



## Ms. Linda Parham Buffington

March 30, 1951 - February 2, 2026

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Linda Parham Buffington. She passed peacefully and into the arms of her Savior on Monday, February 2, 2026, with her family by her side at Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center following a sudden illness.

Linda was born on March 30, 1951, in Royston, Georgia, daughter of the late Garnett and Dorothy Parham. She was an only child and the apple of her parents' eyes. Her survivors include sons, Jason Buffington (Christi), and Jarrod Buffington; and precious grandsons, Eli Buffington and Drew Buffington. She loved her sons immensely and her grandsons were her pride and joy. She is also survived by her long-time companion of 28 years, Lauvone Turner. They had many adventures together traveling all over the country.

Linda's life was very well-lived, and she accomplished a lot in her 74 years, but her favorite was being with her sons and grandsons. She was known, affectionately, as Grammy. She spent many days and nights attending her son's and grandson's sporting events. This was one of her favorite past times and she did not want to miss a single game. She was very supportive of her family and friends.

A big part of Linda's life was being employed for 32 years at the University of

Georgia, where she poured her heart and soul into her job. Her years were split between the Microbiology department and Biomedical Health Sciences Institute. In both of these positions she helped manage during her tenure and made many life-long friends that became family.

After her retirement from UGA, Linda was an integral part of Redwine Church. She launched and managed the church's website and social media page and strengthened its administrative foundation. She was instrumental in securing the future of the church through initiatives such as applying for a state grant to restore the historic cemetery. Her leadership drove the adoption of a modern media, sound, and live streaming system. Linda learned the system herself and became the central figure in broadcasting weekly services. She routinely ran sound on Sunday mornings and evenings, created custom slides for sermons, typed hymn lyrics, and handled numerous design tasks, including business cards and promotional materials. One of her most favorite accomplishments was helping to launch a youth program, designing brochures and materials to support its success. Linda also created an online giving platform, enabling former members and supporters of the congregation to contribute easily.

Funeral services for Ms. Buffington will be held in the Redwine Church at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 7, 2026, with Dr. Tim Baer officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends at Pruitt Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. During other times, the family will be at their respective homes.

Linda will be greatly missed by her family, church family and friends. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in her memory to Redwine Church.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Redwine Church Cemetery

3548 Redwine Church Road  
Canon, GA 30520

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Pruitt Funeral Home  
47 Franklin Springs Street  
P.O. Box 465  
Royston, GA 30662  
(706) 245-7234  
pruittfh@bellsouth.net  
<https://www.pruittfhroyston.com/>

## Service

FEB 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

Redwine Church  
3548 Redwine Church Road  
Canon, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pruitt Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Linda Parham Buffington*



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**Pruitt Funeral Home** - February 06 at 11:36 AM

SS

“ *I am truly grateful for the guidance and support Linda gave me over the years and her friendship. She helped me understand the inner workings of the University of Georgia and, just as importantly, how to navigate it effectively and get things done. Her insight, generosity, and steady counsel made a lasting impact on my career.*

*I will always appreciate her willingness to share her knowledge and help others succeed. Please know that my thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time*

*Steve Stice*

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**steve stice** - February 11 at 04:30 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Pruitt Funeral Home** - February 05 at 04:55 PM

BL

*We would buy eggs from Mr. Buffington back in the 1960 's, then started building a house in 1975, we knew the Buffingtons'. Linda started the art classes in Bowersville, painting backward on glass. I heard she had been sick, saw her outside at her house, stopped and talked to her, then she started back coming to Redwine. Then all the improvements she was doing and working very hard to make things better. We will be a much better Church and God will continue to bless us because of the time God allowed us to have her.*

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**Betty Little** - February 06 at 07:19 PM

CD

“ When I think of Linda, I always go back to those early mornings when she would pick me up and we would drive from Royston to UGA together. I was just starting out, not even in college yet, and she made me feel like I belonged in the professional world before I even knew what that meant. I loved working for and felt she was my work mom, and you always knew she wanted you to succeed.

She did more than just supervise me. She invested in my future. When she helped me get a scholarship for grad school at UGA, it changed the course of my life in a way I will always be grateful for. That was who she was. She saw potential in people and helped them reach it.

I feel very lucky that my first boss was someone like Linda. I will always carry those memories with me, and I will truly miss her.

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**Carey Drake** - February 05 at 02:30 PM

SC

Sharon Cabe I worked with Linda several years at UGA. She always helped me when I had a question. She was so knowledgeable about all the systems there when I began. I enjoyed my years knowing her and knowing that we were friends. I send my love to the family for their loss and our loss .

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**Sharon M Cabe** - February 06 at 05:09 PM

PW

“ Linda was one of the most helpful individuals that I have ever known and a true pleasure to work with. During her time at BHSI, Linda, along with Harry Dailey, supported our efforts to begin both the MPH degree program and the UGA College of Public Health. She was always willing to help and did it without any desire for recognition. I will miss her smile, her laugh, and her positive attitude. Thank you Linda for all you did!  
Phil Williams

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**Phil Williams** - February 05 at 12:23 PM

LW

“ Dear Buffington Family,

*I was deeply saddened to hear of Linda's passing. Although I only knew her for a short time, her care and loving kindness made a profound impact on me during a very difficult chapter of my life. She was a truly amazing lady.*

*She spoke so often and so fondly of her family, her Church and her career at UGA; it was clear how much pride and love she had for them all. Please accept my deepest condolences. She will be greatly missed. ~ Lynn Woodall*

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**Lynn Woodall** - February 05 at 11:19 AM

PS

“ Linda was one of the first persons I met when I was a new graduate student at UGA in the Department of Microbiology. She was one of the kindest, funniest and most helpful person I had the privilege of knowing. For a new student far away from home she always knew just the right words for any situation. My husband Peter and I have many good stories about our friend Linda. We will miss you Linda. Our thoughts and prayers to the family and her many friends.

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**Patricia Sobecky** - February 05 at 09:57 AM

HD

“ Linda was my right hand when Head of Microbiology and BHSI Director, and my best friend. She was unique in so many ways. I can't begin to list all of the things she did that transformed biomedical research at UGA. So many stories, but for me personally the most significant event was her organization of a celebration of life for Tammy, my wife, when she passed. I'm sure that Tammy was there to greet her and share stories. I will forever miss Linda, an incredible person and my closest friend.

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**Harry Dailey** - February 05 at 09:11 AM

MS

“ So sorry to hear about Linda's passing. Prayers for the family and all of her friends.

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**Marie Scoggins** - February 04 at 10:30 PM

TS

“ Jason and Jarrod, our prayers are with you and yours. Your Mom was one of a kind! I carpooled with Linda and Harvey Vollrath back in the olden days when we all worked for UGA. Believe me, I learned a lot about you boys! But even before that, I "taught" piano to your Mom. She was very intelligent. Mike was a groomsman in your parents wedding. I played piano for your Dad's memorial service. A lot of water is under that bridge now. May you find peace in knowing that your Mom loved you so very much. And her grandsons were the light of her life. May God comfort you is our prayer. Teresa and Mike Shirley, Bowersville.

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**Teresa Shirley** - February 04 at 09:09 PM

MB

“ *I worked for Linda Carol when she lived in bowersville and she was a pleasure to work for she always had a beautiful smile whenever you saw her*



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**Mariella Brown** - February 04 at 08:12 PM

GS

“ *Gaynelle Stowe lit a candle in memory of Ms. Linda Parham Buffington*



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**Gaynelle Stowe** - February 04 at 05:26 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Wallace sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Linda Parham Buffington*



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**Brenda Wallace** - February 04 at 05:12 PM