



Linda Gale (Strickland) Mullins

May 7, 1944 - January 3, 2021

Linda Gale Strickland Mullins joined her Lord and Savior on Sunday, January 3, 2021, following a lengthy illness. By her side throughout this time were her daughter, Leslie, and her sister, Shirley. She was born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma on May 7, 1944 to Leonard Gale and Vivian (Sockey) Strickland. She was raised in Muskogee where she graduated from Central High School in 1962.

Linda's two great loves were caring for her family and serving her Lord. As a homemaker, she took a great deal of pride in cooking for her family. Her homemade yeast rolls, strawberry pretzel salad, and cookies were always family favorites. When younger, she loved picking up her daughters from school. They would stop by Baker's Tastee Freeze for a cherry Dr Pepper and then take a drive to talk about the day's events. She loved all holidays, but especially Christmas. Linda was crazy about her granddaughter, Alexandra. Her birth only added to the magic and merriment. Linda loved everything about Christmas. She loved the music, the food, getting together with family, and gift giving. The best gift she gave her family though, was her time. As she said at her daughter Caroline's funeral, "your children do not need designer clothes, they need your time!" It is through time spent together many treasured memories were created.

Linda also gave her children a love for Christ. She was the model of a Christian wife and mother. Proverbs 31:28 says it best, "Her children will rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, will praise her." For over 20 years,

she volunteered in the church nursery at Grandview Baptist Church. Cuddling the sweet babies was a joy to her. For many years, she also prepared and served snacks to the Sunday School and Vacation Bible School children. They affectionately called her the "Cookie Lady". Her sweet spirit and kindness lifted those around her. Linda was a prayer warrior, praying for those in need. It didn't matter if she personally knew the individual or not. If they were in need, they were on her prayer list. Her Bible was worn, the pages filled with notes in the margins documenting her walk with Christ. And while she could readily quote scripture, she didn't have to for others to see Christ in her. Her life was her testimony. Linda would often tell her daughters, "leave it better than you found it" and that's exactly what she did with her time on earth.

Linda was preceded in death by her loving husband of 41 years, Robert Mullins; her daughter, Caroline Abbott; her brother, David Strickland; and her parents, Leonard Strickland and Vivian Strickland-Wright. She is survived by her daughter, Leslie (Hensley) Diaz and husband Luis; granddaughter, Alexandra "Allie" Diaz; sister, Shirley Wise and husband Mike; brother, Jerry Strickland and wife Thelma; step-daughter, Marlene DeGiulio; step-daughter, Bonita Mullins, step-son, Curt Mullins and wife Heidi; numerous nieces and nephews, as well as other extended family members.

A celebration of her life will be held at Central Baptist Church in Muskogee, Oklahoma on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Linda's favorite charities: St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Wounded Warriors Project, the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, or Central Baptist Church of Muskogee.

The family of Linda Gale Mullins has entrusted her services to Clifford D Garrett Family Funeral Home, Fort Gibson. 918-478-2555.

Online condolences may be left at clifforddgarrettfamilyfh.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **23**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Central Baptist Church
624 East Side Blvd
Muskogee, OK 74403

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Gale (Strickland) Mullins*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Gale (Strickland) Mullins.*



January 19, 2021 at 12:45 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Gale (Strickland) Mullins.*



January 19, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Gale (Strickland) Mullins.*



January 16, 2021 at 09:16 PM