



Wilda May Okes Linkous

October 19, 1944 - November 29, 2025

Wilda May Okes Linkous, age 81, of Dublin, Va., passed away on November 29, 2025, surrounded by family who dearly loved and cherished her. She had bade farewell after 61 years to the love of her life, Lonzie L. Linkous, Sr., in September 2024 and leaves behind 2 sons, Lonzie, Jr. (Tim) and Michael (Patti), as well as her daughter Kimberly and special ex son-in-law Jody Burton. Proud of her grandmother status, her “babies”-adored beyond comprehension- left behind to remember her are Dakota Burton (Tana), Evan Michael Paul Linkous (Jill), Skylar Grace Burton, Austin Blake Linkous, and Enzley Jane Ford. April of 2026 will find a new Linkous in our midst as her first great-grandchild, a boy, will join the family; she was so excited about the new arrival and hoped to heap a great deal of love upon him. Equally cherished, she leaves behind her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Bernard Linkous (Ellen), and sister-in-law Helen Okes. A host of nieces and nephews and their families as well as many dear friends were forever in her heart.

Wilda was preceded in death by her parents Carl and Ruby Okes of Interlachen, Fla. and her parents-in-law Paul and Mildred Linkous of Blacksburg, Va., brothers and sisters-in-law Bill Okes (Phyllis), Luther Okes, and Leslie Okes (Frances) as well as her sisters and brothers-in-law Wilma Sheppard (Jack) and Nancy Scott (Scotty). Also preceding her were brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Woody Linkous (Helen), Allen Linkous (Jackie) and Roger Linkous (Amelia).

On what had to be a crisp Autumn day, October 19, 1944, a family of 5 became a family of 8 as Wilda, along with Wilma and William, joined the Okes family on Ellison Ridge in West Virginia. The trio were inseparable through early childhood and their teens-there are stories for another day- and Wilda and Wilma married their true loves on June 15, 1963, in Radford, Va.

Lonzie and Wilda spent many days “burning up the roads” around Virginia and West Virginia-the tick marks on a note pad on the dash acknowledged innumerable deer, turkey, etc.- and after Lonzie’s passing, Wilda continued to enjoy just “riding around” to reminisce as it made her feel close to her late husband and best friend.

As we say goodbye with heavy hearts and teary eyes to mom, mawmaw, sister-in-law, aunt and friend, we, her loving family, would like everyone to remember her as fun loving, grounded, loving and concerned beyond herself with the well-being of others. As she lay struggling in her final days, her concern for her family was paramount to her own needs. It’s incumbent upon us to thank my sister Kim for her tireless effort and attention paid both mom and dad in their final years; she enhanced their lives beyond measure with many sleepless nights and hectic days and can never be thanked enough.

Since Christmas was such a special time for Wilda, we’d like to ask anyone attending to feel free to dress in your favorite Christmas attire, and you ladies wear your favorite Christmas earrings and pins.

The family is in the care of McCoy Funeral Home in Blacksburg, Va. There will be a gathering at 1pm on Saturday, December 6th with a service to follow at 2pm in the funeral home chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home
150 Country Club Dr. S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060
(540) 552-3211
mccoyfuneralhome@verizon.net
<https://mccoyfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

DEC 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

McCoy Funeral Home Chapel
150 Country Club Dr S.W.
Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

BR

“ Berto and Regina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilda May Okes Linkous.

Berto and Regina - December 04, 2025 at 03:14 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilda May Okes Linkous.



December 03, 2025 at 08:37 PM

PK

“ Paul Karasz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilda May Okes Linkous.

Paul Karasz - December 03, 2025 at 08:37 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Wilda May Okes Linkous.



December 03, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Wilda May Okes Linkous.*



December 03, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ *Scott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Wilda May Okes Linkous.*

Scott - December 03, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ *Jacob hess purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Wilda May Okes Linkous.*



Jacob hess - December 03, 2025 at 11:42 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Wilda May Okes Linkous.*



December 03, 2025 at 11:25 AM

RS

“ My sympathies go out to Wilda's children and extended family. All who knew her, loved her. She was the sweetest lady. I will miss her terribly, too. What a great reunion happening in Heaven at this time. May God comfort the family at this time



Rose Mary Sheppard - December 02, 2025 at 06:47 PM

BL

“ Kim, Mike and Jr. please accept our condolences and prayers. We know that your mom is right back beside Lonzie. They were a perfectly matched pair. You guys were lucky to have Wilda and Lonzie for parents, as they were to have you as their kids.

Bill and Janet Lyons - December 02, 2025 at 06:45 PM

KM

“ Wilda and Lonzie added so much love and joy at Pilgrim's Rest. I loved worshipping with both the Linkous and Sheppard families. They are all in my memories and heart. Sending our deepest condolences in your loss to Kim and Wilda's entire family. Cliff and Kathy Millirons

Kathy Millirons - December 02, 2025 at 03:33 PM

BM

“ Love, condolences, and healing prayers for the Linkous family, as beautiful Wilda has joined the love of her life and other family members in glorious heaven...free of all pain and worries.

Her pride for her family was strong, and her love for them will always be felt as her spirit remains in the hearts of both her loving family, and those blessed to have known such a beautiful person. Kim, I hope you and your brothers feel assurance in knowing that your care for your mom since the loss of Lonzie has been tremendous, and would have made your dad proud that you carried out his wish of caring for his bride since his passing last year. I hope their love warms your hearts each time you think of them and look into the heavens...

God bless the Linkous family with faith, strength, and love... ❤️



Betty Anne Messina - December 02, 2025 at 02:59 PM

KL

“ My aunt wilda was the sweetest lady you could meet. Her and uncle lonzie was a very special couple. They will be greatly missed. Prayers to Junior Mike and kim



Karen Ieland - December 02, 2025 at 02:38 PM

BP

“ Bobby & Pauls purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Wilda May Okes Linkous.



Bobby & Pauls - December 02, 2025 at 02:25 PM

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Bobby & Pauls - December 02, 2025 at 02:25 PM

KW

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your loved one.

*Kimberly Linkous Woolwine
Blacksburg*

kw - December 02, 2025 at 01:15 PM