



## Linda Ray Prince Philbates

September 20, 1941 - February 11, 2026

Linda Ray Prince Philbates, 84, of West Point passed away Wednesday morning, February 11, 2026.

She was the daughter of William Edward Prince and Lucille Crowe Prince. They lived in Tappahannock before moving to West Point, where Linda attended school.

Linda married Walter Philbates in 1960 and moved to New Kent before returning to West Point, where they lived and raised two daughters for 63 years. In the 1970's, Walter, Linda, and her parents ran a small country store in town called the P&P Market. The job that she was most proud of was being a wife and mother. She was always taking care of the needs of her family.

Linda was a longtime member of the West Point Christian Church and most recently attended The Edge Worship Center. She was predeceased by her parents, Ed and Lucille; her husband, Walter; grandson, J.P. Edmonds and son-in-law, Dean Bush.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Edmonds and Mary Bush; two grandchildren, Tiffany Mitchell (Billy) and Justin Bush; two great-grandchildren, Ella Jane Edmonds and Kathryn Avery Mitchell; two brothers, Michael Prince (Jenny) and Chris Prince (Barbara); a sister-in-law, Ginger Smither; two nieces, Tammy Edwards (Bobby) and Holly Newsome (Brian);

and four great nieces and nephews, Dusty and Emma Sparks and Melinda and Bob Edwards.

Services will be held 3 p.m., Sunday, February 22, 2026 at West Point Christian Church, officiated by her dear friend and pastor, Cliff Collins. A reunion burial, as both Walter and Linda will be interred together, will take place at a later date in Smyrna Christian Church in Powcan.

Memorial contributions can be made to The Edge Worship Center (<https://theedgeworshipcentre.com/>), or the West Point Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, PO Box X, West Point, VA 23181 (<https://westpointvfd.com/>).

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

West Point Christian Church  
290 W. Euclid Blvd  
West Point, VA 23181

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ I was so sorry to hear of Linda’s death. We went to school together and for a couple of years she lived next door to me on Glass Island. We reconnected a couple of months ago and we had agreed that after the holidays we would get together for lunch and go down memory lane. I’m so sorry that we didn’t find each other earlier and we could have rekindled old friendships. RIP my friend and we’ll meet again someday.

Joyce Wirtz Browdy - February 23 at 05:59 PM

GF

“ Linda was such a sweet person. We are so sorry for your loss.

Carol and Gina



Gina Fetterolf - February 21 at 12:59 PM

DS

“ Dale Seward lit a candle in memory of Linda Ray Prince Philbates



Dale Seward - February 18 at 09:53 AM

ES

“ Condolences to the Philbates family. I have such fond memories of Linda, she was truly a kind Southern lady. May her joyful spirit soar high as she watches lovingly over her family below.

Eddie R Sears - February 17 at 08:45 AM

BD

“ *Sending our love and prayers. May you feel God’s love surrounding you each day. And may the beautiful memories of her love provide you with comfort and peace. Linda was such a sweet and gentle spirit. We will always remember that beautiful smile and her generous hugs. We will miss her so much. May she rest in peace until we meet again.*

Becky and Damian - February 15 at 08:37 PM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss*



Thomas Widgeon - February 14 at 06:35 AM

RC

“ *R.T. Croswell And Donna Croswell lit a candle in memory of Linda Ray Prince Philbates*



R.T. Croswell and Donna Croswell - February 14 at 05:58 AM

BS

“ *Donna and Mary and families, I am so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you during this difficult time.*



Betty Sullivan - February 13 at 05:18 PM

MF

“ Margaret Knott Ogg & Mike Fazio lit a candle  
in memory of Linda Ray Prince Philbates



Margaret Knott Ogg & Mike Fazio - February 13 at 03:17 PM

PC

“ Pamela Carter lit a candle in memory of Linda  
Ray Prince Philbates



Pamela Carter - February 13 at 01:39 PM

NB

“ Nancy Hurtt Bland lit a candle in memory of  
Linda Ray Prince Philbates



Nancy Hurtt Bland - February 13 at 12:50 PM

LK

“ Lori Kerby lit a candle in memory of Linda  
Ray Prince Philbates



Lori Kerby - February 13 at 09:28 AM

DS

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Don & Claire Smith - February 13 at 06:49 AM

FS

“ Faith Silva lit a candle in memory of Linda Ray Prince Philbates



Faith Silva - February 13 at 05:17 AM

HW

“ HENRY WARD lit a candle in memory of Linda Ray Prince Philbates



HENRY WARD - February 13 at 03:43 AM

JP

“ So sorry to hear about Linda. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Judy & Glenn Palmer - February 12 at 09:31 PM

BE

“ Gods Blessings on this wonderful family. Linda was a true blessing and such a sweet person. Just remember all those beautiful memories and all that Love. Beverly and Jim Ross



Bev&Jim - February 12 at 08:27 PM

PJ

“ Pam Jackowski lit a candle in memory of Linda Ray Prince Philbates



Pam Jackowski - February 12 at 08:25 PM

DT

“ David, Cindy & Thomas lit a candle in memory of Linda Ray Prince Philbates



David, Cindy & Thomas - February 12 at 07:43 PM

LS

“ Michael, Chris, and family so sorry for the loss of your sweet sister. Lean on each other and God will see you all through the coming days.



Linda South - February 12 at 07:26 PM

BA

“ Brenda Anerton lit a candle in memory of Linda Ray Prince Philbates



Brenda Anerton - February 12 at 06:51 PM

MG

“ *Deepest sympathy to you all, I know you all have wonderful memories to carry you through this difficult time. Mary, my heart goes out to you*  
*Michelle Giese*

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**Michelle Giese** - February 12 at 06:29 PM

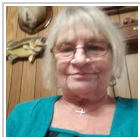
GC

“ *Dear Donna, Mary, Ginger, family and friends,*  
*I am so sorry for your loss.*  
*Linda was such a sweet lady...she always had a smile and kind word.*  
*Cherish your precious memories.*  
*With heartfelt sympathy,*  
*Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)*



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**Gloria Couch** - February 12 at 06:26 PM



“ *Beverly Edwards lit a candle in memory of Linda Ray Prince Philbates*



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**Beverly Edwards** - February 12 at 06:14 PM

JW

“ *So sorry to hear this news. She always had a smile whenever I saw her. She will be missed by many.*

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**Janie wampler** - February 12 at 06:11 PM

JR

“ *John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Linda Ray Prince Philbates*



John and Vickie Roane - February 12 at 06:02 PM

HN

“ *I wanted to add a picture of our last trip we took to Pennsylvania. You will be terribly missed but I know you're with uncle Walter walking hand and hand. Miss and love you so much.*



Holly Newsome - February 12 at 05:45 PM

JW

“ *Such a sweet and kind woman that I'm honored to have known.*

Jay Whitley - February 12 at 05:23 PM

TE

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Tammy Edwards - February 12 at 05:14 PM

AW

“ *Abbi Williams lit a candle in memory of Linda Philbates*



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**Abbi Williams** - February 12 at 04:51 PM