



## Linda Joyce Colby

June 17, 1947 - May 1, 2021

Linda Joyce Colby was born June 17, 1947, in Barstow, California, to Willard Thomas and Barbara Joyce Dyar Mathews. She died Saturday, May 1, 2021, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at the age of 73 years. Linda was reared and educated in Barstow, California, and graduated with the Barstow High School Class of 1965. She was married one day after her graduation on June 11, 1965, in Barstow to Barry Edward Colby. Linda owned and operated a very successful cleaning business in Barstow for 10 years. She was a faithful member of Barstow First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. She and Barry moved to Owasso, Oklahoma, in 1989, and she began working with American Airlines as a parts cleaner. After moving to Owasso, they became members of First Baptist Church. Linda enjoyed a variety of pastimes, but none more than her family and family gatherings. She was especially fond of her role of “Grandma” to her grandchildren and “GG” to her great grandchildren. Those she leaves behind who hold many cherished memories include:

Her children; Scott Colby and wife Renee’, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Deanna Moore and husband Gary, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Grandchildren; Cherish McCormick and husband Logan, of Oologah,  
Oklahoma

Cheyenne Colby, of Owasso, Oklahoma

Great grandchildren; Journie Mae McCormick

Axel Logan McCormick

Oakley Joseph McCormick

And her beloved dog, Gunner

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Barry, and one brother, Wayne Mathews.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, 2021, at Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso. Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at First Baptist Church of Owasso with Pastor Chris Wall officiating. Private family disposition will be held at a later date. The family requests memorial contribution be made to First Baptist Church Owasso/The Mission, for Linda Colby, P.O. Box 1020, Owasso, Oklahoma, 74055. Arrangements and services were entrusted to Mowery Funeral Service of Owasso.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 4. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mowery Funeral Service  
9110 N. Garnett Rd.  
Owasso, OK 74055  
(918) 272-6244  
<https://www.moweryfs.com/>

## Service

MAY 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Owasso  
13307 East 96th Street North  
Owasso, OK 74055

# Tribute Wall

DS

“ I had the privilege of playing piano for Linda when she sang in the choir and sang solos at FBC, Barstow. She was always so concerned about getting it “right” but it didn’t matter because it was always beautiful. She was always kind and loving, her heart was obvious. My heart goes out to you, her family. I know it was very difficult dealing with this disease but she is now free of all those physical encumbrances and is singing and moving about freely in the presence of Jesus! 💕🌸

Debee Steinhouse - May 20, 2021 at 10:45 AM

TH

“ I remember Linda for her pretty voice and solos she sang for church services.  
I remember her faithfulness to Jesus and to her church. I remember her children growing up. It was sad for our church when her mother and father moved to Oklahoma and Barry and Linda moved. They all were special people. Wherever they went, I know ,  
They served the Lord.

Tom and Helen Hare - May 11, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Joyce Colby.



May 06, 2021 at 12:42 PM

JB

“ What started as a quest to understand a unknown disease, turned into a beautiful friendship that lasted twenty five years. We cried a little, but laughed alot. Laughter truly is the best medicine. Linda was a strong, beautiful woman that loved God,her family,and friends. We had some great adventures and talked alot. She will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. We will see her again in heaven. Thank you for the friendship,laughter, and even the tears. Love you, my friend.

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**Judy Bentley** - May 05, 2021 at 10:39 PM

JP

“ Linda was a dear friend from Barstow. I had the privilege of singing with her, Barbara Mathews and Bob Eaton in a quartet and in the First Baptist Church choir. Her parents lived across the street from us and were dear friends as well. We will miss her greatly and will think of her often.  
Jerry

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**Jerry Pollitt** - May 05, 2021 at 05:39 PM

SJ

“ Linda was best friends with my sister Lorna and because of that, we were all close friends and our kids grew up with each other as a result.  
Linda was such a sweet and funny person with a heart of gold. Because of her Christian beliefs, She is now in Heaven enjoying her new glorified body and serving God. God's Blessings to Scott, Deanna and the rest of her family.  
Sharon Jordan 🙏❤️

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**Sharon Jordan** - May 05, 2021 at 05:35 PM

DP

“ I have a memory of Linda I want to share. This may sound silly but it's whats in my heart. The last time we came to Claremore to visit Linda she said let's fix tuna salad sandwiches for lunch. Jerry and I pitched in to help her. As the eggs boiled and we mixed up the salad she asked me to get the celery out of the fridge and chop some up. I commented that I hadn't put celery in tuna salad before. Linda said, “ oh I can't eat tuna salad without my celery” so as instructed I chopped up the celery and added it to the mix. We ate a pleasant lunch and I loved the celery in the salad so much I always add it to our tuna salad now. Since then whenever I make tuna salad I always think of Linda. Today Jerry and I are having tuna salad sandwiches in remembrance of Linda...with celery of course! Love you Linda ❤️

Diane Pollitt - May 05, 2021 at 03:33 PM

TJ

“ So many sweet thoughts and memories of Mrs. Colby. My life forever changed the day I accepted Christ in her Sunday School class, FBC Barstow. For some reason, nobody wanted to leave her Sunday school class. Her love and encouragement forever impacted my life and every other child/teen who came in contact with her. She loved Jesus, and lived a life loving and serving. Love and prayers lifted to the Colby Family. May our Heavenly Father comfort you and give you strength. Trish Johnson-Berczynski

Trish Johnson-Berczynski - May 05, 2021 at 01:31 AM

CR

“ Cheryl Dyar Ryan lit a candle in memory of Linda Joyce Colby



Cheryl Dyar Ryan - May 05, 2021 at 12:07 AM

SR

“ I knew Linda for about 30 years, we met at work and kinda worked together. She was probably the best and hardest worker at her job than anybody at AA. We became friends, there wasn't very many of us women out there at that time we had to stick together. I think everyone that knew Linda loved Linda. She was funny, honest, dependable. Even with her MS she was a delight to be around. Linda was my best friend, my confidant, my soul mate. I wasn't ready for her to go but God had her place ready and I know that place is awesome, and she is pain free and has joined Barry again and she is happy. I will miss you so much. Good bye for now. Sherry

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**Sherry Ryan** - May 04, 2021 at 11:58 PM

NR

“ I didn't grow up with an Aunt or much of an extended family but you so unselfishly allowed me to wiggle my way into yours! What better person to adopt as my Aunt than one of my Mom's very best friends?! Auntie Linda you were known to me from a young age.

*You loved so fiercely and so strong and you were such a wonderful example of a faithful wife and mother and follower of Christ.*

*You'll never know how much you mean to me but I hope that I'll embody your strengths and what I've learned from your wonderful example.*

*With love forever,  
Nicole*

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**Nicole Rodriguez** - May 04, 2021 at 11:28 PM

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**Judy Bentley** - May 04, 2021 at 11:16 PM

CR

“ *Sweet Cousin Linda: It is with comfort to know you are no longer suffering from the ails of our aged vessels. Have thought of you often through the years. We shared a barn full of cousins as a result of the Mathews/Dyar/Edmonds mergers. We grew older and spread our wings over the land making our visits fewer and fewer, but our Christian love remained steadfast. Looking forward to seeing you again on the other side, and we'll have that long overdue visit. With much love, Cousin Cheryl*

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**Cheryl Dyar Ryan** - May 04, 2021 at 10:53 PM

SW

“ *Sean Waters lit a candle in memory of Linda Joyce Colby*



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**Sean Waters** - May 04, 2021 at 09:51 PM

DP

“ It’s with such heartache that I say an earthly good-bye to my dear, sweet friend Linda. But it’s with faith and hope that I say I will see you again in glory along with our many friends and family. You will be missed here but I’m happy you’re resting peacefully in the arms of Jesus now. I love you.  
Diane

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**Diane Pollitt** - May 04, 2021 at 09:40 PM

CR

“ Cheryl Dyar Ryan lit a candle in memory of Linda Joyce Colby



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**Cheryl Dyar Ryan** - May 04, 2021 at 09:33 PM

SW

“ You were like a 2nd mom to me growing up in Barstow. The world is lesser without you.

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**Sean Waters** - May 04, 2021 at 09:11 PM

JB

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**Judy Bentley** - May 04, 2021 at 08:04 PM

LM

“ I have been so blessed with Linda's friendship since kindergarten, 68 years.  
Linda, Barbara & Willard were such a positive influence in my childhood, especially spiritually, attending Grandview Baptist church where Mr. Mathews preached.  
We were typical teens of the 60's, boy friends, giggles, school days hijinks, giggles, sleep-overs, giggles, lots of fun amidst typical growing pains and challenges.  
Young adults raising our beautiful children, Scott, Trevor & sweet little Deanna, was such a special time of our lives and later sharing stories of our grandchildren and great grandchildren are such treasured memories.  
Even though there were periods of time we were not in touch, we knew we were always there for each other.  
I love you & miss you so much, my dearest friend 😭  
Till we meet again in Paradise,  
Lorna 🙏😊🙏

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**Lorna Mora** - May 04, 2021 at 04:11 PM

RC

“ Thank you so much for being a wonderful mother-in-law. You were so good to us. You were the most selfless person I have ever known. You gave me a husband who I love and 2 of the most beautiful daughters anyone could ask for. You loved Jesus and were a wonderful example to those around you. It was time to go but I will see you later.



Your daughter- in- law

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**Renee' Colby** - May 04, 2021 at 03:56 PM

SC

“ Scott Colby lit a candle in memory of Linda Joyce Colby



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Scott Colby - May 04, 2021 at 03:43 PM

SC

“ I could not have asked for a better mom.  
I thank her for who I am, how I was raised, and the man that I have become.  
I thank her for raising me in a Christian home.  
Proverbs 22:6  
I am so excited for her to be pain free and see her Dad, Mom, Brother and Husband.  
Tell them all hello for us, until we can all be together again. I love you so much and you will truly be missed.  
Your Son

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Scott Colby - May 04, 2021 at 03:41 PM

BP

“ I was so sorry to hear about Linda's passing. I have such fond memories of her when I lived in Barstow. I always saw her as a truly sweet and caring person. I met Linda through my sister Lorna when I was very young. I know that Lorna felt more like Linda was a sister than a friend. Linda will be missed by all who knew her. My thoughts and prayers are with all of her family and friends.



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Bonnie Perry - May 04, 2021 at 03:38 PM

AD

“ I met Linda 51 years ago and we were instantly friends. We shared so much but mostly love of family. We were like sisters, laughing, dieting , shopping, raising kids, crying over the loss of loved ones, And now I cry for you my sweet sister , you will always be close to my heart I love you so much

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**annette dulaney** - May 04, 2021 at 02:33 PM

SC

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*Proverbs 22:6*

*I am so excited for her to be pain free and see her Dad, Mom, Brother and Husband. Tell them all hello for us, until we can all be together again. I love you so much and you will truly be missed.*

*Your Son*

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**Scott Colby** - May 04, 2021 at 02:28 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Joyce Colby.



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May 04, 2021 at 12:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Joyce Colby.*



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May 04, 2021 at 09:40 AM