



Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper

December 1, 1958 - January 26, 2021

Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper departed this earthly life on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at her residence in Elgin, South Carolina. Born on December 1, 1958, she was the daughter of the late Kenneth Elroy Mendenhall and Johncie Smith Mendenhall. As the middle daughter of three, Marian Patricia Mendenhall Simmons and Kim Evette Key called her their beloved sister. She shared a life of love with Stanley Lathorne Cooper whom she married on March 30, 1996. She was the cherished daughter of her mother and father-in-law, Kathryn and Mose Cooper, Jr.

Linda attended and graduated from Langley Bath Clearwater High School (1976) in Aiken County, where she was a cheerleader. She then attended South Carolina State College (University) in the Class of 1980 where she graduated with a B.S. in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. At SCSU, she pledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Alpha Xi Chapter as part of the 18 Enchanted Angels 1980 pledge line. She loved the sisterhood of her sorority. Also while at SCSC she was a proud Bulldog cheerleader and continued on the alumni squad, "Bulldog Cheerleader for Life." She loved cheering, and in many ways she never stopped, as she was always known to cheer others on, in their life endeavors.

After she completed her degree at SCSU, she worked with the United States Forestry Service in Ohio, and later she joined Delta Airlines as a flight

attendant (June 6, 1981). As a Delta employee, she was based in New Orleans, Dallas, Cincinnati, Salt Lake City, and Los Angeles. She was an on-board Flight Leader and a NBA Charter Flight Attendant. She truly enjoyed being a flight attendant and enjoyed supporting the Los Angeles Lakers. Linda traveled the world with Delta for nearly forty years, travelling both domestically and internationally. This provided her with another opportunity to cheer others on and make them smile.

Raised in the church, her faith was strong. Linda lived in Dallas, Texas, for many years where she attended St. Luke United Methodist Church. After moving to California, she attended In His Presence Church in Woodland Hills. Later, she joined Holman United Methodist Church in Los Angeles, where she served on the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC). Linda was well-known for her faith, as she would pray for anyone at any time or any place. She loved the Lord and shared her belief with everyone she met.

She and her husband Stanley recently left their beloved California to return home to South Carolina, calling Elgin their new home, to start their lives of rest and leisure together (a time cut short).

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in this final journey by her beloved in-laws, Kathryn and Mose Cooper, Jr.

Linda leaves to cherish precious memories her husband, Stanley Lathorne Cooper; two sisters: Marian Patricia Mendenhall Simmons and Kim Evette Key; three nephews: Zacharay Fitzgerald Simmons, James Chatman Key, and Leroy Antoine Williams, Jr; five nieces: Kiah Renee (Troy) Bachman, Jasmine Evette Swearinger, Janeava Alexander Key, Victoria Elizabeth Brown, and Meredith Cooper Brown; six aunts: Gwendolyn (Monroe) White, Wilhelmina (Matthew, III) Brown, Gloria (Curtis) Richardson, Virginia Mendenhall, Ruby Smith and Bright Smith; two sisters-in-law: Carolyn Cooper (Leroy) Williams

and Sandra Gail (Victor) Brown; a host of cousins; her sisters in the B Phi B; her “Bulldog Cheerleaders for Life” sisters; and her sisters in Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Xi and Pasadena Alumnae Chapters.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the church of your choice.

To access the livestream of the service, please go to Facebook.com, search for Palmer Memorial Chapel and like the page. The livestream video will begin at 10:45AM on the day of the service.

Cemetery Details

Florence National Cemetery

803 East National Cemetery Rd
Florence, SC

Previous Events

Public Viewing

FEB 3. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia
1200 Fontaine Place
Columbia, SC 29223
(803) 786-6300
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<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

Public Viewing

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Palmer Memorial Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper



Palmer Memorial Chapel - February 09, 2021 at 10:04 PM



“ Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ I met Linda in high school, at a cheerleading camp. We saw each other at camp for another three year. It was surprising to see her again when college began. Didn't know she was there until cheerleader tryouts for the Bulldogs. Linda's spirit was unwavering. She was always happy. She won the most spirit sticks while in camp. It was always a pleasure to be around her Always positive. She was no different at the alumni cheer homecoming games. Still had that innocent honesty. Going to homecomings will be the same without her being there. May God strengthen and comfort her love ones. Will miss her.

Brenda Wilson, Class of 1980

Breda Wilson - February 20, 2021 at 09:44 AM

LS

“ We met our our uncle’s 80th birthday party. Your uncle was married to my Aunt. We were both flight attendants for different airlines so we had a lot to talk about. I always knew We would meet again so there was no need to exchange numbers. I’ll never forget how you got of the flight with flight attendants roller bag Saint Johns outfits and a black mink stole. Perfect for the February Rochester Minnesota party. Beautiful and glamorous and very down to earth. You loved your family! lovely Linda rest In Peace

LD Stephens - February 07, 2021 at 04:13 PM

SO

“ We met through Delta Air Lines as employees in inflight and she became a caretaker for my son because of her caring and nurturing ,trips with her going to the Texas State Fair, St Luke Church, attending her social gatherings and camaraderie that was shared with me and others, Your memory and spirit will be honored in holding close to my heart the generosity you extended to me and others



Sonja - February 06, 2021 at 08:03 AM

SM

“ I had the pleasure of being based in New Orleans with Linda. I got to fly with her in Atlanta about two years ago and she was her same happy, always smiling self. It was such a surprise when I read about her sudden death. RIP my friend. Su Ellan Moore



Su Ellan Moore - February 06, 2021 at 12:48 AM

MS

“ Some years ago, I meet Lyn via my lil sister Arbenia McTeer Peeples, who spoke of her often regarding the warm friendship they shared personally and among others. She was just as Arbenia had described, the ever loving, wise, cheerful and God-fearing sister-mother friend as, I had imagined. What a pleasure to have met her. I understand and feel the grief her family and friends are all sharing right now, as she certainly exemplified the true essence of what it means to love unconditionally without connection or cause. It is apparent that she will live on forever in their hearts. Thank God for using her earthly life journey to impact so many, including me.
Marilyn Seabrooks, Washington, DC

Marilyn Seabrooks - February 05, 2021 at 06:53 PM

PM

“ The best things in life are the people we love, the places we've been, and the memories we've made along the way! I will miss your beautiful smile, your forever warm personality, and our numerous and always fun, trips together. My heart is heavy as I come to the realization that you are now soaring with the angels! I love you, I miss you, and will always remember you as God's special gift to me and your Delta Airlines family of friends.

Patricia Mincey-Brown

Patricia Mincey-Brown - February 04, 2021 at 04:37 PM

AB

“ I Love Linda and Stan, we often shared the Joy of knowing Jesus.
May God Bless her Memory, AJ BLACK

AJ Black - February 04, 2021 at 02:12 PM



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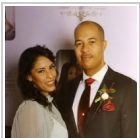
Lea Muse - February 04, 2021 at 01:52 PM



“ Juanita West Tillman and Lynnette West-Cater purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper.



Juanita West Tillman and Lynnette West-Cater - February 04, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ Words cannot express the pain I feel. A life gone too soon. In 2005, Stanley and Linda opened their home to my husband and I to hold our wedding ceremony. They went ABOVE and beyond anything I could have ever imagined. Stanley and Linda welcomed us as if we were their family (at that time we had only known Linda for a short time) and I would never ever forget Linda's kindness and grace with us. Our wedding was beautiful but what was most memorable was the love Linda showed us. Linda, you will be deeply missed and I am sad that I had not spoke to you in some time once we left California. I know you are at peace and seated on your heavenly throne, you were a queen on earth and now a queen in heaven. Rest in peace Linda.



Lea Muse - February 04, 2021 at 11:08 AM

CS

“ Cecilia Smith lit a candle in memory of Linda
Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper



Cecilia Smith - February 04, 2021 at 11:05 AM

CS

“ My condolences to each & everyone family member. May God
comfort & carry you through. Linda was a beautiful person inside &
out. Throughout the years she has always held a Special place in
my Heart.
God's Grace !

Cecilia A. Smith
Former Delta Flight Attendant

Cecilia A Smith - February 04, 2021 at 10:56 AM



“ Stanley, I was truly saddened to hear of the passing of Linda , your
soulmate for many years. It's never easy to lose a loved one as
such and especially with the beautiful qualities expressed by all
those who knew her. You and her family are blessed with so many
wonderful memories that you can always cherish. From all that was
said she would want you and family not to worry and to be
comforted by the fact that this was all a part of the Masters Plan.
May his peace and comfort be with you throughout the coming
months and days.

Bernadette Bettard - February 04, 2021 at 10:52 AM

JG

“ Pat and Kim, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you navigate through this sorrowful time in your life. I pray that God will wrap His loving arms around you and give you comfort and peace. Linda was a kindhearted person. Her beautiful smile, encouraging words, and sincere love for God caused her to leave "heart prints" in the lives of everyone she came in contact with. Linda was unforgettable...one of a kind. And the impact she made in our lives will last forever!

Jeanette Gethers - February 04, 2021 at 05:46 AM

EL

“ I'm so sorry for your loss.
May God's everlasting love and mercies comfort you'll during this time of sorrow.
She was such a sweet and beautiful person, and always a pleasure to work with.
With deepest sympathy as you remember Linda.
Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.
E.Katena Little(Former Delta Co-Worker)

E.Katena Little - February 04, 2021 at 02:06 AM



“ I know Linda from the St Luke UMC member, the mid-cities Bible study group and from Delta Airlines. I was heartbroken to learn of this loss yet I rejoice that the Heavens are bright with Linda's love of the Lord, energetic faith, and great smile. May you find comfort as the Body Of Saints before us welcome our dear sister-friend with open arms.

With Sympathy,
Marsha Crear

Marsha Crear - February 03, 2021 at 07:28 PM

FB

“ I attended High School with Linda and her sister Pat. She was a loving, caring and giving person then and from the many comments I see she remained that way throughout her life. Praying God will bring comfort to her family and friends,

Faye Butler Baggott - February 03, 2021 at 06:22 PM

GG

“ Stanley, It surprised & saddened us to hear of Linda's transition. She was a sweetheart with a gentle & caring spirit! We're praying for God to give you, your family & Linda's family/friends the strength & comfort you all need to make it through this difficult time, now and in the future.
Love, Gloria "Murphy" Gardner & Family



Gloria Gardner - February 03, 2021 at 04:52 PM

RE

“ Stanley, Pat, and Kim:
I share the loss of your beautiful love one; it has been a wonderful joy and pleasure to know your entire family: Kenneth and Johncie. Please know that earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. I am giving a \$50 donation to Cumberland A. M. E. Church (Aiken, SC) in Linda's memory. Continue to be blessed and strong in the Lord. Much love and prayers!!!
Rosemary English and Family

Rosemary English - February 03, 2021 at 04:26 PM

GC

“ I will always remember Linda as a kind, loving and giving person. She had such a warm and pleasant demeanor. To Stanley and family, wishing you peace to bring comfort and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. Rest well, my sweet soror.

Gwen Coley - February 03, 2021 at 03:47 PM

RM

I thank God for Linda being in my life. I married Linda's cousin (Vonda) and Linda always treated me like a blood relative. Stanley thank you and Linda for opening your home in LA for me and Ryan. I will miss Cousin Linda. We must hold on to the good times we shared with Linda. God Bless the family.

Randy Martin - February 04, 2021 at 10:34 AM

PN

“ Prayers are going up for the Cooper and Mendenhall Family. May the Lord wrap his loving arms around you and give you peace .Linda was a special angel and the Lord shared this angel with us for many, many years. She shined her light on all of us and because of that we are who we are today.
Much Love, Perry Neal (Delta C0-Worker and Friend)

Perry Neal - February 03, 2021 at 03:30 PM

-C

“ -Your Drayer Family (Daniel, Sy, Shamira, & Cam) purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper.



-Your Drayer Family (Daniel, Sy, Shamira, & Cam) - February 03, 2021 at 02:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper.*



February 03, 2021 at 01:56 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper.*



February 03, 2021 at 08:00 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper.*



February 02, 2021 at 11:53 PM



“ *Stanley and Family, I have fond memories of the hospitality you and Linda extended to me after you relocated to South Carolina... What a giving and loving person Linda was!
Prayers for comfort today and in the days ahead.
Elaine Munnerlyn Rowe and Family*

Elaine Rowe - February 02, 2021 at 10:41 PM

CW

“ Our sincere condolences, Carolyn F. Williams and family.



Carolyn F. Williams - February 02, 2021 at 10:38 PM

GC

“ When God created Linda, He blessed a whole lot of people." I have never met such a genuine, kind, friendly and loving person as Linda. To the Cooper and Mendenhall family, you're on our minds and in our hearts, you're in our wishes too. We wish you peaceful, gentle hours each time we think of you, and because you mean so much to us, we're hoping that you know we're sending our encouragement and prayers within these warm words. Everyday, we feel privileged and blessed to have known Linda.



James and Gloria Cooper

Gloria Cooper - February 02, 2021 at 10:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper.



February 02, 2021 at 09:42 PM

SH

“ Growing up with Linda and cheering with her in high school, I always thought she was the kindest, sweetest person then and I feel blessed to have known her. She was always energetic and smiling. As our paths would occasionally cross over the years when she flew home, she was always the same. She was truly an earth Angel. My condolences and prayers to all her family and everyone who loved her.



Shirlie Redd Hobbs - February 02, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper.



February 02, 2021 at 07:00 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper.



February 02, 2021 at 06:54 PM

SC

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Stanley L. Cooper - February 02, 2021 at 03:26 PM

GC

So beautiful 😊

Gwen Coley - February 03, 2021 at 04:36 PM

CS

I will always love your Spirit Linda !

Cecilia Smith - February 04, 2021 at 11:08 AM

AJ

Linda was the nicest person you could meet. At Delta Air Lines, she always exemplified her faith in God which was evident in the many lives she touched. R.I.H. 🙏

Andrew & Sandra Jackson - February 04, 2021 at 10:49 PM

SC

“ GRATEFUL BLESSINGS

The Cooper and Mendenhall families are filled with gratitude at the outpouring of love and well wishes sent to us from all over the nation and beyond. Linda was a grand spirit with a large but humble personality, to whom no one was ever a stranger. She would always say, “Let’s pray and give thanks.” So it is our prayer that each and every one of you will feel our sincerity in wishing you good will.

Thank you for sharing with us countless tributes, along with pictures and memories you’ve shared of Linda. Again thank you, and may the grace of God cover and protect you.

Sincerely, the Cooper and Mendenhall families

The Train Has Come

The twilight of life has ushered in another chapter.

The journey is not over, for eternity is its destination.

Last stop, “In His presence forever more.”

My ticket is for a later time.

And though you journey on before me,

You will forever be in this heart of mine.

My tears are not for your departure,

But for the fact that you have left my side.

I know that you’re in sweet rest,

For in His love you do abide.

*Until my train enters the station
And I board it with one last fare,
I'll sing of sweet remembrance
Of the time on earth we shared.
—Pat*

Stanley L. Cooper - February 02, 2021 at 03:25 PM

EP

Simply Beautiful 🙏

Edra Pinckney - February 02, 2021 at 10:33 PM

LW

*Our Dear Linda, was a true friend indeed,
throughout her life giving to those in need.
A friendly smile, prayer, hug or high-five,
she wanted all to live their best lives.
Linda was a wife, sister, aunt, sorority sister, a friend to so many.
Though we will miss her vitality here on earth,
Linda's loving spirit will remain in our hearts forever.*

*With Love,
Lynnette West-Cater
Pasadena Alumnae*

Lynnette West-Cater - February 03, 2021 at 07:43 PM

R7

“ *Rufus Bess - S. C. State Bulldog Football 75 - 78
purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of
Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper.*



Rufus Bess - S. C. State Bulldog Football 75 - 78 - February
02, 2021 at 02:16 PM

MC

“ *Melba and Mansfield Collins purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper.*



Melba and Mansfield Collins - February 02, 2021 at 11:28 AM

ED

“ *Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper*



Elaine Davis - February 02, 2021 at 11:09 AM

ED

“ *A Virtuous Woman
Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts her. Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness. She watches over the ways of her household. Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all. Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. Prov. 31:10-11, 25-27, 29-30.*

Linda will forever be in my heart. Linda you have earned your wings. RIH. And the entire Mendenhall, Cooper, Simmons and Key family will forever be in my prayers. Love Always, Tish

Elaine Davis - February 02, 2021 at 11:04 AM

E(

“ *Elaine Davis and Family (Tish) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper.*



Elaine Davis and Family (Tish) - February 02, 2021 at 10:31 AM

TW

“ *Linda had a pure heart of gold, a warm and welcoming smile that would brightened your day, she would always go out of her way to make sure you were ok, and the hugs were the greatest of them all. She will definitely be missed. Sending my deepest sympathy to Pat, Kim, Stanley, the Mendenhall and Cooper families you're all in my prayers. May God comfort you during this difficult time and there after.*

Tammy Wright - February 02, 2021 at 06:41 AM

HB

Linda was truly a wonderful and sincere soror. Her welcoming smile was contagious. I enjoyed the years we spent at SCSU and the great times we had with Alpha Xi Chapter. May God emcamp his loving angels around Stanley and the Mendenhall family during this time of sorrow.

*Blessings,
David & Jean Bell*

Hean Bell - February 02, 2021 at 10:30 AM

DN

“ Pat, my thoughts and prayers remain with you all during this very difficult time. May you all find peace in the many memories you have of your time with her.



Deb Williams Nell - February 02, 2021 at 05:09 AM

DS

“ Linda was one of the most wonderful persons I've ever meet. She was always concerned on how you were doing. She was a lady of faith that thought nothing about saying a pray for you. She loved being a sorority sister! She was always kind, gentle, empathetic and understanding. She would lend an ear to you and would have something important to share with you that seemed to make things better. I loved flying with her and the many shopping trips in Shanghai. She was so excited to be moving to her new home after leaving Los Angeles and took pride in showing her photos of it. I will definitely miss her and all of the things that made up this wonderful lady. My condolences to her husband and extended family.



Sincerely,

DeLane Steen-Johnston

Delta Los Angeles flight attendant

DeLane Steen-Johnston - February 01, 2021 at 10:56 PM

AF

“ Althea Keith and Family purchased the Full Heart for the family of Linda Alfreda Mendenhall-Cooper.



Althea Keith and Family - February 01, 2021 at 10:13 PM

BA

“ My sincere condolences to the Cooper Mendenhall family. May the Lord hold you in his mighty and merciful hands 🙏

Beverly G Ashemore

Class of 1980

SCSU

Greenville SC



Beverly Ashemore - February 01, 2021 at 09:24 PM

TM

Deepest sympathy to the family. Linda will be missed. May the Lord comfort you in your time of bereavement. You continue to be in my prayers. 🙏

Theo Myrick Myers

Class of 1980

SCSU

Radcliff, Ky

Theodora Myers - February 02, 2021 at 12:39 PM

DH

Stanley, Pat and Kim,

Linda was a mold of godliness. She displayed the Fruit of the Spirit in her daily walk. I am happy to say we have been friends most of our lives. Classmates at SCSU, Sorors, bridesmaids to one another and co-workers for 40 years.

You will be missed for your smile, hospitable acts, powerful prayers and as a powerful witness for Jesus Christ!

Deborah Robinson Herring

MudPie Buddie

Loyal Daughter Class of 1980

Alpha Xi

Delta Air Lines

Deborah Robinson Herring - February 03, 2021 at 05:12 AM

SB

*My sincere condolences to the Mendenhall and Cooper families.
Peace, love and blessings,
Shari Garrison Brown
SCSC Class of 1980
Queens, New York*

Shari Brown - February 03, 2021 at 08:40 PM

GS

“ *Without Linda’s drive and determination there would not have been a Spring 1980 line of 18 Enchanted Angels. She will be missed but never forgotten 🙏🏻 RIP my Sister Love #8 Gina Strickland-Cooper❤️*



Gina Strickland-Cooper - February 01, 2021 at 08:13 PM

DB

*"May your fondest memories of Linda sustain you during this critical time. I am forever grateful for the time spent with Linda. She was the "Whip" who made sure our line kept moving in the right direction. Angel 18, we love you and cherish our relationship. Just know Sorors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, and Mendenhall-Cooper families, this is hard. Missed is her bright smile that was always her beacon. As we hear of her adult life and career, Linda carried the Torch in all that she did. I am better for knowing her.
Angel #11, Dr. Vanessa Stuckey Brown
Rest,Linda, and send our love to your Mom, Soror Johncie Mendenhall, from the 18 Enchanting Angels, Alpha Xi, Spring 1980."*

Dr. Vanessa Brown - February 02, 2021 at 11:26 AM

KH

Linda , that bright smile is I am sure what captivated Stanley as It did all who knew you. We will make sure Stanley and the family is helped during this Time of grief . Life well lived and I am sure God has said WELL DONE!!!

Karen Williams Harris - February 02, 2021 at 11:58 AM

HL

My condolences to the Mendehall-Cooper Family on the loss of my classmate, Linda. A very sweet spirit. Rest in Peace!

Hiram S. Lagroon SCSU Class of 1980(Hodge Hall) Conyers GA

Hiram Lagroon - February 04, 2021 at 11:16 AM

SS

Linda had the Biggest smile and a Huge heart. She never changed. I was blessed to see her on my numerous Delta flights to CA. She gave "Excellent Customer service" Soro Linda, we will forever miss you. May God continue embracing her family.

Soro Janette Simmons - November 12, 2023 at 08:39 AM