiating. Entombment will follow at Calvary Gardens and Mausoleum – Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes – Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Online register book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Calvary Gardens Cemetery & Mausoleum

2200 South Cedar Lane
Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742
(706) 866-5555

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home-Ft. Oglethorpe Chapel
555 West Cloud Springs Road
Ft. Oglethorpe, GA 30742
(706) 866-5555
info@wilsonfuneralhome.com
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Visitation

FEB 25. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *RIP my dear friend Linda you are missed and loved by so many.*



Bernie Hudgens King - February 24 at 03:15 PM



“ *Kathy and Ricky Malugen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.*



Kathy and Ricky Malugen - February 24 at 12:18 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.*



February 24 at 10:52 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.*

February 24 at 10:52 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.*



February 23 at 03:21 PM



“ *We are beyond grateful to know and love Linda over the past couple of years at Spirit City Church. She faithfully attended and served wherever there was a need. She loved others and her Savior with all her heart! Her smile was infectious and she had a huge heart of generosity for others. She was so proud and passionate of her family and loved them well. She will be greatly missed and we will continue to honor her legacy of deeply loving and joyfully investing in others! Our prayers go out to the family in their loss but we celebrate her finishing the race as a good and faithful servant. We love you, Linda!*

Judy Martinez - February 23 at 09:52 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.*



February 23 at 06:16 AM

JA

“ I remember when Linda was born. I was 15 yrs old. I didn't get to see her much throughout our lives, but was so thankful I grew to know her from social media. She was a sweet cousin. I loved the devotionals she posted every day. Rest in peace, Linda.

Judy Mealor Amos - February 22 at 09:36 PM

WB

“ Waymon bickford purchased the Rose Impression Casket Spray for the family of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.



Waymon bickford - February 22 at 08:48 PM

D&

“ Doug &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.

Doug &. - February 22 at 04:37 PM

TT

“ Tyler, Waymon and girls so sad to hear this. We go way back and have fun memories and a lot of laughter with you all. Especially with sweet Tyler. What a beautiful family. Linda was one of a kind. A great wife and mother. We hurt for you deeply and the entire family. Praying for you. Keith, Dawn, Ryan and Hannah Bright



The Bright's from Cleveland Tn - February 22 at 12:31 PM

JF

“ *Judy Mealor Amos & Mealor family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.*



Judy Mealor Amos & Mealor family - February 22 at 11:12 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.*



February 20 at 09:59 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.*

February 20 at 09:59 PM

EF

“ *Eddie and Karolena Hooper and family purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.*



Eddie and Karolena Hooper and family - February 20 at 06:24 PM

CL

“ *Campground on the Lakeshore purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.*



Campground on the Lakeshore - February 20 at 01:51 PM

HM

“ *Howard Pedigo and Rozella McCarter purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.*



Howard Pedigo and Rozella McCarter - February 20 at 11:48 AM

DL

“ *Dennis Lester purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.*



Dennis Lester - February 20 at 11:25 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.*



February 19 at 11:22 PM

AH

“ Allen and Melissa Huskey purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.



Allen and Melissa Huskey - February 19 at 08:11 PM

TM

“ Waymond I am so sorry for your loss Linda was precious and I always loved to see you back th every year. I am praying for you and the entire family. Heaven sounding sweeter all the time.
With Love
Teresa McCoy from the tax office.



Teresa McCoy - February 19 at 06:05 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.



February 19 at 06:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Linda Denise Fulghum Bickford.

February 19 at 06:02 PM