



## Linda M. Hardin

March 29, 1939 - July 29, 2024

Mary Linda Melsheimer was born on March 29, 1939 to Hazel and Fred Melsheimer in Vicksburg Mississippi. She was the middle of three girls (Sandra Melsheimer and Paula Jacobs Brooks) in the family. She attended St. Francis Xavier Catholic School in Vicksburg Mississippi.

Linda met the love of her life, Harry (Sonny) Hardin, and their first date was his 17th birthday. After graduating from St. Francis, she went to cosmetology school. Linda and Sonny married on June 6, 1959 and lived in the married student housing at Mississippi State in Starkville until Sonny's graduation in August of 1960. They lived in Arkansas and Texas before moving to Alexandria in the summer of 1976. They lived in the same home for 42 years. Sonny passed away July 15, 2019.

Linda and Sonny had 4 children: Karen (Rich) Fanelli, Chris (Dany) Hardin, Stephen (Michelle) Hardin and Mary Hardin. Linda had 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren that she loved with her whole heart. She was happiest holding a baby.

Linda did her cosmetology work mostly in the kitchen with her friends after her marriage. She also worked various jobs such as working in a dental office, fabric store, administrative assistant and for 20 years worked for Advanced Eye Care.

Linda started selling Avon in the 90's and loved it. She loved meeting all the new people and working with them. She was very successful in Avon winning many awards.

She was very active in Cursillo and Marriage Encounter along with many volunteer positions in her parishes.

Linda never wore black to a funeral; it was always a celebration of life for her. Please wear bright colors and especially her favorite color aqua.

Linda and Sonny will be laid to rest in the Melsheimer plot in Vicksburg Mississippi at a later date.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel  
5755 Castlewellan Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22315  
(703) 971-7400  
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com  
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

## Funeral Mass

AUG 1. 10:00 AM (ET)

Nativity Catholic Church  
6400 Nativity Lane  
Burke, VA

# Tribute Wall

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“ Ron & Gwen Hougham (Gwen worked w/Chris) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Linda M. Hardin.



Ron & Gwen Hougham (Gwen worked w/Chris) - July 31, 2024 at 10:34 AM

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“ The New Orleans and St. Louis Hardins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda M. Hardin.

The New Orleans and St. Louis Hardins - July 30, 2024 at 07:50 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Linda M. Hardin.



July 30, 2024 at 07:50 PM

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“ The first time I met Aunt Linda and Uncle Sonny they were driving through St. Louis on their bucket list trip in 2010. Sean and I had just started dating and Sean let them stay at his condo. And within the first hour of meeting Linda she was selling me Avon. I could not say no to Aunt Linda! May you rest in peace!

Maureen Hardin - July 30, 2024 at 04:32 PM