

One might describe her as a woman of diversity. She loved to go bowling, play bingo, knit, paint designs on sheets and pillowcases, and just sit and watch the birds and squirrels. She collected dolls. She loved Gospel, Country and Blue Grass music, but nothing took a back seat to the music of Def Leppard, ZZ Top, and AC/DC. She was “in love” with country music singer Gene Watson. (She used to quip that her husband Raymond was lucky she didn’t meet Watson first.) She also kept a place in her heart for Cher and Dolly. She enjoyed the Grand Ole Opry and going to see the Cincinnati Reds play baseball. Some years ago, she yanked the arm of a slot machine in Las Vegas and won \$10,000!

Who knew?

Linda Howe Anders left us July 14, 2026. She was born In Logansport, Indiana, March 22, 1944. She attended elementary through high school in Frankfort, Indiana. According to Linda’s two daughters, Kavina Burdine and Ann Fox, their mother’s job history was as diverse as her hobbies. Linda worked in a glass factory and later at Standard Oil Company, in Indiana. She worked in a shoe factory shortly after arriving in Tennessee, and soon after worked for Ingram Books in La Vergne, at first in the warehouse then rising to a managerial position. She stayed at Ingram for 25 years and, after retiring, served as a consultant for another five years.

Daughters Kavina and Ann reflected on how their mother and father met. Linda was cutting a friend’s hair, then glanced out the window and saw “this good-lookin’ guy” drive up. She wanted to know who he was and if he was single, married or what. “Can you see if he wants to come in and meet me?” Linda reportedly asked. It was love at first sight. Linda and Raymond were married in 1964 in a Baptist church. (“They had no money, so they used flowers from an earlier wedding.”) Her daughters describe their honeymoon this way: Mom came home and Dad went to work. They were married for 56 years.

Linda and Raymond were good friends with Gloria and Jimmy Kimbro, whom they had met in Kentucky. Raymond and Jimmy worked at the same company in Kentucky. Some years later, the Kimbros relocated to Tennessee and lured Linda and Raymond to the Volunteer State. Linda attended a Baptist church where she taught Sunday school. Eventually, Gloria and Jimmy invited their friends to Priest Lake Presbyterian Church, which became Linda’s church home.

Ann and Kavina describe their mother as very loving, with a wonderful sense of humor. Linda loved helping people. She took older folks for walks, delivered meals to them, took them to the store and medical appointments, and she took meals and ran errands for a blind girl in her complex in Harbour Town (Antioch). She could also be a strict disciplinarian, according to the daughters.

What really summed up the substance of Linda Anders was that for the last several years, she wrote a letter to the Lord every day. That became known as her “Letters to Jesus.”

Linda Anders left our earthly home a better place.

Linda is survived by her two daughters, Kavina Rae Burdine (Gary) and Ann Jennette Fox; one grandson and three great grandsons; two sisters, two sisters-in-law, and a brother-in-law. Linda was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Raymond Joe Anders; her parents, and four siblings.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to The American Cancer Society, AMVETS, or to Priest Lake Presbyterian Church.

The Celebration of Life



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March 22, 1944 – July 14, 2026

Prelude	Nolan Snyder, Pianist
Welcome	Rev. Ray Thomas
Opening Sentences	
Prayer	
Hymn: #467	“How Great Thou Art”
Scriptures:	Acts 9: 36-42 Colossians 3: 12-17 I Corinthians 13:13 Isaiah 58: 9
Message:	Rev. Cindy Schwartz
Expressions of Gratitude	
Special Music:	“Linda’s Song” John Gain
Prayer/Lord’s Prayer	
Hymn: # 370	“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”
Blessing	
Dismissal	
Postlude	Nolan Snyder, Pianist

Parental Grace

The both of you have given me life.
Even though your life was filled with strife.
I know I wasn’t the perfect child.
But we all know it’s in our blood to be wild.
You both are the perfect parents that could never be replaced.
You gave me peace, love, life and happiness,
and to say the least my name means grace.
You will never leave my heart and soul;
because you’ll always wear a halo.
I want you both to know I always needed you to grow.
I’m surrounded by complete and total love.
I have to thank the good Lord above.
You have my utmost praise.
I wasn’t the easiest to raise.
Don’t ever think that you’re not in my thoughts.
Because when it comes to that my brain doesn’t fault.
I love you both and always will.

Love always, Ann
10-21-1999

*Following the service, please join the Anders family
in the fellowship hall for lunch and a
time of comfort and support.
The family is deeply grateful for your prayers,
cards, calls, visits, and loving kindness.*

