



## Linda Ann Willaby

March 26, 1941 - December 2, 2025

Linda Ann Willaby was born on March 26, 1941, in Shawnee, Oklahoma to Paul and Lorene Graves. She passed from this life on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, in Owasso, Oklahoma at the age of 84 years. Linda was raised and educated in Ada, Oklahoma and graduated with the Ada High School Class of 1959. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree and a master's in education from the Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Linda was married on June 10, 1978, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma to Phillip Maurice Willaby. She spent most of her working life teaching Honors Literature at the Owasso 7th Grade Center for over 25 years. She was a longtime faithful member of Bethel Baptist Church and most recently Friendship Baptist Church in Owasso where she played both the piano and the organ. Her eternal salvation was secured by her commitment to Jesus Christ. In her spare time, Linda enjoyed a variety of pastimes such as playing the piano, golfing, and oil painting, but most of all she loved being a grandma and embraced her role as "Meemaw." She is survived by:

Her Sons;

Chris Matheny and wife Michelle

Kevin Matheny

Stepdaughter;

April Gonzales and husband Steve

Grandchildren;

Molli Beverage and husband Nick

Matthew Matheny

Maggie Matheny

Joshua Gonzales and wife Maegan

Zoe Gonzales

Emily Gonzales

Sophie Gonzales

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Lorene Graves, and her husband Phillip.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Linda's memory to the Friendship Baptist Mission Fund.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC **22**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Friendship Baptist Church  
14100 East 86th Street North  
Owasso, OK 74055

## Memorial Fund

DEC **22** (CT)

Friendship Baptist Church Mission Fund  
14100 East 86th Street North  
Owasso, OK 74055

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ Kelley C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Ann Willaby.

Kelley C. - December 22, 2025 at 10:37 AM

BL

“ Byron and Rita Lollis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Ann Willaby.

Byron and Rita Lollis - December 18, 2025 at 11:07 PM

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“ Byron and Rita Lollis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda Ann Willaby.



Byron and Rita Lollis - December 18, 2025 at 11:07 PM

CH

“ I came to know Linda when she and I used the same nail tech friend. She was a hoot! Her stories were the best. I'm sad that she's gone from this earth, but I'm really happy for her, and frankly a little jealous that she made it to heaven before I did. RIP, Linda. We'll keep fighting the good fight down here.

Carole Ross Harmon - December 09, 2025 at 09:44 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Ann Willaby.*



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December 09, 2025 at 11:17 AM