



## Linda Baker Merritt

February 28, 1943 - September 19, 2020

Linda Carole Baker Merritt, 77, of Memphis Tennessee died in Memphis on September 19, 2020.

Linda was born in Memphis, Tennessee to the late Charles W. Baker and Naomi Newman Baker.

She graduated White Station High School in 1961, Memphis State University with a BA in

Psychology, 1979 and received her Master's Degree in 1981. She entered the Doctoral Program in Philosophy in 1996.

Talented in so many ways, Linda had a passion for food and was always cooking or reading

about cooking or talking about food – family favorites to macrobiotics to something she saw in a

new cookbook. She enjoyed gardening and sharing her treasures with friends and family. Music

was a particularly great talent, she played piano for 70 years.

During the last week of her life she spoke about how she wanted to be remembered. Although

she belonged to many clubs and had received many awards throughout her lifetime, she most

wanted to share her passion for civic responsibility. She was a lifelong political observer and

participant and she wanted people to pay close attention to the 2020 elections and that everyone should make the effort to VOTE. Her true wish was that you would vote BLUE. Those left behind to cherish her memory are her daughter, Heather E. Merritt of Memphis, two sisters Priscilla B. Butler, of Tiptonville, TN and Sally L. Baker of Memphis, and her most loved grandson, William Long of Nashville, TN. She also is survived by 5 cousins, 1 niece and two nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to The American Heart Association.

A “celebration of life” is planned for February 28, 2021.

# Tribute Wall



“ Heather, I am very sorry for your great loss. I know you were very close to your mother, who was sweet, kind, and compassionate. Linda had a remarkable way of understanding a person and speaking to get that person to understand an issue. I grew closer to her the older that she became. She treated and loved her grandson with all she could give. She made the most remarkable person I have ever known in Heather. Your mother, I am sure, is in Heaven now. Carl Long

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**Carl Long** - August 29, 2024 at 04:56 PM



“ Heather and Sally,

*I am so sorry for your loss, me and my crew came to Love Ms. Linda and she will be greatly missed. We are keeping your family in our prayers. - Jeri Jeffries*

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**Jeri Jeffries** - October 01, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ Heather you comforted me when my mom passed and now it's my turn, sending my heart to you. Hold on to hope, love doesn't die, in fact, I've learned that especially when it comes to a mothers love, it only grows stronger! Big huge hug. - Emily

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**Emily Hess Banks** - September 26, 2020 at 02:32 PM

MD

“ I have lost a dear friend. Linda and I became close after William was born. She knew that as “the other grandmother,” I would be interested in all his accomplishments, both great and small. And of course I was. I appreciate Linda’s depth of understanding of the human psyche, her compassion, her sense of humor, her love of life and of beauty. We’ve had some wonderful conversations over the years. I miss her.

*RIP, sweet Linda.*

*From Margaret, the other grandmother*

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**Margaret Delashmit** - September 24, 2020 at 02:48 PM

SJ

“ I know your mother was precious to you. I’m so sorry for you and Will to experience this loss.

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**Stephanie James** - September 24, 2020 at 09:23 AM

MB

“ Heather, I’m so sorry for the loss of your mother. Prayers for you and your family.



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**Matthew Britt** - September 23, 2020 at 09:00 PM

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“ Thank you for sharing the story of Linda. Heather, while I didn’t have the privilege of knowing your mom, I know she must have been special to have a sweet daughter like you. Blessings to you and your family during this tender time.



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**Vickie Laurenzi** - September 23, 2020 at 07:08 PM