



Linda Burkman Charity

August 2, 1957 - September 28, 2021

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Linda Burkman Charity passed away at home in Tallahassee on September 28, 2021. She was born to Ernest and Nancy Burkman in Ann Arbor, Michigan on August 2, 1957 and moved to Tallahassee in 1960. She graduated from Florida High School in 1975, earning her BS degree in Finance from the University of Florida followed by an MBA from Florida State University.

Linda had a long, distinguished career with the Florida Office of Financial Regulation (OFR), beginning as a bank examiner and progressing to Bureau Chief and Director of the Division of Financial Institutions. She was appointed by the Governor and Cabinet on two occasions to serve as Interim Commissioner of the OFR with responsibility for regulatory licensing, investigative and support activities for financial institutions, securities and mortgage brokers in Florida. She developed strong professional relationships with state and federal regulators, trade associations and industry partners. Following retirement from the State of Florida, Linda served as a Financial Institutions Policy Advisor with Akerman, LLP and Jones Walker LLP.

While Linda had many great accomplishments in her life, the thing she was most proud of was her son Charles who she loved above all else. She always looked forward to large family gatherings for holidays and special occasions

and enjoyed going to lunch with friends. She kept track of birthdays and events in the lives of her sisters and their children and was quick to recognize accomplishments.

Linda was predeceased by her parents, Ernest and Nancy Burkman. She is survived by her loving son, Charles Douglas Charity and sisters Laurie Marshall (David), Jan Dobson (Bill), and Patty Lang (Chuck); niece Kimberly Marshall (Adam) and nephews David Marshall II; Michael (Kristen) and Nick Dobson; Charlie (Sarah Grace), Collin and Jonathan Lang.

A memorial service for Linda will be held on Friday, October 8 at 11:00 a.m. at the Tallahassee Garden Club, 507 N. Calhoun Street. Masks are strongly encouraged and a reception will follow the service.

Linda loved holidays and brightening the lives of children in need with Christmas gifts and assisted with the Guardian ad Litem holiday gift initiative. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in her name for this purpose to the Guardian ad Litem Foundation Second Circuit, Inc., P.O. Box 3992 Tallahassee 32315-3992 or gal2.org/donate.

The family is being assisted by Skip Young and Jackie Fulford of Young Fulford Funeral Home and Crematory, Tallahassee, Florida. 850.610.4444 YoungFulford.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Tallahassee Garden Club
507 N. Calhoun Street
Tallahassee, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Burkman Charity*

October 22, 2023 at 10:27 PM



“ *Linda Burkman Charity*

October 09, 2023 at 11:25 AM



“ *Linda Burkman Charity*

September 22, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *Linda and I worked together for over 30 years at the former Department of Banking and Finance, later the Office of Financial Institutions. It was rewarding work accomplished by a dedicated cadre of individuals state-wide and Linda enjoyed all phases of it and the people who performed its duties. We were friends outside the office as well and shared many good times, commiserated over the roles of “working moms” and children who sometimes didn’t behave exactly as expected! I will miss Linda and have lost a very dear friend. Linda Townsend*

Linda Townsend - October 05, 2021 at 11:30 AM



Love you Mom!

Jen Bridge - October 09, 2021 at 11:10 PM

SS

“ I never met Linda but her reputation at the Office of Financial Regulation was spoken of often and always with the utmost respect and admiration. Often during difficult times, it could be heard in the halls, "I wish Linda would come back." My wish to her family is one of peace and comfort, and also pride in knowing Linda's memory within the OFR is positive and honoring.

Susan Stephens

Susan Stephens - October 04, 2021 at 08:10 AM



“ Linda was one of my Moms dearest friends. I remember her as a loving, vivacious and completely beautiful woman. She was always so thoughtful and always remembered me when I had my children. I remember her love for the glass Christmas ornaments and I've always thought of her when I see them. Rest easy, you were and are very loved.

Jen Bridge - October 03, 2021 at 07:23 PM

DI

“ I have had the honor of knowing Linda, Douglas and Charles for over 20 years. I have shared so many memories with them. I am praying for you all during this tragic time. My love to you all. Dina Ivory

Dina Ivory - October 03, 2021 at 07:13 PM

DC

“ Donna Charity lit a candle in memory of Linda Burkman Charity



Donna Charity - October 01, 2021 at 03:15 PM

DC

“ I remember Linda as being a loving and kind soul. I send my deepest and most sincere condolences to her family and friends. May all the good memories carry you through this difficult time. May she rest in peace 🙏

Donna Charity - October 01, 2021 at 03:14 PM

DC

“ It was New Year’s Eve 1979 when I met this special Lady who would be the love of my life. For all my faults and infirmities, Linda loved me, married me and gave us our wonderful son Charles who is the light of our lives. Linda was the most loving, kind and unbelievably supportive person I could ever ask to be with. She always told me ‘Do the right thing’ . . . And she was right! Linda loved all things Christmas . . . Collecting special ornaments and giving presents to children. I am truly blessed to have this wonderful lady in my life and regret there was not more of it. God wanted and has his angel with him now.

Douglas Charity (Charles’ dad)

Douglas Charity - October 01, 2021 at 10:24 AM

IN

Dear Doug

I had the privilege of working with Linda out of the Miami field office. She was always very kind to me and supported everything we did in Miami. When I heard the news my heart broke but I am sure she is an angel looking down at us. Please send my condolences to the entire family

Ingrid Gonzalez. Miami Field Office

ingrid - October 01, 2021 at 03:49 PM

LD

Dear Charles and Doug,

I also had the privilege to work with Linda out of the Fort Lauderdale Office. In 2003 she gave me a work opportunity for which I will be forever grateful. Linda was not only a pleasure to work with, but had the respect of many who worked for her, and those in the industry we regulated. I was very saddened to hear the news of her passing and will always remember the kind person she was. My deepest condolences to you and her whole family.

Lori Douglass

Lori Douglass - October 01, 2021 at 07:01 PM

DE

Our deepest sympathies to Charles, Doug and family. We remember Linda very lovingly. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Arline & Deb Charity

Debbie - October 04, 2021 at 08:30 AM

MW

“ My deepest condolences to all of the family. I have had the privilege of working for Linda for many years. Looking back over those years, I remember Linda to be a compassionate and devoted leader. I know she loved and adored her family and respected her employees. She will be truly missed by all who knew her.

As in the book of Revelation:

I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this; Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." Yes said the Spirit, " Let them find rest from their labors, for their works accompany them" .

I know that Linda is resting with the Lord as I offer my prayers for her and the entire family. God Bless

Michael Whalen - September 30, 2021 at 09:51 AM

TS

About 42 years ago I hired Linda right out of UF to work with a terrific bunch of folks in West Palm Beach. Everyone loved her from her first day on the job. We have been associates and friends since that time. When I heard the news, like everyone I was stunned. Somebody so pleasant to be with, so dependable to work with, and somebody that was loved by so many should not be gone from this world. Her memory will live in our hearts forever. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vtp-p7qFI2I>

Terry Straub - October 05, 2021 at 05:26 PM

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My fellow bankers and I worked with Linda when we were doing a de novo bank back in 2008. She was the smartest banker that I have known and an overall great person, sad that I just found out that she passed away. Last time we met about three years ago in Orlando. Best wishes for her family, Mike Russo

mike russo banker in Orlando since 1987 - December 13, 2021 at 04:00 PM