

Order of Service

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jacoby Kemp

CHOIR SELECTION NO. 1

TLMBC Choir

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Robert Berkley

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Keynon Akers

LIFE TRIBUTE

Deborah McDonald

REFLECTIONS AND REMARKS

Family and Friends

Please limit remarks to 2-3 minutes

CHOIR SELECTION NO. 2

TLMBC Choir

CELEBRATION OF LIFE MESSAGE

Rev. Donald R. Parish Sr.

CLOSING REMARKS AND PRAYER

Lecrae Moore

Recessional

Her Love Remains

*She walked by faith and lived with grace,
With gentle words and a warm embrace.*

A faithful heart, a spirit kind,

A beautiful legacy left behind.

A loving mother, friend, and Granna dear,

She filled so many lives with cheer.

Her strength, her style, her radiant smile

Made every moment more worthwhile.

Though now she rests beyond our sight,

Her love remains a guiding light.

Like butterflies on golden wings,

She lives in every song love sings.

Acknowledgment

The family of Linda Gail Hines Kemp gratefully acknowledges every expression of love, prayer, and kindness extended to us during this season of bereavement. Your phone calls, visits, messages, cards, flowers, meals, comforting words, and thoughtful acts of service have strengthened our hearts and reminded us that we are not walking this journey alone.

We extend special appreciation to True Lee Missionary Baptist Church, Eagles Nest Church, and everyone who traveled near and far to celebrate Linda's beautiful life. To our relatives, friends, church families, and the many people who lovingly called her "Granna," your presence and support have meant more than words can express.

The love you have shown reflects the same warmth, faith, and kindness Linda so freely shared with others. May God richly bless each of you for helping us honor her life and preserve her precious memory.

With heartfelt gratitude,

The Family of Linda Gail Hines Kemp

Active Pallbearers

Robert Berkley • Martin Kemp Jr. • Donovan Kemp
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Life Reflections

Linda Gail Hines Kemp peacefully departed this life on September 10, 2026, in Marietta, Georgia, surrounded by the love and comfort of her family.

Linda was born on May 24, 1949, in Dallas, Texas, to Ethridge Melvin Hines Sr. and Willie Myrtle Hines. The eldest of seven children, she grew up in the historic and distinguished Hamilton Park community alongside her siblings, Stacy Randell Hines, Ethridge Melvin Hines Jr., Cheryl Hines, and Chandra Hines. The Hines family also experienced the loss of two children, Kara Hines and Eric Wendall Hines, during infancy.

Linda graduated from High School in 1967 and continued her education at the University of North Texas. She later began a successful career with Southwestern Life, where she served as a dedicated employee for many years before retiring.

Linda met the man who would become her husband, Buford Leon Kemp Jr., through an unexpected connection. At the time, Buford worked alongside his uncle in construction. When the Hines family hired them for a project, Linda's mother and Buford's uncle saw an opportunity to introduce the two. Their matchmaking proved successful, and a beautiful relationship soon blossomed.

On November 9, 1974, Linda and Buford were united in marriage in Dallas, Texas. Together, they built a loving life that spanned nearly 38 years until Buford's passing on September 27, 2012.

Marriage brought Linda more than a devoted husband; it also gave her an extended family that became as dear to her as her own. Buford's siblings became her siblings, and she became a beloved aunt to a host of nieces and nephews. Through family gatherings, holidays, celebrations, traditions, and ordinary moments that became treasured memories, those bonds continued to grow. Linda never distinguished between the family into which she was born and the family she gained through marriage. She loved them wholeheartedly, remained present in their lives, and cherished those relationships throughout her lifetime.

On December 31, 1977, Linda and Buford welcomed their only daughter, Darragh Danielle Kemp. Linda was always her daughter's greatest cheerleader. She instilled in Darragh a deep faith, strength, authenticity, and kindness—qualities that remain evident to everyone who knows her.

Linda's faith was an integral part of her life. She worshiped faithfully at True Lee Missionary Baptist Church, where she was more than a member; she was an active and willing servant. She sang in the choir, poured into the lives of the church's youth, and shared her creativity through skits, programs, and special productions. Linda found great joy in using her gifts in service to her church family and remained actively involved at True Lee throughout much of her life in Texas.

When Darragh began a family of her own through her marriage to Lecrae, Linda welcomed their growing family with the same love and openness that had always defined her. She did not simply gain a son-in-law; she gained a son. Linda loved Lecrae deeply and was one of his most faithful supporters, rarely missing an opportunity to be in the audience at one of his concerts. The family traveled together often, and Granna was always right in the middle of the fun—and, of course, in the pictures.

Linda was a proud and devoted Granna to David, Amaya, and Landon. Although she gave birth to only one daughter, her love extended far beyond her own family tree. She became "Granna" to many of Darragh and Lecrae's closest friends and their children, and she wore that cherished title with great pride.

Linda also gained a lifelong best friend in Lecrae's mother, Ormie Melton. Whether dressed to the nines for a black-tie event, cheering side by side at a grandchild's graduation, or exploring the world together, you rarely saw one without the other. They shared trips, holidays, celebrations, and enough laughter and good-natured fussing to last a lifetime. Linda's absence will be felt in more ways than words can express.

In her later years, Linda moved to Georgia, where she made her home with Darragh and her family. She quickly became a beloved staple of the household. Linda arrived at every event polished and perfectly coordinated, with every detail of her appearance thoughtfully pulled together. She was soft-spoken, sweet, polite, and always willing to engage others in conversation. However, make no mistake—her gentle spirit also had a firm side when needed, and her kindness was never to be mistaken for weakness.

Linda remained extremely active and was never one to sit still. She faithfully attended Eagles Nest Church with her family and became deeply involved with her local senior community center, where she enjoyed playing games and traveling throughout Georgia with her fellow members. She also loved sewing, coloring, completing puzzles, playing games with her grandchildren, and participating in anything that brought family and friends together.

Linda was a gracious woman of faith, strength, style, warmth, and quiet confidence. Her absence leaves a space in the hearts of her daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren, extended family, and friends that can never be filled. She was truly a gift to everyone who had the privilege of knowing and loving her.

Linda was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Buford Leon Kemp Jr.; her parents, Ethridge Melvin Hines Sr. and Willie Myrtle Hines; and her siblings, Ethridge Melvin Hines Jr., Cheryl Hines, Chandra Hines, Kara Hines, and Eric Wendall Hines.

She leaves to cherish her precious memory her devoted daughter, Darragh Moore (Lecrae) of Atlanta, Georgia; her beloved grandchildren, David, Amaya, and Landon; her brother, Stacy Randell Hines of Austin, Texas; her brothers-in-law, Gregory C. Kemp (Alice), Martin L. Kemp Sr. (Felecia), and Oscar L. Kemp; her dear friend, Ormie Melton; her dear friends affectionately known by her grandchildren as "the Church Ladies"; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church family, friends, and the many individuals who lovingly called her "Granna."

