

Interment

**Mansfield Cemetery Association
389 Altamont Avenue – Mansfield, OH 44902**

Aunt K-Kay,

I am incredibly sad that you are no longer here. While my heart aches, I find comfort in knowing that you are no longer in pain and that one day I will see you again...even though at times you stated otherwise.

I want you to know how proud I am of you. I am proud of your tenacity and dedication to the Richland County Annual 3rd grade Spelling Bee. I am proud that you persevered and completed your degree. I am proud that you achieved buying your own home. Most of all, I am proud that you were my Aunt K-Kay.

It was an honor these past several years getting to talk with you more. But when I think of you, I will think of the times you would come over to play games with me, watch movies, and simply spend time together. Butter pretzels. Red licorice. Bottles of lotion. Christmas mornings. Are all embedded memories.

I can hear your voice saying some of the phrases that made me laugh or smile: “Get my strength back,” “Two Ton Tilly,” and “I gotta go throw water.” Those sayings, and the way only you could say them, will stay with me forever.

I will miss receiving your cards, so I guess you can consider this my card to you!

Thank you for your love, your strength, your determination, and for simply being my aunt. I am proud to have been your niece, and I will carry your memory with me.

-Love Kalynn



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A Celebration of the Life of



Linda Kay Burrage

SUNRISE SUNSET
JULY 4, 1953 – MAY 21, 2026

FRIDAY – JUNE 12, 2026

VISITATION: 10:00 AM
SERVICE: 11:00 AM

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH
112 WEST SIXTH STREET
MANSFIELD, OH 44903
PASTOR MARK COBB – SENIOR PASTOR

Obituary

Linda Kay Burrage affectionately known as Aunt K-Kay to her nieces and nephews was not a quiet woman, nor was she meant to be. She was a force; steadfast, passionate, deeply faithful, and fiercely devoted to the people and principles she loved. To know Linda was to experience her intensity wrapped in care, her conviction wrapped in purpose, and her love wrapped in action. She did not simply move through life; she fought her way through it, with grit, and an unwavering belief that people, especially children, deserved more. And because of that fight, countless lives are better today.

Born on July 4, 1953, Linda Kay Burrage was preceded in death by her parents: Elizabeth and Nathaniel Burrage, and 4 siblings. She leaves behind her loving Sister: Betty Dunn; her Brothers: Theodore Farris and Earthey Smith; and a host of Nieces and Nephews, friends, and community members who were shaped by her determination and love.

Linda graduated from Mansfield City Schools and understood early that education was both a privilege and a pathway. In 2012, she earned her Bachelor's Degree from Ohio State University. Her educational journey reflected who she was at her core; someone unwilling to stop growing, learning, and pushing forward regardless of the obstacles before her.

In her lifetime, Linda was defined by what we describe as the "F" words: Family, Friends, Faith, Food, and FIGHT. And if you knew Linda Kay, then you knew the fight. She fought for her education, her faith, her family, and for those she loved and believed in. She fought for fairness, for literacy, for children to have opportunities, and for people to rise above what the world expected of them. Linda never backed down from what she believed was right, and even in difficult moments, her fight was rooted in love.

Her tenacity and vision led her to create what became one of her proudest accomplishments: the Richland County Annual 3rd Grade Spelling Bee. Founded over ten years ago while she was working as a substitute teacher, the spelling bee was Linda's answer to a world where teachers are too often overworked, underpaid, and underappreciated. She believed literacy mattered. She believed children deserve encouragement. She believed education could change lives because it had changed hers.

What began as an idea blossomed into a lasting community legacy that has now celebrated ten years of inspiring young learners throughout Richland County. It was not simply an event to Linda, it was ministry, purpose, and hope in motion.

Linda loved deeply and she checked on people. She spoke honestly and carried herself with a boldness that could not be ignored. Her faith guided her steps, especially through difficult seasons, and she found strength and comfort in Psalm 23.

Though her absence leaves a tremendous void, Linda's life leaves a greater imprint. Her legacy lives on in every child encouraged to read a little more confidently, every person she pushed to keep going, every family member she fiercely protected, and every life touched by her unwavering spirit.

Order of Service

Pastor William H. Jordan
Faith Temple COGIC
Officiant

Organ Prelude.....	Garlan McCruter
Scripture Reading	
Old Testament.....	Elder Timothy Woods
New Testament.....	Missionary Lodia Vaughn
Prayer of Comfort.....	Pastor Mark Cobb
Selection.....	Nina McCruter Jordan <i>"Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross"</i>
Acknowledgements/Resolutions.....	Brenda Lawrence
Remarks.....	Kalynn Dunn Betty Dunn
Reading of the Obituary.....	Evonna Bruner
Selection.....	Pastor Mark Cobb <i>"Walk With Me Lord"</i>

The Eulogy
Minister Barry Lawrence

Benediction.....	Clergy
Recessional.....	Clergy, Family, and Friends

**"Only JESUS can turn...a mess into a Message,
a test into a Testimony, a trial into a Triumph, a victim into a Victory."**

Quote on Linda's purse.