



## Linda Groce

November 4, 1958 - September 28, 2024

On this day, we gather to celebrate the life of Mrs. Linda Groce, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and cherished friend. Born in Talladega, Alabama on November 4, 1958, Linda was a beacon of love and warmth to all who were fortunate enough to know her. She entered this world as a gift from above to parents Henry C. Orr and Geraldine Ragland, and from her very beginnings, it was clear that she was destined to spread joy and kindness to those around her.

Linda's devotion to her faith was steadfast, and her soul found comfort in serving the Lord for over 40 years at St. Mark Church of God in Christ. Her melodious voice graced the St. Mark Chorus, especially when singing her favorite song, "Order My Steps" bringing peace and harmony to all who listened. Her deep commitment to her community and her unwavering love for her family defined her existence. Linda received her formal education in the Talladega County School System and because of her passion of beautifying herself and others, she furthered her education and graduated from Cosmetology School in 1997. Her love was evident for the Lord and her education.

In a divine pairing, Linda found her soulmate and the love of her life in Alfred E. Groce during her high school years, which changed her forever. Their union in holy matrimony on October 14, 1977, blossomed into a love that knew no

bounds, bearing the fruits of five children, whom she loved with all her heart, and a lifetime of cherished memories. Linda's role as a mother and grandmother brought her immeasurable joy, and her legacy of love will forever resonate in the hearts of those she held dear.

As we look back on Linda's life, we remember her as a woman of grace, laughter, and boundless love. Her dedication to her job at Walmart for over 21 years, where she was loved and respected abundantly, and her passion for hairstyling spoke volumes about her commitment to excellence in all she pursued. Her love for family vacations, going to visit her brother James and daughter Andrea in her free time, gardening with her husband, laughter, playing games on her phone, cooking, and baking pound cakes (lemon glaze being her favorite) will be forever etched in our memories. We would also like to remember how Linda enjoyed and appreciated having her daughter, Andrea and husband, Alfred, Sr. chauffeur her to all of her appointments while additionally keeping her comfortable and at peace knowing the road ahead was not going to be easy, but God was in charge and preparing her new home where there would be no more suffering once she made it to the other side.

On Saturday morning, September 28, 2024, as the angels came to carry her home, Linda Groce transitioned peacefully from this world to be home with our savior while while in the comfort of her home with her beloved husband and daughter at her side. She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry C. Orr and Geraldine Ragland; two children, Talina D. Groce and Jerald S. Groce, grandmother, Lucy Smith, sister, Luann Story, and brother, John Story.

Linda Groce leaves a legacy of love and memories to forever be cherished by her loving and devoted husband of over 48 years, Mr. Alfred E. Groce; two daughters, Stacey (Stevie) Groce Lane and Andrea Groce; one son, Alfred Groce, Jr.; sisters, Maryum Story, Jacqueline (Ralph) Brown, Juanita O. (Michael) Simmons; and Almedith Orr; brothers, James Story, Dennis

Ragland, and Arthur Story; grandchildren, Erykah Groce, Eboni Groce, Clenon Groce II, Caden Groce, Alfred Len Groce III, and Austyn Groce; great-granddaughter, Brylie Massey; special sister, Sandra Stephens; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, others relatives, and friends who will carry her spirit in their hearts always.

May we find consolation in our shared memories of Linda's love, laughter, and unwavering faith, and may her spirit guide us in the days to come. Together, we celebrate a life that touched so many hearts and transformed so many souls. As we bid farewell to our beloved Linda, let us remember her with reverence, compassion, celebration, and utmost gratitude for having been blessed by her presence.

Linda Groce's transition from this earth will leave a void that cannot be filled, but her everlasting love and sweet spirit will continue to inspire those who loved her and knew her. Let us all come together and rejoice in the name of the Lord.

# Cemetery Details

## Rushing Springs Cemetery

Springhill Road  
Talladega, AL 35160

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

OCT 4. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Home Chapel  
217 Coosa St. East  
Talladega, AL 35160

## Celebration of Life

OCT 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Mark Church of Our God in Christ  
969 Colvin Road  
Lincoln, AL 35096

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *The Johnson-Shoy Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Linda Groce.*



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**The Johnson-Shoy Family** - October 04, 2024 at 09:14 AM

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“ *The Johnson-Shoy Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Groce.*

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**The Johnson-Shoy Family** - October 04, 2024 at 09:14 AM

OD

“ *Olivia,Patricia,Sarah ,Rob and Dorothy purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Linda Groce.*



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**Olivia,Patricia,Sarah ,Rob and Dorothy** - October 03, 2024 at 05:40 PM

OD

“ *Olivia,Patricia,Sarah ,Rob and Dorothy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Groce.*

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**Olivia,Patricia,Sarah ,Rob and Dorothy** - October 03, 2024 at 05:40 PM

DF

“ *Darius Truss and Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Linda Groce.*



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**Darius Truss and Family** - October 02, 2024 at 08:41 PM

TK

“ *The Walkers, Ramirez, and Kennedys purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Linda Groce.*



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**The Walkers, Ramirez, and Kennedys** - October 01, 2024 at 09:57 PM

CL

“ *CSS Leadership purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda Groce.*



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**CSS Leadership** - October 01, 2024 at 09:44 AM



“ *Charmaine Thomas lit a candle in memory of Linda Groce*



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**Charmaine Thomas** - October 01, 2024 at 07:03 AM

WJ

“ *In Wal-Mart today--found it hard to remember I would not see her walking up the aisle with the sweetest smile on her face. A sweet soul has moved on to a place of perfect peace, but she will be sorely missed here. Praying for her family as they try to move forward without her physical presence. May the years of memories sustain you.*



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**Winona Jacobs** - September 30, 2024 at 08:31 PM

CB

“ *Cynthia Barginere purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Linda Groce.*



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**Cynthia Barginere** - September 30, 2024 at 03:44 PM

CB

“ *Cynthia Barginere planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Groce.*

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**Cynthia Barginere** - September 30, 2024 at 03:44 PM