



Linda Joan (Cartner) McAuley

October 8, 1932 - January 5, 2018

Mrs. Linda Joan Cartner McAuley, 85, passed away Friday, January 5, 2018 at her home in Statesville. She was born October 8, 1932, in Iredell County to the late Lonnie Vestal and Ethel Subina Tharpe Cartner, and married Harmony High School classmate, George Ranson McAuley on November 30, 1951. Linda and George went on to have seven children, ten grandchildren, and two great grand-children together, and remained a loving and devoted couple for over sixty-six years. Linda attended Mitchell College in the early 1950's and completed a degree in Human Services from Gardner-Webb University in 1986 after putting all seven of her own children through college. Linda and George have owned McAuley's Dairy Farm, now a NC Century Farm, since the 1950's. In addition, Linda worked as a social worker for the Iredell County Department of Social Services, often mentoring young mothers participating in the JOBS program. Mrs. McAuley was an active volunteer in the community. She served as a leader to the Ebenezer 4-H Club from 1972-2011 and was an inductee to the NC 4-H Leadership Hall of Fame. She was a driving force and inspiration for hundreds of youth, helping 4-H'ers achieve numerous accomplishments including state and national project book and presentation wins, induction into the NC 4-H Honor Club, and election to District and State offices. Under her leadership, the club became one of the earliest integrated community clubs in the state.

In 2017, the NC 4-H Family Legacy Award was given to the McAuley Family in recognition of the work that Linda accomplished and inspired. Mrs. McAuley was also active in Bethany Presbyterian Church, serving as the historic church's first female elder, and known for leading the annual youth Christmas Party. In retirement, Linda spent much of her time working with Yokefellow Ministries. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters Louise Tutterow, Lois Glascock, Lorene Glasscock, and Bonnie Cherry; her brother, Gilbert Cartner; and her son-in-law, Roelof Boon. She is survived by her husband and seven children, Georgette McAuley (Kevin Duffy) of Villanova, PA; Joan Boon of Davidson, NC; David McAuley (Sandra Pearce) of Okeechobee, FL; Rebekah McAuley of Newport News, VA; Alex McAuley (Sandy McAuley) of Statesville, NC; Philip McAuley (Lynne McAuley) of Concord, NC; and Charles McAuley of Statesville, NC. She is also survived by ten grandchildren, Dr. Caitlin Boon (Tomás Carbonell) and Ian Duffy (Elizabeth Clark) of Washington, DC; Cameron

Duffy (Allison Barber) of Saratoga Springs, NY; Bethany Welstead (Dr. Jason Welstead) and Lindsay Ullrich of Newport News, VA; Hadden McAuley of East Bend, NC; Alexa and Daniel McAuley of Statesville, NC; and Cooper and Ana McAuley of Concord, NC; two great-grandsons, Felipe and Javier Carbonell-Boon of Washington, DC; and many nieces and nephews that knew her as Aunt Jo. Linda will be remembered by her family and friends for her love of music, artists Norman Rockwell and Bob Timberlake, and spoiling her grandchildren with ice cream at every opportunity. Funeral services are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Sunday, January 7, at Bethany Presbyterian Church, followed immediately by burial in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends following the burial in the church fellowship hall. The family requests no flowers and that in lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Bethany Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund, 114 Bethany Rd., Statesville, NC 28625; Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Rd., Statesville, NC 28625; or Yokefellow Ministries, PO Box 5384, Statesville, NC 28677. Condolences may be sent online to the family to www.nicholsonfunerals.com. Nicholson Funeral Home is serving the family.

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“ A candle was lit by Stacey Adams
on January 5, 2018 7:25 PM

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“ Ms. McCauley meant so much to so many. She will surely be missed.

Endia Lewis - February 11, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ McAuley Family and many friends of Mrs. Linda, my condolence to all of you. May your many memories bring you comfort beyond measure to share with each other during this special time. May you also have the peace and comfort of our Heavenly Father Jehovah.
2 Corinthians 1:3,4

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“ A candle was lit by Magallon family

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Please accept our most sincerest condolences. Our prayers are with you and your family. May God grant your family strength and serenity through this difficult moment your family is enduring. God has promised us that we will soon be reunited with our loved one. "There is going to be a resurrection," the Bible confirms at Acts 24:15. "Do not be amazed at this, "Jesus assures as, "for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out"-John 5:28,29

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“ Linda and I worked together at Dept. of Social Services and remained friends for many years - even after I moved out of the area. When I came back to visit, we always spent at least half a day together catching up - then we would meet George for dinner so that he wasn't left out of our day. We kept in touch with phone calls and cards. A few years ago they stopped on their way to visit their son and Linda, Georgette and I were able to have lunch together and do some visiting. She was a terrific person who will be missed by all - family, church and community. She touched many lives in so many ways. I am honored to have been able to call her my friend for several years. She had been on my mind this week and now I know why. My sincerest condolences to the entire family.

Lillian Tobias - February 11, 2019 at 09:31 AM



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“ To Georgette and the whole McAuley family, you have our deepest sympathy on the loss of Linda. Losing a mom, that person in the family who holds everyone together, is very hard and family life is just not the same after that. There is recovery, surely, but she will always be missed, in so many ways now and later on. So sorry we could not be there for the service, we heard the news too late. Your family and our family started out together in the same geographical area with solid farm roots and we all went in so many directions. Linda, your mom, was an inspiration to all, all her long life. What a treasure to have her here so long, and for her to have touched so many other lives so well. Best wishes always, Vickie and Drew

Vickie Degges - February 11, 2019 at 09:31 AM



“ Please accept my sincere. May you find comfort in warm memories and coming promises. Revelation 21,3,4

Melissa - February 11, 2019 at 09:31 AM