



Linda Evelyn Watts

June 7, 1948 - August 13, 2021

Linda Evelyn Mahoney Watts was born June 7, 1948 in Deadwood, South Dakota, the nearest hospital to Hulett, Wyoming where her parents Evelyn and Edward Mahoney resided. They relocated to Tulsa, Oklahoma where Linda attended Hoover Elementary, Eli Whitney Junior High and graduated from Nathan Hale High School in 1966. She was a charter member of the Tulsa Youth Symphony and later first chair string bass at Oklahoma State University and the University of Tulsa. After she married Gary in December 1968, she continued her education at Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania graduating with a Bachelor's in Social Science in 1972. After their son, Ethan, was born in Philadelphia, Linda and Gary moved back to Tulsa in 1973 and later had daughter, Fritha, and son, Dylan. Linda was a founding board member of Emergency Infant Services (EIS) in 1977, serving as the first President of the Board. After years as a volunteer at EIS, Linda became Executive Director in 1983. After seeing EIS through growth and a move from Second Presbyterian to the First Presbyterian Bernsen Center location, in 1998 Linda's role with EIS changed to Director of Social Services. Linda worked at EIS until its 40th Anniversary in 2017. Linda also volunteered with Helpline, Buckle Every Little Tot (BELT), Campfire Girls, Barnard Elementary, and College Hill Presbyterian Church which she and Gary have attended since 1973. At College Hill, Linda was a Sunday School teacher, member of the choir, ordained elder and member of the Session, and enjoyed many social groups including the book club. Linda and Gary enjoyed traveling across all 50 states of the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Europe, often traveling with family and visiting family and friends. Linda loved spending time with her grandchildren, Sofia and Jesper, attending their sports and school events, traveling, and just making fun at home. Linda found much joy in music, books, and animals.

Linda is predeceased by her father, Edward Mahoney. Linda is survived by her husband, Gary Watts; children, Ethan (Manuela) Watts, Fritha (Patrick) Ohlson, Dylan (Belle) Watts; grandchildren, Sofia Ohlson and Jesper Ohlson; mother, Evelyn Mahoney; brothers, Roy (Rita) Mahoney and Bruce Mahoney and sister, Sandra Taylor; brother-in-law Clayton (Kathy) Watts; and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

A service for Linda will be live-streamed (and available later) on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 6:30 pm, on the College Hill Presbyterian Church Tulsa YouTube site LINK <<http://www.chcpc.org>

[s://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSCGq1fciiC3q682wc0n0-A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSCGq1fciiC3q682wc0n0-A)>.

In lieu of flowers, you may choose to honor our remarkable wife and mother with your financial donation to Emergency Infant Services, College Hill Presbyterian Church, or the Alzheimer's Association.

Previous Events

Memorial

AUG **19**. 6:30 PM (CT)

College Hill Presbyterian Church
712 S. Columbia Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74104

Tribute Wall

Chris
Krug

“ I worked at EIS with Linda for 7 years during the 1990's. She was one the most understanding people Ive ever had the privilege of knowing. She had a profound influence on me as a young adult. So sorry to read of her passing...

Chris Krug
Tulsa, OK

Chris Krug - February 08 at 12:51 PM

DS

“ All my memories of Linda revolve around how absolutely sweet she always was, her intelligence and shyness. I saw her at the vet, Dr. Poteet, about 15 years ago. We talked quite a while. I think she had just gotten a cancer diagnosis. She was aware I do alot of rescue and very quietly offered me a donation of...\$100!.... I refused, she gently insisted. Well, I found the check in a book several months ago. I forgot to cash it. Certainly an example of "It's the thought that counts." Prayers for the family.

Donna Sheriff - December 06, 2021 at 03:19 AM

JM

“ Rest in peace to my dear childhood friend. I have such fond memories of walking the fences, hunting for crawdads, putting peanut butter on pancakes and enjoying our musical endeavors. Hugs, love and condolences to the entire Watts family.

Jane Schultz Miller - August 21, 2021 at 11:11 AM

MC

“ I was saddened to hear of Linda's passing. I have fond memories of working with her at EIS. Her heart was so full of compassion, love, and care for the babies and young mothers. I was privileged to call her my friend. Gary, Ethan, Fritha, and Dylan I pray that God holds you tight in the palm Of His hand and grant to you His perfect peace! Love, Marva Carnahan

Marva Carnahan - August 19, 2021 at 07:13 PM

MS

“ We knew Patrick was going to be in great hands when we met Fritha's parents back in 1998. I will never forget Linda's amazing pancake batter that was waiting for us in the kitchen every morning. Simply the best! She was a wonderful soul and I will always remember her smiling face. - Melanie Sandberg

Melanie Sandberg - August 19, 2021 at 07:12 PM

TM

“ My sincere condolences to you and your family. Your mother cared deeply about Emergency Infant Services and I am making a donation to them in her name. What a wonderful, kind, compassionate person to give so much of herself to a worthy organization. May God bless you and give you peace that passes all understanding - Tammy

Tammy Moreno - August 19, 2021 at 07:11 PM

LL

“ I always remember how excited I was (we were) when Linda and her family came to visit in Hulett, Wy. We didn't get to see our cousins very often so it was a special treat. You, her family, continue to be an important part of my life. My prayers, love, and support are with you as you adapt to life without Linda's physical presence. Love, Lorrie

Lorrie Long - August 19, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Linda Evelyn Watts.



August 19, 2021 at 03:12 PM

CL

“ I thought go out to you at this time. Many memories of when the boys first started playing volleyball. She was a lovely lady...

Connie and Mike Larkin - August 18, 2021 at 07:26 PM

PW

“ With sincere sympathy to the family...thinking of you all as you go through this most difficult time,

Peggy Wolfe

Peggy Wolfe - August 18, 2021 at 11:38 AM

CV

“ *Carlos and Missy Valencia purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Linda Evelyn Watts.*



Carlos and Missy Valencia - August 18, 2021 at 09:49 AM

SS

“ *Gary and family,*

I am so very sorry to hear the sad news about Linda. She was a warm, accomplished, and engaging person. It was a privilege to know her. Please accept my deepest condolences.
Susan Savage

Susan Savage - August 17, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Evelyn Watts.*



August 17, 2021 at 03:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Evelyn Watts.*



August 17, 2021 at 11:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Linda Evelyn Watts.*



August 17, 2021 at 09:16 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Evelyn Watts.*



August 17, 2021 at 08:54 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Evelyn Watts.*



August 16, 2021 at 10:10 PM

DC

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers for comfort, love, and understand. Rhonda and Dennis Constien*

Dennis Constien - August 16, 2021 at 04:53 PM

SP

“ *Such a warm and generous heart. May you all find peace in the wonderful memories created together.
Love and comfort to you all.
Sally Phelps and family*

Sally Phelps - August 16, 2021 at 04:06 PM