

A Celebration of Life  
Linda Ann Dawson  
May 27, 1940 - March 26, 2022

Linda Ann (Waldrop) Dawson, 81, of Carmichael, passed away peacefully in the late evening of March 25, 2022 at All Seasons-Hialeah in Fair Oaks.

Born in Forest City, NC, Linda was the eldest daughter of Carl Edgar Waldrop and Lorena Viri (Abrams) Waldrop. She graduated from Cool Springs High School in Forest City and earned a Bachelor of Music degree with a major in piano performance from the University of Georgia (Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Iota). Linda studied piano with Edwin Gerschefski at Converse College in Spartanburg, SC, the University of New Mexico, and the University of Georgia.

She married William David Dawson in 1962 and together they raised two children, celebrating nearly 60 years of marriage.

Linda served as a church organist/pianist throughout her life, beginning at age 15 in Forest City, NC, then in Brunswick, GA, Newport, RI and Long Beach, CA, and later for many years at UUSS in Sacramento, CA.

Linda taught piano to children and adults in her home for more than 40 years. She earned teaching credentials from the State of California and The California Community Colleges and taught piano and music appreciation at American River College and National University.

Linda performed in solo piano, chamber, and choral concerts in northern California and toured Great Britain as accompanist for the River City Chorale. From 1994-1999, she served as accompanist and arranged music for the Sacramento Master Singers. Linda was an active member of the Music Teachers Association of California, Sacramento Saturday Club, and Sacramento Piano Club.

With her young family, Linda enjoyed many outdoor adventure activities. She encouraged her daughters in academics, plus art, music, and a wide variety of sports. She and her husband traveled throughout the United States, Europe, and China. She was an avid follower of news and politics and a volunteer for the League of Women Voters.

Linda is survived by her husband, William David, of Carmichael; her children Kimberly Ann Dawson of Portland, OR, and Amy Lynn Dawson of Washington, DC; and her sisters Jane (Ed, deceased) Duffield, of Raleigh, NC, and Susan (Gary) Williams of Atlanta, GA.

Music for Gathering and Story in Photos <i>Longing, Gratitude, At Peace</i> composed by Linda Dawson	Clifford Shockney
Words of Welcome	Dawson Family
Lighting of the Chalice	Dawson Family
Invocation	
Hymn	<i>Gather the Spirit</i>
Eulogy	Rev. Lucy Bunch
Reading: <i>The Rest Is Silence</i> by Aldous Huxley	Ralph Hughes
Music for Reflection <i>O Music</i> by David L. Brunner	Sacramento Master Singers
Remembrances from Friends and Family Ralph Hughes, Doug Kraft, Geilan Topozada, Amy Dawson	
Music for Reflection <i>Rhapsody of the Bells</i> arranged by Linda Dawson	Theresa Keene
Communal Sharing of Memories	
Music for Reflection <i>Simple Gifts</i> arranged by Linda Dawson	Sacramento Master Singers
Prayer	
Extinguishing the Chalice	Dawson Family
Benediction	
Postlude <i>The Entertainer</i> by Scott Joplin	Clifford Shockney
Officials: Rev. Lucy Bunch, Rev. Dr. Roger Jones	



Please join the family for a reception in the Welcome Hall and patio, hosted by volunteers from the congregation, to exchange memories of Linda and view the mementos of her life.

IN MEMORY OF LINDA, PLEASE CONSIDER DONATIONS TO:

Sacramento Master Singers  
UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)  
Unitarian Universalist Society of Sacramento

Please write "Linda Dawson" in the memo line of your check.

The family wishes to thank the musicians in our service today: Clifford Shockney, Heidi Van Regenmorter, Leo Gravin, Theresa Keene, Ralph Hughes and the Sacramento Master Singers.



**In Loving Memory**

**Linda Ann Dawson**

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**Saturday, June 4, 2022, 10:30 AM**

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