



## Linda Darlene Ryman

March 9, 1953 - September 17, 2025

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home/Valley Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Ms. Linda Darlene Ryman.

Linda Darlene Ryman, 72, of Mt. Jackson, Virginia, passed away on September 17, 2025, at her birthplace, Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

Born on March 9, 1953, Linda was the cherished daughter of Alvin W. Ryman and Verna S. Ryman both of whom preceded her in death, as did her brother Paul J. Ryman. She is survived by her brother Michael W. Ryman and his wife Yvonne L. Ryman, their children and significant others, Brandon F. Ryman and wife Cristy V. Ryman, Shana L. Ryman and fiancé Merida M. Marston; sister-in-law and widow of Paul J. Ryman, Laura E. Ryman; nieces and nephew Hannah R. Ryman, Nicholas J. Ryman, and Sarah R. Ryman; and her only son William F. Mowery and his wife, children, and grandchildren, Angelia G. Mowery, Kristina D. Johnson and husband Tyler J. Johnson, Sophia E. Cordell, Franklin J. Johnson, Audrey J. Johnson, William H.W. Mowery, and Peyton Harless.

A proud 1971 graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School, Linda's life was marked by her passionate, hardworking, loving, and generous spirit. Linda shined a light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her journey on this earth was marked by love, compassion, and an unwavering

faith in God.

Linda found solace and community at St. Jacobs Lutheran Church where she could often be found down in the basement assisting in the preparation of the food.

Those who knew Linda will remember her for her baked goods and love of animals. With Linda around, no animal would ever be left hungry or scared.

Kristina D. Johnson, granddaughter of Linda, “My grandmother was a superhero, and I know many may say the same about theirs, but mine really was. She would give the shirt off her back to anyone in need, often putting others before herself. This woman did it all, from farming to baking, to raising a son, to caring for her brothers and anyone in need. To say my grandmother loved animals is an understatement. She didn’t care what the animal was; a cat, dog, horse, goat, skunk, or possum, if that animal needed help, she was there. To be honest, the secret of whether she liked humans or animals more will never be known, but what I do know is that if you had the honor to be loved by her, you would know that that love was fierce. The world may have lost her physically, but her memory has been engrained into our souls and for that I am forever grateful.” “Until one has loved an animal, a part of one’s soul remains unawaken.” – Anatole France

In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to Still Meadows Enrichment Center and Camp at 11992 Hollar School Rd Linville, Virginia 22834.

It was Linda’s wishes to not have a service; however, November 23, 2025, during church service at St. Jacobs Lutheran Church at 15226 Senedo Rd, Edinburg, VA 22824, her spirit and memory will be honored as a part of Sunday service.

Online condolences may be left at [www.valleyfs.com](http://www.valleyfs.com)

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service  
Branch, Edinburg.

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ Dolan Kisamore lit a candle in memory of Linda Ryman



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**Dolan Kisamore** - October 01, 2025 at 09:47 AM

FM

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. She was truly a amazing person. She would do anything for you.I will miss her very much.



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**Faith Mathias** - September 28, 2025 at 05:10 PM

SM

“ William and family, so sorry to hear of the passing of Linda. I feel fortunate to have met her. She was a sweet lady and was always so kind to me. Prayers to all the family. God Bless all of you.  
Susan Mowery

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**Susan Mowery** - September 23, 2025 at 10:08 PM

ES

“ William, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I will be praying for you and your family. HUGS!!

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**Eddie Sherman** - September 23, 2025 at 11:41 AM

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“Miss Linda oh my how we spent hours chatting at the feed store or at your house. You showed my daughters love and affection and I can't begin to thank you for the knowledge you gave to us. A true one of a kind sweet but extremely tough lady. I hope you are taking care of all the animals in heaven I know your back on the horse again.

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**Adam Miller** - September 22, 2025 at 08:38 PM

SS

“ Sorry for Your Loss. Linda was a good Friend. R.I.P. Linda

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**Steve Sager** - September 22, 2025 at 07:28 PM

NF

“ I remember Linda during her childhood. I remember how much she loved animals. Nancy Clark Fadely

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**Nancy Fadely** - September 22, 2025 at 06:54 PM

RJ

“ To all of Linda's family  
Keeping all in my heart and prayers. Linda was a friend for many years, her love for other creatures was well known. There is a special place in heaven for those who care for those that are a voice for the ones who have none. I am sure she is surrounded by her living family as well as the many animals her love touched.

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**Roberta Johnson** - September 22, 2025 at 03:25 PM