



## Linda Kane

July 26, 1940 - June 22, 2022

On June 22, 2022, Linda Joyce Kane was united with her savior in heaven. Linda was born in 1940 in Moline IL, the daughter of Willard and Lewanda (Dodd) Laird.

Linda Laird was raised in East Moline IL. She recently wrote a short memoir of some of her fondest childhood memories. As a youth, Linda became an accomplished pianist and organist. She supported countless community and church musical events. Linda graduated from United Township High School in East Moline. After high school, she attended Moody Bible Institute and graduated from Western Illinois University. It was there that she met her husband, Gary Kane. Linda and Gary recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in December 2022. Linda and Gary settled into their careers and lived in Manassas, Virginia for over 30 years. In addition to teaching music lessons, Linda began working for the US Navy, operating some of the earliest computers used in military technology. Those skills led her to a long and rewarding civilian career with the Navy.

Upon retirement, Linda and Gary moved from Manassas, VA to their “beach house” in Dagsboro DE. There they found a new church family and always welcomed many to enjoy the seaside, friendship, and many bushels of blue crabs!

Throughout her life, Linda’s free time was devoted to music fellowship with her church and visits with friends and family. Linda was the master mind and host of many family cruises and precious get togethers. Finding the best shopping spots, yard sales and bargains was a joy shared frequently as well as the “show and tell” of the best finds.

Blessed with early retirements, national and international travel was a favorite pastime. Together, they were able to set foot on nearly every continent. Her positive and welcoming spirit led her to have a lasting impact on many lives.

Throughout most of her life, Linda continued to volunteer, including many church music programs. Linda had a musical gift that she shared playing for others whether it be for an entire congregation or playing for someone on the phone during the pandemic. Her faith guided her throughout multiple cancer survivals. Daughters Krissen Kane Burriss and Karen Kane Barnett spent priceless memories with family in Delaware especially the past

two years.

Linda's giving nature supported several Burriss family mission trips to Nicaragua, she always had a heart for supporting missions, both locally and abroad. Linda cherished her time with her grandchildren and would take them boating, shopping, and swimming. The kids would stay up late at "Camp Grandma" playing Yahtzee or other games.

Linda has left a legacy of faith to her remaining family members, including her husband, Gary Kane, daughters, Krissen (David) Burriss and Karen Barnett. Linda has 5 grandchildren: Meghan (Nick) Hauenstein, Amanda (Derek) Baudoin, Joseph (Julie) Burriss, Lauren Burriss and Molly Barnett. She also has 5 great grandchildren: Gavin Hauenstein, Casey Hauenstein, Landon Baudoin, Wyatt Baudoin and Benjamin Baudoin. Linda has one remaining brother, Jon (Julia) Laird. Preceding her in death are one brother, Robert (Georgia) Laird and her parents, Willard, and Lewanda Laird.

She would want everyone to know that salvation is easy, attained only through belief in our loving God and his son, Jesus. She fought the good fight; she finished the race. She kept the faith. (2Tim4:7)

A Memorial service will be held on Monday, August 8, 2022, at 3:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Clarksville Chapel, Ocean View, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 2:00 PM.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

**FLORAL NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 10:00 AM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022 AT OUR OCEAN VIEW LOCATION.**

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 8. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (EAST)

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Clarksville Chapel  
34874 Atlantic Avenue  
Ocean View, DE

## Memorial Service

AUG 8. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (EAST)

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Clarksville Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

BT

“ Linda was such a wonderful person and such a talented musician. One of my favorite memories was during the height of the pandemic I got a phone call from her asking if I wanted to hear some music. I said of course and she played wonderful hymns for me over the phone. It was a jewel of a gift in difficult times—something I will never forget.

*Barbara Tasevol*

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**Barbara Tasevoli** - August 09 at 09:54 AM

CL

“ Gary and Family,  
Remembering Linda, an amazing woman and accomplished organist/pianist. Early in the pandemic, dear Linda called me and asked for requests for her to play for me on the piano from your home...I was So touched, as I had just gone through breast cancer, had just finished radiation, and we were all locked down at home. I will never forget her kindness and compassion, in the midst of her own health challenges. Deepest sympathy, love and prayers for all of you. IHL, Carol Lynch

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**Carol Lynch** - August 08 at 02:41 PM

CS

“ Prayers and heartfelt sympathy to all of the family. Krissen and Karen's care and love gave your Mom joy and comfort. Sending love, Cindy and Bill



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**Cindy Sutton** - August 07 at 04:22 PM

KB

*Thank you for your thoughtful words.*

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**Karen Barnett** - August 07 at 10:20 PM

KM

“ When I was little, your mom was a second mother to me, my piano teacher and my kindergarten music teacher. Your home was like second home always filled with cats, kittens, Shy and George.  
I loved going camping with you all. Your mom taught me how to pick crabs and I will never forget the creepy Halloween parties where I was totally grossed out by feeling the eyeballs and brains and such.

Memories of your mom always come flooding back when I see “Dozen a Day” book and when I take my grandkids camping, I think of the popup camper, smores and the fun we had.

If Robert Fulgrum in his book “All I really needed to know I learned in Kindergarten,” is correct then I owe a lot of what I know to your mom.

She taught me one of life’s most important lessons; how to go on a Bear Hunt! Linda would lead the charge on the adventure of going thru the tall grass, big trees, little trees, swimming across the lake, walking thru the mud and even entering the cave where there was always be a bear!

With every obstacle we faced on the hunt we were met with the phrase, “You can’t go around it! You can’t go over it! You can’t go under it! You have to go through it!”

Lesson learned: Just like in life when we are met with difficult circumstances, we can’t go around them, over them, under them we just have to go through them. She taught us all well!

Forever grateful,  
Kim Surface Mitchell

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Kim Mitchell - August 06 at 01:14 PM

KB

I love these memories. Thank you for sharing. Can't believe I forgot the “Can't go over.....”.

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Karen Barnett - August 07 at 10:18 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Linda Kane.



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August 06 at 12:46 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Kane.



August 04 at 04:43 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Linda Kane.



August 02 at 11:08 AM

SK

“ Knowing Linda was one of my fondest memories. Being a part of the Treble Tones singing group in high school was a great experience. Linda was our leader, orchestrator and always so patient. I can still see her hands glide so easily across the keyboard being able to play any music. She was a beautiful gift to all of us. And we are blessed to have known her. Susan Kennedy

Susan Kennedy - July 26 at 08:15 AM

SE

“ Linda was one of my very best friends thru the years. We have known each other since 2nd grade at John Deere School in East Moline, IL. She always played the piano in Grade School during our Music Classes. She also played the organ and piano at East Moline High School for our choir, and ensembles. During our Sophomore year, seven of we girls began singing together in a group called The Treble Tones. Linda played the piano for us during our Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years at High School. She also played the organ at our wedding June 26th, 1960. Linda was so gracious to invite us to her home during our family trip to Washington DC. So we stayed with Linda and Gary two nights, when they lived in Manassas, VA. They came and stayed with us here in Greenville, SC a couple times too. Linda was a fighter, and we prayed for her many times during her bout with cancer. Now she is with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We all loved her and Gary and their dear family.

Sandy and Gene Easley

Sandra Easley - July 25 at 05:03 PM

KB

*Thank you so much for the beautiful memories. Mom was very blessed to have you as a lifelong friend*

**Karen Barnett** - July 25 at 06:27 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Linda Kane.*



July 12 at 10:22 AM

JF

“ *Joyce Fefel lit a candle in memory of Linda Kane*



**Joyce Fefel** - July 08 at 09:43 AM

LB

“ *Linda was a dear friend. We celebrated many birthdays together at lunch all over Northern Virginia. She was one of the kindest, most giving people I have ever known. I am sad to be without her on earth, but I know she is happy to be free of the physical issues she had. I am sorry not to have been able to spend more time with her in retirement, but I will always cherish the time we did have. My sympathy to Gary, Krissin and Karen. Lou Burns*

**Lou Burns** - July 06 at 01:58 PM

KB

*Thank you for your kind and beautiful words.*

**Karen Barnett** - July 25 at 06:29 PM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Kane.*



July 06 at 11:04 AM

PS

“ I absolutely adored Linda she played the organ or piano at church when my husband Steven was choir director they would have a ball..I used to tease him when she would call and say your girlfriend is on the phone. Later when I got cancer she was my rock! I just loved her and will miss her so.

Pamela Szypulski - July 04 at 01:21 PM

RD

“ Our community was blessed when Linda and Gary moved from Manassas, Va., into our "country-seashore living." My first meeting with them was at Mariner's Bethel where they happily joined us after searching for a few years. Easy, warm, and loving friendships have joined us all together in joyful spirits. Together they helped in forming our Sunday School "Joy Class" which still continues. Linda shared with enthusiasm her beautiful skill on the piano "magic fingers" on the keys In her own style. I'll always remember the afternoon and evening gatherings at church, playing together piano and organ with audience participation in singing hymns and a variety of music. The special seasonal choir cantata with piano, organ, drums and instrumentals. Their home was an extension of warm welcome to Sunday school classes, holiday parties and just friendly visits. In particular, we were invited for a "Special lady's afternoon tea" wearing our favorite hats. Lo and behold the electricity went off in the entire neighborhood! Without frustration, Linda immediately served "soda pop"! We had such a good time enjoying the goodies, singing and playing duets on the piano and their organ. "All is well that ends well". Gary, Krissen (Dave), Karen, (Mike) grandchildren, great grandchildren, Brother Jon (Julian) the loving care you have shared so deeply remains in special memories knowing that Linda has "finished the race" and is peacefully at home. In loving friendship, Ruth (Rudie) Davis

Ruth Davis - July 02 at 04:27 PM

KB

Ruth, we have cherished your faithful support, cards and so much support. Thank you so very much.

Karen Barnett - July 25 at 06:30 PM

RQ

“ When I was relatively new to Mariner's Bethel, I attended a cantata, which was in the old sanctuary. As the choir members were entering the sanctuary into the choir area, I waved a hearty hello to whom I thought was Rudie Davis, and was very embarrassed when I realized that I did not know the person to whom I waved. However, she, being Linda Kane, waved heartily back and even before the cantata began, came over and sat briefly with me and my aunt, and began talking, and we've continued talking ever since!! My sincere condolences to the entire Kane family!! Ruby Quillen

Ruby Quillen - July 01 at 10:01 AM

KB

Thank you so much for being such a dear friend to our mom.

Karen Barnett - July 25 at 06:31 PM

SM

“ I was blessed to have known this beautiful angel and her wonderful and devoted family.  
I also was blessed when she called me during Covid , saying hold on I want to play a song on the piano for you. It was amazing and put a big smile on my face. Linda was beautiful inside and out as are her beautiful daughters.  
I can here our GOD saying “job well done, faithful and devoted servant”!  
I could go on and on and on.....  
Bottom line is I LOVE this beautiful woman and her beautiful husband and family!  
Rest In Peace and keep playing your piano sweet lady. 🙏💕💕

Sugar Michel - July 01 at 08:27 AM

KB

Thank you so much for all of your support and kindness. We are very blessed to have you as a Delaware neighbor.

Karen Barnett - July 25 at 06:32 PM

TK

“ I have many fond memories of Linda from my childhood, I took her fishing while they were back for a visit at Grandma and grandpa Kanes house. We caught a stronger full of bass and bluegill. It was wonderful. I also remember a great trip I took with uncle Darryl, we drove straight through to visit and stay with them in Manassas. We went flounder fishing, road a subway, went to the Smithsonian. And I'll always remember the dog Zeus. I also have a love for listening to the piano. Sincere condolences from Travis Kane and love. We love you.

Travis Kane - June 30 at 10:42 PM

KB

*Travis, I have been going through many family photos and I have several I want to share with you. Thank you for sharing your memories and kind words.*

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**Karen Barnett** - July 25 at 06:34 PM