



## Linna Dee Donaldson

June 21, 1947 - May 19, 2026

Linna Dee Donaldson, 78, of Grand Island, passed away on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27th, at Trinity United Methodist Church. There is a visitation from 10:00 until the time of the service. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Linna Dee and her twin sister, Linda Diane, were born on June 21, 1947, to Leland and Lottie (Odell) Rogers in Oxford, NE. She grew up on a farm north of Holbrook, NE, attending District 53 country school through the 4th grade and graduated from Holbrook High School, class of 1965. Linna Dee graduated from Kearney State College in 1969 with a BA in Education and received her master's in education in 1978.

On November 22, 1969, she married Duane Edwin Donaldson before he was sent to serve with the US Marine Corps in Vietnam. Two children blessed their marriage, Adam and Emily.

Linna Dee taught Special Education for 38 years at Barr Junior High/Middle School, retiring in 2007. She was involved in GI Education Association while teaching, serving in various offices. She served three terms on the GI Education Foundation and was appointed as a trustee. Following retirement, Linna Dee served two terms on GI City Council, volunteered at GI Literacy Council and the Food Bank. She also served on the board of Multicultural Coalition.

She was active in kids' activities at church and 4-H. Linna Dee attended about

a million horse shows watching Adam rope and Emily ride barrels. Later, she had no greater joy than spending time with her beloved grandchildren.

Linna Dee is survived by her son, Adam and his daughter, Torrin; daughter, Emily (Jeff) Trotta and their children, Kaleb and Mack. She is also survived by her twin sister, Linda, and her family of Fort Worth, TX.

She was preceded by her husband Duane in 2008 and her parents.

Memorials are suggested to Nebraska Children's Home Society, GI Education Foundation-Student Kindness Fund, or GI Multicultural Coalition.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
511 N Elm St  
Grand Island, NE 68801-4599  
(308) 382-1952

## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry to read this. Duane and Linna Dee went to our church, Duane was one of my junior high instructors, as well as we attended the same church.

I babysat for them when Adam was a baby until he went to school. I remember when Emily arrived into their family unit, I had a few babysitting dates with both she and Adam.

Sending my deepest sympathy to Adam and Emily and their family.

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**Amy Dixon** - May 27 at 12:28 PM

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“ Tracy and Tori Brown and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linna Dee Donaldson.



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**Tracy and Tori Brown and family** - May 26 at 03:08 PM

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“ Tracy and Tori Brown and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linna Dee Donaldson.

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**Tracy and Tori Brown and family** - May 26 at 03:08 PM

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“ Linda S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linna Dee Donaldson.

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**Linda S.** - May 25 at 05:00 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Linna Dee Donaldson.*



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May 21 at 08:38 PM