



## Mrs. Linda Rae Townsend

August 28, 1942 - May 17, 2014

Linda Rae Townsend, 71 years of age, passed away on Saturday, May 17, 2014 in Winter Springs, FL. She was born on August 28, 1942 in Buffalo, NY to her parents Raymond and Caroline Eldredge.

Linda graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida Southern University (May 1964). She was a microbiologist with Southwest Florida Regional Medical Center in Fort Myers, FL for 27 years. She retired in 2006 and moved to Orlando, FL to be closer to her grandchildren.

Linda loved to travel and had a great fondness for nature and the outdoors, spending her summers with close friends in South Carolina. She also loved to sing, cook, and bake. Linda was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister; generous friend and kind soul who touched many lives and will be missed by all.

She is survived by her sister Carol Eldredge Swanner; her son and his wife, Timothy and Molly Townsend; and her grandchildren Laine and Reese Townsend.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations be made in Linda's memory to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011 or [http://www.alz.org/join\\_the\\_cause\\_donate.asp](http://www.alz.org/join_the_cause_donate.asp)

A luncheon celebrating Linda's life is scheduled for Saturday, May 31, 2014 from 12:00noon to 2:30pm at the Tuskawilla Country Club, 1500 Winter Springs Blvd., Winter Springs, Florida 32708.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Ave. Maitland, Florida 32751, 407-695-CARE (2273).

## Previous Events

### **Celebration of Life August 5th, 2017 1200 Noon at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory**

MAY 31. 12:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Tuskawilla Country Club  
1500 Winter Springs Blvd.  
Winter Springs, FL 32708

# Tribute Wall

LI

“ *Lia sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Linda Rae Townsend*



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**Lia** - May 30, 2014 at 08:07 AM

BJ

“ *John and I were so sorry to learn of Linda's passing. She and I were friends in high school, roommates and sorority sisters at Florida Southern and she was a bridesmaid in our wedding. We had some great times together! Linda was an excellent student (we studied together through the med tech program), wonderful singer and fun loving friend. We always had a good time catching up and reminiscing when we got together through the years. I know she will be dearly missed by her family and friends.*  
*John and Barbara Jones*

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**Barbara Jones** - May 26, 2014 at 07:40 AM

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“ *My condolences to the family. I pray you find comfort in knowing that even though we may lose a loved one in death, God will bring back to life all those found in his memory. (Job 14:15 John 5:28, 29 Acts 24:15) Yes, we have the hope of seeing our loved ones again, and the life to be enjoyed when this takes place will be truly wonderful. (Revelation 21:3, 4)*

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**Steve** - May 22, 2014 at 09:15 AM

JW

“ *Julie West lit a candle in memory of Mrs.  
Linda Rae Townsend*



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**Julie West** - May 22, 2014 at 09:00 AM

JW

“My deepest love and thanks to my former laboratory supervisor and mentor, Linda Townsend, who taught me everything I know about medical microbiology. She was (and remains) a great teacher to me, in the ways of laboratory medicine as well as in many associated life lessons. Her mentorship made me a better microbiologist, as well as a better person. Her inspiration continues to push me further in this journey called life.

Our extraordinary friendship of over 33 years helped me to know deep and lasting spirituality in many forms. Linda introduced me to Paramahansa Yogananda’s teachings. A funny story about this: While living with Linda during a rough patch in my life, she told me to sit in her father’s favorite chair - explaining that it was her favorite place to read, and that this location held much good energy. When I did so, the book “Where there is Light” fell off the adjacent bookshelf and right onto my lap! I am forever changed because of our dear Linda.

I am happy in the knowledge that she is near, just on the other side of the veil. I continue to feel her presence. No longer is her Earthly body containing her free and loving spirit. She is soaring!

Indeed, we will all meet again.

“Friends of other lives easily recognize one another in the astral world,” [Sri Yukteswar said]. “Rejoicing at the immortality of friendship, they realize the indestructibility of love, often doubted at the time of the sad, delusive partings of earthly life.” (Paramahansa Yogananda)

My love and condolences to Linda’s family and friends. We remain connected through her loving spirit.

Julie West  
Atlanta, GA

**Julie West** - May 22, 2014 at 08:59 AM

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“ *When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight.*  
~Khalil Gibran. *Miss you, Aunt Linda* - Lia Denning

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**Lia Denning** - May 21, 2014 at 06:29 PM