



Mrs. Linda Smith Neve

March 22, 1941 - September 5, 2017

Linda Ernestine Neve left this world on September 5, 2017 after a short battle with cancer. She will be remembered for her love of God, kindness toward all people, and her great sense of humor. She also had a unique style and personality that brought joy to all those around her.

Linda grew up in the small, rural town of Bradford, Tennessee where she dreamed of going to the big city. Always interested in fashion, she and her grandmother spent hours ordering patterns and creating all kinds of amazing outfits. When she graduated Valedictorian of her class in 1959, she was off to Nashville to attend Lipscomb University. After two years she transferred to Tennessee Tech to complete her Bachelor's degree in Education. During the summer, she met Earl at Huntsville Church of Christ while visiting relatives in Alabama. However, the wedding on the rock in Rhode Island was still a long way off! Always up for an adventure, Linda moved to Pittsburgh by herself to follow her dream. She lived in a rooming house and worked for an architecture firm.

In 1969, Linda married Earl in the surf in Newport, Rhode Island at 7:30 am because of the tide. They headed off to Europe for a storybook honeymoon, thus beginning 48 years of marriage. After moving to Atlanta and being a stay at home mom for 4 years, Linda was ready to rejoin the workforce. In 1976, she became a claims assistant at USAIG, an aviation insurance company.

She earned many titles, such as “The Red Head” and “The Salvage Queen.” But she was most importantly known for her amazing skill at remembering the details of a claim. She could be given a few obscure clues and she would find the exact file that was needed. During her 29 years of service, she was also known for her kind heart, quick wit and wonderful disposition in all circumstances.

In her life outside of work, Linda always loved to travel and learn the history of a place. She enjoyed talking to different people and hearing their stories. Above all, Linda loved God, her family and friends. She was a fun and caring mother and wife. She would do anything to help someone. During her 35 years at North Atlanta, she encouraged many people. She was a mentor in the Anchor Ministry and hosted a small group with Earl in their home for many years.

Linda is survived by her brother, Norris Dean Smith; daughter, Kelly Wiener (Brian Wiener) and granddaughter, Makayla.

Tribute Wall



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