



Linda Merle Carey

October 27, 1940 - January 20, 2026

Linda Merle King Carey, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 20, 2026, in Orlando, Florida. She was born on October 27, 1940, in Kansas City, Missouri, to Robert Merl King and Lydia Lola Dolton.

Linda's adventurous spirit led her to become a flight attendant with Braniff Airlines, a path that brought her to Dallas, Texas. It was there she met the love of her life, Robert M. Carey. The two married on April 5, 1961, beginning a partnership filled with devotion, laughter, and deep family roots. In 1963, they settled in Orlando, where Linda built a warm and lively home for her growing family.

Linda was the proud mother of four sons: R. Mike (Marlene), David, Bradley (Laura), and Jeffrey (Christina).

She was lovingly known as "Mema" to her nine grandchildren: Ashley Anne, Natalie, Olivia, Brette, Robert, Tara, Delaney, Luke and Sadie, and her five great-grandchildren: Raymond, Robert, Russell, Elizabeth, and Freya.

Linda also shared a close bond with her sisters, Janet Sue and Karen, whose love and support she cherished.

Linda lived her life with energy, elegance, and an extraordinary gift for

friendship. She formed deep, lasting relationships and was known as a fiercely loyal and fun-loving friend for decades. Whether on the tennis courts or golf courses, she was always ready for a match, a laugh, or a gathering afterward, often becoming the heart of whatever room she was in.

She had a natural ability to bring people together, with a warm smile and quick wit that made everyone feel welcome.

Her legacy is one of joy, connection, and unwavering love for her family and friends. She will be deeply missed and forever cherished.

A private family service will be held to honor Linda's life.

Tribute Wall

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“ Louise planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Merle Carey.

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“ Louise purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda Merle Carey.



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“ I spent many days at the Carey's house. I rode my bike over before I drove and hung out there. Linda always made me feel welcome. The house was full of laughter much of the time. I just remember thinking what a beauty she was... Her boys certainly loved on her.

Kara also known as "Myra's Daughter" - January 28 at 09:43 PM