

Linda Laker Pearson

June 29, 1947 ~ March 11, 2025

The lovely Linda Laker Pearson made her debut into the world on June 29, 1947 to her parents Dorothy and Bryan Laker. She was born completely darling.

Throughout her life she exuded love, sunshine and warmth. As her family, we were always greeted with open arms and a big smile on her radiant face. She would say sweet things such as, “Our family has so much love that we could tell each other what we love about the other all through the night and still have more to say when the rooster crows in the morning”.

She embodied all that is beautiful both inside and out! As a little girl, her aunt loved to have her as a model for several articles published in the Deseret News. It was her heart where the true beauty lived, however. She had a gentle soul and always held a deep respect for people. One of her gifts was the ability to understand the needs of children and help them feel seen. After graduating from the University of Utah with a Bachelors in Education, she was able to use this talent as an amazing first grade teacher!

Linda met the love of her life, George, on a special day in January. They were both studying in the library at West High School when … Voila! … it was the beginning of what would lead to a 55 year marriage! Yay!

As Linda’s children, we always knew we were loved. We were the proud recipients of her remarkable creativity. She had a gift of turning plain and ordinary things into special and elaborate masterpieces. When we were little, we always looked so cute because she would sew these completely darling outfits. As part of her creativity, she could turn a boring envelope to mail into a piece of art with her decorative handwriting. And we can’t forget about the Christmas decorations! Wow wow and wow! This woman could decorate!

Linda used her gifts to serve God. She loved the Lord with her whole heart and we knew the Lord loved her. She held many callings in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From Primary to Relief Society, each organization enjoyed the “Linda Touch” that made gatherings and times spent together entertaining and special.

Linda loved to garden. She gently cared for the flowers and combined them in such a way that was so beautiful. You just had to stare and soak it all in! In her last days she would say, “I miss the garden”.

Gama Yinda loved her grandchildren. I mean … each one is so sweet it would be impossible not to! She loved reading to them, talking with them, playing with them, making them Mac and Cheese with hot dogs, attending Science Fairs and talks in Primary or Sacrament Meeting …. it could simply be getting to sit by them and she was in heaven.

How do you say goodbye to a person who holds such a big part of your heart? We all love you, Mom. God knew we needed you. Your influence and example will live on in those who knew and loved you. You were as darling and as good as people come and we are so grateful God let us be a part of your life.

Awhile before she passed she said of her family: “Friends Forever, Friends Before We Came, Friends Now, Friends Forever”

Sadly, she passed away on March 11th, 2025. Linda is survived by her husband, George, who cared for her so tenderly both throughout their marriage and in the time leading up to her passing, her son Matthew (Angie) Pearson, daughter Emily Pearson, grandchildren (Jeff, Eliza, and David Pearson), sister Sue (Sonny) Adams and grand dog Rocco.

She was preceded in death by her parents (Bryan and Dorothy Laker) and youngest son, Christopher Paul Pearson. If there was one silver lining about losing Paul so young, it’s that he was there to greet and welcome his mom to the other side.

A viewing will be held on Thursday, March 20th at Larkin Mortuary (260 E. South Temple) from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. A private family graveside will be held on a warm Spring day!