



Linda Ann Kirby Donaldson

July 26, 1939 - October 26, 2025

Linda Ann Kirby Donaldson, age 86, of Braselton known to all as “Lyn” or to the very special ones as “Nene” passed away on October 26, 2025. She was born in Chamblee to the late Stephen and Mary Bob Kirby.

Lyn was full of life and fun. She loved Jim, her sons and grandchildren more than anything in this world. She believed her grandchildren and great grandchildren were the sunshine during the day and they hung the stars at night.

Lyn lost her zest for living when her soulmate, the children’s father, best friend, business partner and traveling mate and a very special person passed away on January 10, 2017 at 10:10 p.m. (011020171010)

Lyn is survived by her most awesome sons ever and their wives, Jamie and Julie Donaldson, Turk and Wendy Donaldson, She is also survived by beautiful, well-mannered grandchildren, Kristi Lord, Stephen Pittard, Jeremy and Justin Donaldson and their spouses, Joseph Lord, Anna Pittard, Whitney and Devin Donaldson. Also, surviving are the only little people who truly loved their “Nene” Gabriel and the “Princess” Charlotte Lord, Rene and Tristan who are “great and grand!”.

Lyn is survived by her sisters and their spouses: Jean Bowen (Rudy), Laura Barron (“LL”), Laine Wood and Lisa Hemphill (John); in-laws: Butch Hutchins (Gene), and Jerry Donaldson and a whole bunch of beloved nieces and nephews. This family took it seriously when GOD said “go forth and multiply” because we surely did (especially Jean & Rudy).

A Memorial Service will be held at the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 2, 2025 with Mark Thomas of Hagen Creek Community Church officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday, November 2, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a non-profit organization of your choice in memory of Lyn Donaldson.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Flanigan Funeral Home
4400 South Lee Street
Buford, GA 30518

Memorial Service

NOV 2. 4:00 PM.

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

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“ *BRENDA CARLYLE lit a candle in memory of Linda Ann Donaldson*



BRENDA CARLYLE - November 10, 2025 at 08:55 PM



“ *Lyn was my "Nene" for 29 years. She got me as a granddaughter at 10 years old and she always loved me as if I was blood. I have so many wonderful memories of her delicious cooking and all the parties she enjoyed hosting with Papa. I know she is exactly where she wants to be right now, next to Papa again. I'll miss you Nene and, until we see each other again, I love you.*



Kristine Lord - November 02, 2025 at 01:32 PM

JB

“Lyn and I have the same great heritage in the Kirby family. I am the oldest 1st cousin. Also my mother Louise Donaldson makes us 2 times related. Lyn being younger made for me lots of memories of her parents, Mary Bob and Steve (Teab). My relationship with Lyn was when we were both young at her house or mine after we moved to Fayetteville. We also most always saw each at the Kirby reunion in Jasper when we wandered off to the spring while the adults were in the church for a meeting. Even in later life I appreciated Lyn's hard work in the business and raising her family. I am sure she also shared a love of green plants which is a trait of the Kirby family. Losing your mom is difficult. Prayers for you all as you adjust to life without Mom and remember the good things she taught you. Jerry and Marc Bramblett = Fayetteville, GA

Jerry Kirby Bramblett - November 01, 2025 at 10:37 AM

JD

“In the end, it's not the years in your life that count, It's the life in your years.” Abraham Lincoln

The above quote is so appropriate to Lyn's life. She loved big, lived big, and created lasting memories for those left behind to cherish. I am so thankful for having Lyn as my “mother-in-love” the past 29 years. She considered me the daughter she never had and always introduced me to others as her “daughter-in-love.” I'm so thankful for the many times we sat and drank coffee while she shared memories of her life with Jim and her two sons, Jamie and Turk. She was so proud of “her boys” and would brag about them often. It's those moments I will always treasure and carry with me in her absence. Lyn, I love you and, until I see you again, I'll remain “your daughter-in-love.” Julie

Julie Donaldson - November 01, 2025 at 10:10 AM

DK

“ We had many good times together growing up, especially when you came down to the farm for a visit. May God comfort all your family as they adjust to not having you physically with them. Cousin Donna Kirby

Donna K Kirby - October 29, 2025 at 02:00 PM