



Linda Wall

July 20, 2020

Linda Wall, age 80 of Magnolia, passed away July 20, 2020, surrounded by her loving family. The Addison family and staff of Magnolia Funeral Home extend condolences to Linda's family during this difficult time.

Linda Gay Galbraith Wall went to be with the Lord on Monday, July 20, 2020.

She is survived by:

- Her husband of almost 60 years: Joe Layton Wall
- Her two sons:
 - o Scot Daniel (married to Darcy Bell), and their children:
 - Marissa Lyn
 - Caleb Blaise
 - Angel Domanique
 - o And Christopher Layton (married to Jessica LaRoue), and their children:
 - Tyler Joseph
 - Thomas Layton
- And her brother, Michael Ray Galbraith (married to Sally).

Linda was born to Cecil and Lucy Galbraith on August 14, 1939, in McCamey, Texas. Her parents' home was Abilene, Texas, and they moved several times in Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas, as her father worked in the oil and gas

pipeline business—later retiring as a Vice President of Shell Pipeline. When Linda was around 13 years old, her family settled in West University Place, a suburb of Houston, Texas. She attended Pershing Jr. High and Lamar High Schools. The Galbraith family became members of West University Baptist Church where her dad served as a Deacon, and Linda became active in the youth ministries, where she met Joe, her husband-to-be.

In the mid-1950s, Linda and Joe ministered together and fell in love. During their sophomore year in high school, Linda taught in the Primary Sunday School Department where Joe was serving as the leader. Then during their junior year in high school Linda served on various youth leadership groups. During their senior year in high school, Joe was asked to lead the music at the downtown Star of Hope Mission on Sunday afternoons. He asked his friend, Linda, to accompany him playing the piano. During that year, the Star of Hope Mission held a major dinner in the basement of a downtown church, and Joe invited Linda and several other young people to attend, but only Linda attended. It was that night that both Linda and Joe sensed they had fallen in love with each other.

Linda married Joe on August 20, 1960. Because so few in the Galbraith family had finished college, Linda's father insisted she could not get married until she turned 21 years old and had finished college. So, while Joe was at Baylor, Linda rushed through her bachelor's degree and teaching certificate at Sam Houston State University in three years and a summer. Right after she turned 21 on August 14, 1960, they were married. This was wise guidance from her father, since she was able to support Joe through his last year in college and four years of seminary by teaching in the public schools.

Since they were married, Linda has ministered with her husband in ministries and schools in Texas, Colorado, and around the world. Including their service together before they were married, they served together more than 65 years.

In the 1960s, Linda played the piano at the first churches Joe pastored: Travis Baptist Church (while attending Baylor) and Fate Union Church (while attending Dallas Theological Seminary). In 1964, during Joe's senior year at Dallas Seminary, Linda bore their first son, Scot Daniel Wall. After graduation Joe was pastor of the Bryan Baptist Temple, later renamed "Grace Bible Church" (their first fulltime pastorate), where Linda played the piano and also led a women's home Bible study.

Then in the late 1960s and early 1970s, as the pastor's wife at Spring Branch Community Church (now Bridgepoint Bible Church), Linda provided leadership to the women's ministries. Several women like Joy Gilliam and Lora Taylor, consider Linda their spiritual mother to this day. In December of 1972, she bore her second son, Christopher Layton Wall—a difficult premature birth. Then, while Joe worked on his doctorate at Dallas Seminary and served as the VP of Academics at Dallas Bible College, Linda focused on her two children and taught part-time at Dallas Bible College. After returning to Spring Branch Community Church in 1978, Linda again actively engaged in teaching women until 1984.

In the mid-1980s while Joe served as the President of Colorado Christian University, Linda continued to care for her children, taught English in the University, and taught Bible studies at Foothills Bible church.

In the 1990s, Linda and Joe moved into worldwide mission ministries. First, they joined Campus Crusade for Christ, and Linda was asked to be a part of Vonette Bright's women's ministry leadership team. Then, they became a part of the original leadership of East-West Ministries, and Linda became active in the training of pastors' wives and other women in several countries in the former Soviet Union. In 1995, when Joe was about to turn down a request for

him to become the pastor of Cypress Bible Church (CBC) in the Houston area, Linda told him she was convinced the Lord was leading her to serve in the women's ministry at CBC. So, Joe agreed to be the part-time pastor while continuing to serve with East-West Ministries, so Linda could carry out how the Lord was leading her. At CBC Linda continued to have an impact on women, many of whom love and honor her to this day, and Linda's involvement overseas did not diminish; it grew.

In the 2000s, Linda and Joe returned to full time status with East-West Ministries. While Joe was involved in pastoral training in the former Soviet Union and South Asia working to facilitate a partnership between East-West Ministries and Grace School of Theology for accredited seminary training in Central Asia and the Caucasus, Linda continued to expand East-West's women's ministries in Russia, Kazakhstan, Georgia, and Azerbaijan. Her conferences and retreats, assisted by many family members and friends from churches where she had ministered over several decades, impacted the lives and ministries of hundreds, perhaps thousands of women. Her last major focus was on the purchase of an apartment for and the development of a ministry to abused women among the Muslims in Baku, Azerbaijan. Around that time, she and Joe moved to Magnolia, Texas, where Scot was planting a church. Here again Linda contributed significantly to the development of the Women's Ministry of Magnolia Bible Church.

What a woman! What a legacy!

Follow the link below to see pictures of Linda's life.

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/z0umlbnp2tewtv4/AABu6Yon22BCGItgE6ylh9_xa?dl=0

Instead of flowers, . . . please send gifts for the support Scot's ministry to the Texas State Legislature, Capitol Commission Texas. You can do so by going

to www.capitolcommissiontexas.org.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL **27**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Magnolia Bible Church
31611 Nichols Sawmill Rd
Magnolia, TX 77355

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Wall.* ”



July 26, 2020 at 10:50 PM

SL

“ Hupomenō:

to stay under (behind), i.e. remain; figuratively, to undergo, i.e. bear (trials), have fortitude, persevere:--abide, endure, (take) patient(-ly), suffer, tarry behind.

This is the first Greek word that I learned and it was as a young married woman in her twenties under the teaching of Linda at Spring Branch Community Church. She lectured me through my first inductive Bible study, and taught me this word, which I have never forgotten these 40+ years later. Her teaching on the inductive study method launched me into a lifetime of teaching others about the richness and joy of diving deeply into God's Word. I also recognize that this word is also a description of Linda's life: she endured numerous health issues and various trials with patience, perseverance, and fortitude. She "abided under" God's hand on her life, both in the easy times and in the hard.

Linda was a mentor to me in numerous ways. She taught me how to strip furniture, shop auctions, and make a grilled cheese sandwich by melting the butter in the pan instead of spreading it on the bread. She taught me to learn what love looked like with each person. I learned that if I wanted to love Linda well, I would clean her home instead of send her flowers for an event she would be hosting. She loved me in the same manner when she came into my home and readied it for my homecoming after the birth of our pre-mature son. She was a safe place for me, a place where I was accepted, nourished, and strengthened for the seasons of life ahead.

From the spiritual to the mundane, the eternal to the temporal, Linda poured into the foundation of my life. She is, and always will be, one of God's letters, written on my heart.

*Sharla Lukefahr
Horseshoe Bay, Texas*

Sharla Lukefahr - July 26, 2020 at 08:54 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Linda Wall.



July 24, 2020 at 10:18 PM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Linda Wall.



July 24, 2020 at 04:27 PM



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



July 23, 2020 at 04:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of Linda Wall.



July 23, 2020 at 12:03 PM

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“ Grace Bible Church - College Station, TX purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Linda Wall.



Grace Bible Church - College Station, TX - July 23, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Linda Wall.



July 22, 2020 at 05:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Wall.



July 22, 2020 at 02:24 PM



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



July 22, 2020 at 02:20 PM



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



July 22, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ *Darrell and Becky Blasingame purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Linda Wall.*



Darrell and Becky Blasingame - July 22, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ *I met Linda when she moved to Houston. She was a lovely young lady who captivated most of the boys in the youth group at West University Baptist Church. I knew her as a friend, a sister in Christ, a fantastic musician with a beautiful voice, and a classmate , especially in high school. I was the go to double date when she needed a couple to go to movies downtown. I knew her as Joe’s wife and was privileged to spend every Wednesday night with her during her pregnancy with Chris. During that time I held conversations with her about almost everything in the spiritual realm. She was truly a great person, wife, mother and most of all, a lover of Jesus.*

Milton Womack

Milton Womack - July 21, 2020 at 09:38 PM

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“ *Richard and Chris Frey purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of Linda Wall.*



Richard and Chris Frey - July 21, 2020 at 09:30 PM