



## Linda Henderson Woodley

August 14, 1963 - January 10, 2013

Linda Henderson Woodley was born on August 14, 1963 to Lindsay and Mary Lou Henderson in Richmond Virginia. She was a product of Richmond Public Schools having graduated from George Wythe High School in 1981. She obtained a B.A. in Journalism from Radford University and M.A. in Adult Education from Central Michigan University. She married her best friend and soul mate, Jesse “Jay” Woodley, in a candlelight service in 1997.

Linda committed her life to Christ on the last Sunday of December in 1985 when she joined New Light Baptist Church, under the pastorate of Rev. Michael V. Kelsey, Sr. While a member of New Light, Linda served as the church secretary for Rev. Verlin D. Williams and Rev. Walter L. Smith, Jr. She was chairperson of the Women’s Ministry, having initiated the annual Women’s Day Prayer Breakfast and coordinated the early women’s retreats. She sung in the Sanctuary and Mass choirs. She was also active with the Christian Education Ministry, where she assisted with planning the Community Fair.

Linda and Jay joined Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church in New Kent County, under the pastorate of Rev. Rudolph V. Sykes, Jr., where Jay served as musician. She was a member of the Gospel Chorus.

Linda’s professional life focused on college financial aid, higher education and

access. She served as a financial aid officer at Kee Business College. From 1986 to 2004, she held various positions at the Virginia Education Loan Authority, Virginia Student Assistance Authority, State Education Assistance Authority, which eventually became Education Credit Management Corporation. Most recently, she served as the Director of Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Education for the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV). She was blessed to work with a phenomenal group of women at SCHEV, all of whom she truly admired.

Linda enjoyed her position as an Access Advisor for the Greater Aspiration Scholarship Program (GRASP), which she was affiliated with since 2000. She was active in the Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (VASFAA), where she initiated the organization's annual Super Saturday event. She was also one of the founding board members of the Virginia College Access Network (VirginiaCAN), serving as its secretary and helping to plan its annual conferences. Linda viewed her work in assisting students explore the opportunities available for postsecondary education and secure the funding to attain their goals as a ministry. Linda was also an avid reader and enjoyed traveling and shopping.

Left to cherish Linda's life include her husband of 17 years, Jesse "Jay" Woodley; two sons, Rasheed Woodley (Theresa) of New Rochelle, NY and Andre Baldwin (Ashley) of Richmond; daughter, Sarah Woodley of Bronx, NY; parents, Lindsay W. Henderson and Mary Lou Henderson; four brothers, Lindsay, Jr. (Margaret), Michael (Angela), James and Kelvin, all of Richmond; two sisters, Vanessa (Earl) of Richmond and Joyce (Lawrence) of Raleigh, NC; mother-in-law, Gladys Woodley of New Rochelle, NY; 4 sisters-in-law, 3 brothers-in-law, 10 grandchildren, 5 nieces, 7 nephews; one godson, Travis Moody; goddaughter, Brandis Boyd, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, co-workers, colleagues, and special friends including life-long friends, Evangeline Hornes-Thompson, Sharon Bassard, Theresa Boyd, Deborah Day and

Sheree Foster, as well as her life coach/mentor, Janet King.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

JAN 16. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Family Hour

JAN 16. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

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Richmond, VA 23222

## Service

JAN 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Miss our open conversations.  
Happy early Birthday Wishes!!!!*



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**Wayne** - August 10, 2025 at 09:20 PM



“  *You!!*

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**Wayne** - August 06, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ *Linda Henderson Woodley*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Happy Birthday !!!!! Best Wishes !!!!!*



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**Wayne** - August 14, 2020 at 01:11 AM



“ *Never forgotten Never will God Willing*

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**Wayne** - August 14, 2019 at 05:01 PM

VJ

“ *I will always love and miss you. Whenever I need a pick me up I think of you and the color purple.*

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**Vanessa Jeffries** - January 09, 2018 at 02:19 PM

WA

“ *Love you always*

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**wayne** - August 10, 2016 at 07:31 AM

JA

“ *My best friend my lover my life my soul mate  
My everything you are dearly missed.*



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**Jay** - February 22, 2015 at 04:36 PM

KH

“ *To Linsay & Mary Lou I am so sorry for your loss may GOD grant you peace during this hard time of bereavement. Know that I will keep each and everyone of you in my prayers*

*Love  
Karleen & Arthur Haskins Jr*

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**Karleen Haskins** - January 17, 2013 at 02:17 PM

JD

“ *To all of Linda's Family:*

*I had the privilege of working with Linda at SCHEV continuously for the past six years. She did her job well, and she did it with a genuinely good heart that earned universal affection and respect. The term "good person" may not have been invented just to describe her, but it could have been.*

*Joe DeFilippo  
SCHEV*

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**Joe DeFilippo** - January 16, 2013 at 04:11 PM

SS

“ *I would like to extend my deepest sympathy and condolences to Linda's family. We worked together at SCHEV from 2004 (when she began employment) through 2007 (when I left Virginia and moved home to Louisiana). We were "next door neighbors" in the office and this allowed me to get to know her pretty well. She was always smiling, always polite, and so even keeled. I am sure she will be missed greatly, and my thoughts and prayers go out to her loved ones.*

*Fondly,  
Stephen C. Scott*

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**Stephen C. Scott** - January 16, 2013 at 02:54 PM

PW

“ To Kelvin Henderson and family,

*I'm saddened to hear of the passing of your sister, Linda. Please continue to allow God to strengthen and guide you during this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that these words from God will leave you with comfort: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you." John 14 (NIV)*

*Respectfully,  
Portia Walters*

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**Portia Walters** - January 15, 2013 at 04:47 PM

PW

“ To Kelvin Henderson and Family,

*I'm saddened to hear of the passing of your sister, Linda. Please continue to allow God to strengthen and guide you during this difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I pray that these words from God will leave you with comfort: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you." John 14 (NIV)*

*Respectfully,  
Portia Walters*

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**Portia I. Walters** - January 15, 2013 at 02:51 PM

DM

“ I am deeply heartbroken of hearing on the passing of Linda. In the financial aid community such a resource of information that was given patiently and warmly. Linda, was someone who I could always call on. She will be missed by many in the financial aid community .

*Deborah Marshall  
Financial Aid Director, Central Virginia Community College*

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**Deborah A. Marshall** - January 15, 2013 at 07:24 AM

KW

“ My first encounter with Mrs. Woodley was at a VCAN Conference. The passion that she displayed wowed me. She was truly a jewel to know and love. She will be forever missed. My prayers are with the Henderson & Woodley Family that God will send comfort to your hearts.

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**Kesha N Wilson** - January 15, 2013 at 06:11 AM

MB

“ It saddened me to learn of the passing of a fellow colleague, a soror, and a friend. Linda played a vital part in the lives of so many people. I remember her genuine concern for others and her loving smile. May God be with Jay and the Woodley family during this time. You are in my thoughts and prayers!

*Melissa J. Barnes  
2011-12 VASFAA President  
Associate Director of Financial Aid - NSU  
Member - Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.*

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**Melissa J. Barnes** - January 14, 2013 at 02:08 PM

JJ

“ Sympathy to Linda's family. I knew her through VCAN. She was always cheerful, friendly and helpful. She will be missed. Joyce Jenkins-Wimmer, Warren Coalition College Access Program

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**Joyce Jenkins-Wimmer** - January 14, 2013 at 02:01 PM

SF

“ Linda was a very special person and will be sorely missed. She was God-fearing, selfless, caring, thoughtful, compassionate, organized and a very hard working woman. My wonderful memories of Linda will forever live in my heart, she was the best Director I could ever ask for.

*I am praying for Jay and the entire family and offer this scripture to encourage you all:*

*John 16:33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

*Sandra Freeman*

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**Sandra Freeman** - January 14, 2013 at 12:39 PM

MM

“ Linda has long been an inspiration to those of us who work in financial aid. She was a tireless advocate for students and access to college and financial assistance. Through her efforts she has touched the lives of so many in our Commonwealth who never met her personally or even knew her name. Linda did not serve to be honored, but for care and compassion of those needing guidance in order to better their ability to care for themselves and their families.

*Prayers for comfort and peace to ease her family and friends during this time of loss.*

*Margaret Murphy, 2012-2013 President  
Virginia Association of Student Aid Administrators*

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**Margaret Murphy** - January 14, 2013 at 10:29 AM

SH

“ Jay,  
*I am so sorry for your loss, but I know that you will see her again. Linda was always so pleasant to be around....she was a jewel! I know you will miss her dearly. May you find comfort in the wonderful memories of the love and joy you both shared....I am praying for you...Always! Your cuz'*

*Shirley  
Accokeek, MD.*

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**Shirley Hill** - January 14, 2013 at 08:37 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Funeral Homes** - January 11, 2013 at 01:41 PM

KH

*I will always love you. Wayne*

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**kelvin wayne henderson** - January 11, 2013 at 09:35 PM

AJ

*Unfortunatately, I never had the pleasure of meeting Linda in person. However, as a HS Counselor, I would seek her out via email or phone regarding issues related to post secondary planning for our students. She was ALWAYS professional, kind and passionate about her work. I was saddened when I opened my email this morning and read of her passing. Linda will be missed! May the Lord bless her family and friends!*

*Angela Jenkins  
2 Corinthians 5:8*

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**Angela Jenkins** - January 14, 2013 at 08:58 AM

MK

*Ms. Woodley is delightful, the Global Health College Community will always hold on to the memories we share. May this family find comfort and peace.*

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**Mariatu Kargbo** - January 14, 2013 at 10:30 AM

ES

*May God continue to bless the Woodley family for now and always. I have spoken with Linda on several occasions regarding training matters and I had the pleasure of meeting her at an orientation. She had such a gentle peace that appeared to surround her presence. She will be missed.*

*Ebeyana Simmons  
Doctor's Help*

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**Ebeyana Simmons** - January 14, 2013 at 04:33 PM



*May God keep the Woodley family strong and steadfast during these trying times. Our most heart-felt sympathies are with you all during this tremendous loss. Ms. Woodley was a person of strong moral and ethical character. I had the pleasure of meeting with Ms. Woodley on several occasions and each time was a completely new learning experience. She was a caring dedicated committed professional that was always willing to help those in need of her assistance. She is a highly respected member in the education community and the knowledge and sharing of her insights will be sorely missed. Ms. Linda Woodley was a beautiful gift of God that shared her life with all. The lives that she has impacted with knowledge, skills and abilities are insurmountable. Thanks for Ms. Woodley for all that you have done for me and the entire education community. You have left a legacy of selfless-service that cannot be matched. My prayers are with the Woodley Family. God is in control. May the family of Ms. Linda Woodley find comfort and peace in God's wisdom.*

*Respectfully,  
Ted Hart, M.Ed  
Department of Defense Education and Training Services*

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**Ted Hart** - January 15, 2013 at 08:52 AM

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*To the Family of Linda  
I was truly heart broken when I learned of Linda's passing today. I worked closely with her although I was not an employee of SCHEV. I will always remember Linda for her smile and sincerity. I am sure that she is missed by all who knew her and my condolences go out to all of you. I know she is resting in the safety of God's arms.*

*Respectfully,  
Freida Reid*

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**Freida Reid** - January 17, 2013 at 01:46 PM