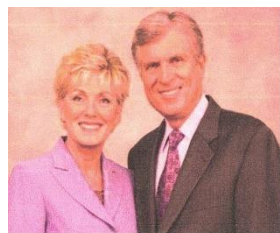


A TRIBUTE TO LINDA CLAYVILLE

By E. Lonnie and Jeannie Melashenko



This is difficult for Jeannie and me to write. We learned this afternoon that our precious friend Linda passed away peacefully. I'm returning today from 3-ABN Camp Meeting and just landed at Phoenix Airport. Jeannie and I had intentions to go visit her as soon as the airport shuttle brought me home. But alas! We just learned she's gone. She slipped away from us.

David the psalmist declared it so poignantly, "Truly a princess – and a great woman – has fallen in Israel!" Elton John eulogized Lady Diana as England's "Rose." But in Heaven's ledger, our precious Linda Clayville exemplified an unbelievable courageous optimism as an ambassador of heaven. Despite her unfortunate diagnoses and other horrific medical exigencies, she was always smiling. Praising. Loving Jesus. Without a doubt, Linda measured right up there close in stature with Solomon's description in Proverbs 31 of "A Virtuous Woman!" A great Mother in Israel has laid down to rest.

In heaven's ledger, the legacy of Linda's life and ministry is timeless. With their health food store in LaGrande, Oregon she ministered to so many people. Teaching. Modeling. Conducting classes. Cooking schools. She came into our lives. She left footprints on our hearts. And we are never ever the same.

So, what can we make of this sad and unfortunate death? **"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints,"** Psalms 116:15 reminds us. So yes, while we miss precious Linda, we know she **"rests from her labors."** She's safe. And **"her works do follow her."** (Rev. 14:13). She's sleeping. Safely in the bosom of Jesus, where the Apostle Paul and HMS Richards always remind us **"we never die!"** Her life is now **"hid with Christ in God"** (Col. 3:3) awaiting the call of the Lifegiver. That's the **"Blessed Hope, without which we would be most miserable."**

Good night, sweet Linda. Rest quietly and peacefully. We'll see you in the morning.

Celebrating the life of Linda Clayville



May 22, 1947 – June 9, 2024
Beloved wife, mother and friend.

29th of September 2024
4:30 in the afternoon
La Grande Adventist Church
2702 Adams Ave, La Grande, OR 97850

Proverbs 31:10-12 and 26-31

Verses 10-12

A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.

Verses 26-31

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

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Life Celebration

Linda Loucille (Harlan) McCabe Clayville

Prelude **Carol Ann St Clair**

Welcome **Dennis Clayville**

Scripture **Dixie Lund**

John 14:1-3 (*The Remedy Paraphrase*)

Prayer **Dixie Lund**

Congregation Hymn **#12**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

God's Story Told Through Linda's Life **Blake Bars**

Special Music **Don Clayville**

How Great Thou Art

Inspiration **Dale Cardwell**

Sharing Time **Friends**

Closing Prayer **Dale Cardwell**

Postlude **Carol Ann St Clair**

Reception Dinner

Please join us for Reception Dinner provided immediately following the service at the Presbyterian Friendship Center at 1308 Washington Ave, La Grande, OR 97850. Please enter through the parking lot doors.