Linda Alice Birkhead

May 2, 1945 - March 7, 2026

Linda Alice Birkhead, age 80, of Vandalia, formally of New London, MO, passed away March 7, 2026, at the Baptist Home of Vandalia- Tri-County. Cremation rites according to her wishes are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green, MO. A family led memorial service will be held at 11:00am Saturday, March 28, 2026, at the Frist Baptist Church of Vandalia. Visitation will be held from 10:00am until time of services at the church.

Linda was born May 2, 1945, in Eldon, MO, the daughter of Okle and Ozell (Crum) Moseley. Linda grew up in Eldon, attending Eldon Schools, and spent some of her childhood on the Lake at Bagnell Dam, while her father was working on the dam's construction. Following graduation, Linda attended cosmetology school in Albuquerque, NM and graduated in 1966. It was while living in New Mexico that she met Michael Reece. Following graduation, the two moved to Springfield, MO, married, and had three sons. The family moved to Puerto Rico while Michael served as a missionary from 1979 until 1980. Michael passed away in 1984, leaving Linda to raise her three boys. It was three years later, while living in St. Louis, MO, Linda met and married John Milton Birkhead October 24, 1987, and to this union, Linda gained 2 sons from John's previous marriage. Upon marrying John, Linda became a full-time farmers wife and caretaker of the family's home.

In her free time, Linda enjoyed spending time with her family and caring for her children and grandchildren.

Those left to carry on Linda’s legacy include her husband Rev. John Birkhead, of Vandalia; sons Sean Reece (Joyce) of Pilot, VA, Shannon Reece (Stephanie) of Hannibal, MO, David Reece (Heidi) of Uganda, Africa, Benny Birkhead (Annette) of New London, MO, and Carl Birkhead (Becky) of New London; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Sue Moseley of Chillicothe, MO; many nieces, nephews, and extended family members. Linda was preceded by her parents; husband Michael Reece; three brothers Harley, Ron, and Otis Moseley.
Memorials may be made to Baptist Homes Tri-County

Previous Events

Family Led Memorial Service

MAR **28**. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
209 N Main St
Vandalia, MO 63382
(573) 594-6535

The funeral home is not in charge of arrangements and will not be transporting flowers to the church. Any florists will be responsible for delivering arrangements to church.

Tribute Wall

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Elenora (Traynor)Lobb lit a candle in memory of Linda Alice Birkhead

Elenora (Traynor)Lobb - March 20 at 02:44 PM

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I remember Rev.Birkhead and Mrs. Birkhead from them working for the Edgewood Baptist Church yrs ago, they're both so sweet and all, she will greatly be missed

Elenora (Traynor)Lobb - March 20 at 02:46 PM

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It was an honor to meet and get to know this lovely lady. She always had a smile for me even when she didn't feel like it. Rejoice in Heaven with our LORD Linda. Until we meet again.❤️

Pati Ingram - March 20 at 03:22 AM

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My deepest sympathy to Uncle John and Linda's family.
Sincerely,
Clayton & JoEllen Storch

JoEllen Storch - March 18 at 12:29 PM