



Lynn Wimberly Lindsey

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Lynn Wimberly Lindsey died on November 21, 2025 at the age of 87. She was the daughter of Clay and Carrie Boyd Hansen. In addition to her parents, Lynn is predeceased by her husband of forty-one years, Wayne Lindsey; her first husband of fourteen years, Ed Wimberly; children, Allison Wimberly and Clay Wimberly and sister, Anne Hansen. Lynn is survived by her children, Elaine Lindsey Porter (Robert); Beth Wimberly Hohfeler (Jay); Todd Lindsey (former wife, Gwen); Mary Kate Wimberly and nephew, Douglas Griffiths. Lynn is also survived by her seven grandchildren: Molly Hohfeler Vaughn (Jack), Tyler Lindsey (Mallory); Hannah Lindsey; Maggie Hohfeler; Joseph Porter; Matthew Porter; Kate Hohfeler Hanson (Josh) and six great grandchildren: Evelyn Lindsey, Cal Vaughn, Scarlett Lindsey, Charlotte Vaughn, Georgia Vaughn, Nora Hanson.

Lynn was born in Marianna, Arkansas in 1938, and lived nearly her entire life in the city of Little Rock. She was graduated from Central High School, attended Hendrix College and became a cum laude graduate of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. Phi Beta Kappa and Mortar Board awarded her academic honors. Her theological education for Diaconal Minister was obtained from Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and the United Methodist Church ordained her as a Diaconal Minister in 1990 and as a Deacon in 1997.

As a five-year-old, Lynn was baptized at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church (PHUMC) and, except for her collegiate years and final years in Dallas, faithfully served the church she loved. The Lord, through PHUMC, formed her spiritual life and made her calling clear: to extend the love of Christ to, literally, thousands of children, adults and pastoral colleagues over the next decades of her life. PHUMC was her “home”, in the deepest sense. She cultivated its community with her very life, giving expression to her love by remembering church members’ names, heartbreaks and stories. From wisdom hewn from thirty-two years of ministry experience, she initiated, taught, drew alongside all ages, and carried burdens in addition to her own.



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Outside the church, Lynn joined her voice and gifts toward children's advocacy issues and became an instructor in several community parenting programs. A crowning achievement was her direct involvement in founding the Woodlawn Therapeutic Children's Center (WTCC) for abused and neglected children. She served as WTCC's first president of the Board of Directors. Lynn was also an active volunteer in the Little Rock public schools; at one time serving in five different public schools – one for each child.

The ways in which Lynn Lindsey loved her family became life-giving for generations who knew her. She loved sacrificially with affirmation that placed each family member safely secured in a bond which could never be lost. She was indefatigable for her family. In 1979, as a widow marrying a widower, Wayne Lindsey, this blended family almost immediately set out in a rented Winnebago for two weeks in the American West. Needless to say, it wasn't Wayne's idea. But the trip set the pace for family vacations for decades to come. They found ways to save and prioritize those family times as treasured milestones forging sweet relationships between in-laws, cousins and grandparents. Although often in need of a nap, Lynn could not risk "missing-out" if board games or walks outside with family were a possibility. Despite her many professional accomplishments, her favorite role was that of mother and grandmother and her favorite title was always "Grammy". Lynn was relentless in her love for her family and never tired of cultivating those bonds.

But Lynn loved the family of Pulaski Heights the same way, bringing her passion and tireless energy to every task she undertook. As Director of Children's Ministries for nine years, she established multiple new programs benefitting the children of PHUMC. She then calculated that the best way to help children was to educate parents—and her role was expanded to Director of Christian Education for another twelve years, encompassing older adult and family ministry. Over 32 years Lynn held almost every leadership position, including Minister to Families with Children, Pastor of Visitation and Older Adults, Minister of Evangelism and Executive Pastor before her retirement. Yet, unable to stay away entirely, Lynn returned to work as the first Director of the Pulaski Heights UMC Foundation where the institution more than doubled its assets before her 2nd retirement.

Lynn's ministry at PHUMC touched almost every area of the church, including the beginning of ten Sunday School classes, bringing ChristCare small group ministry to the church, starting the telephone ministry for homebound members and leading the establishment of Helping Hands, a respite care program. Yet some of her deepest joys came from the Bible studies she led with



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Wayne for over 12 years. After her retirement she remained an active and vital member of PHUMC until her health dictated a move to Dallas.

Those final four years of life in Dallas were spent under the exceptional loving care of the following friends and caregivers, for which the family is forever grateful: Joy Mmbifwa, Pauline Otieno, Peninah Odumbe, Everlyne Nyarotso, Ann Abiagom and Judith Njiri.

A Celebration of Life Service for Lynn Lindsey will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 11:00am at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church with a reception immediately following. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the “Lindsey Family Endowment” at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Foundation, 4823 Woodlawn Dr., Little Rock, AR 72205—or on-line at <https://www.phumcfoundation.org/give>



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SB

Susan Jones-Boe posted:

The Wimberly/Lindsey family's history is so much a part of my Jones family's history. Mrs Lindsey was such an amazing human. We all learned and became better people by just being around her. I babysat for you kiddos in the late sixties/early seventies! My head is just swirling with memories and love. Please know I have been holding you in my heart. SO many people were touched by your Mom (and I still remember Mr Wimberly and Mr Lindsey with great love and admiration). Her spirit and love will be with us all forever.

December 13 at 2:06 PM

PO

Pauline Otieno shared 3 photos and a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.



December 2 at 10:27 AM

V

Virginia Lewis lit a candle in honor of Lynn.

Lynn was my boss when I started work at PHUMC. She also baptized my daughter. What a wonderful woman! She will be greatly missed. Virginia



December 2 at 10:27 AM



Pauline Otieno shared 3 photos and a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

December 2 at 12:48 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lynn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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