



Mrs. Linda Louise Chapman

August 10, 1950 - March 22, 2025

Linda Louise Hatchett Chapman was born in Newport News, VA to the late Earl and Maglene Craig. She was the fourth child of eight children. She was reared by her godparents, the late Richard and Gladys Green.

On September 16, 1972, Linda was joined in holy matrimony to the late Clifton Ray Chapman. They were married for 37 years and were the surrogate parents for many children, especially their nieces and nephews.

Linda graduated in the 1968 Class of Huntington High School. After graduation, Linda's first job was as a CNA at Patrick Henry Hospital. She would later move to Riverside Hospital, where she worked for over 36 years in the Sterile Processing Department.

She retired in 2013 as a Central Processing Technician at Riverside Regional Medical Center. Her unofficial title should have been "Riverside Goodwill Ambassador" because everywhere she went there was someone that remembered her from the job and had an engaging story to share. She was a member of International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management (IAHCSMM)] now the Healthcare Sterile Processing Association (HSPA).

Linda joined St. Paul AME Church at 9 years old, under the pastorate of the

late Reverend Sidney W. Williams, Sr. Over the last 60 plus years, she served the church in many capacities and was instrumental in many ministries.

We are so grateful that we were blessed with her presence and experienced life with her. She is supremely loved and will be greatly missed.

She is preceded in death by her husband; Clifton R. Chapman, special nephew; David Cottle, parents; Earl and Maglene Craig; godparents, Richard and Gladys Green, grandparents; James and Martha Hatchett, Fannie Holloman; uncles, James Hatchett, John Henry Holloman, Tommy Holloman, aunts; Gladys Hatchett, Ruth Barrett, brother; Ronald W. Hatchett, sisters; Martha D. Hatchett, Robin Green, and Margaret Robinson Daniels.

She is survived by four brothers, Erwin Hatchett, Hampton, Virginia, Steven Hatchett, Newport News, Virginia, Brian Craig (Joyce), Fayetteville, North Carolina and Earl Craig II (Shelia), Hampton, Virginia; aunt Mary Craig, two godchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Hampton Memorial Garden

155 Butler Farm Road
Hampton, VA 23666

Previous Events

Linda L. Chapman Public Viewing

MAR 28. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

M.E. Fisher Funeral Home
2117 Madison Avenue
Newport News, VA 23607

Linda L. Chapman Celebration of Life

MAR 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church
2500 Chestnut Ave
Newport News, VA 23607

Chapman Burial

MAR 29. 12:30 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Hampton Memorial Garden
155 Butler Farm Road
Hampton, VA 23666

Tribute Wall



“ *M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Linda Louise Chapman*



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - March 27, 2025 at 09:36 AM

DW

My heart was broken to hear of my dear friend transitioning on to heaven. She & I were faithful in working with Heritage After Prom as if we had kids at the school. She and I worked with the homeless faithfully that majority knew her name too. Linda carried LOVE for her family, church friends, and others. Her smile was always there even through her pain. Steve, Craig & Earl that she has joined Mrs Magdalene and other. Just know I am here for you.

Dorlyne Washington - March 27, 2025 at 05:48 PM

DM

Beautiful picture, R i P my friend love you forever ❤️

Doretha Mills - March 28, 2025 at 09:47 AM



I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to my family and friends for your heartfelt condolences and support during this challenging time. Your kindness and presence are deeply appreciated by my family and me. “Rest in Heaven” Linda L. Hatchett Chapman.

Brian Craig - April 06, 2025 at 09:39 PM

RA

“ Ms. Chapman aka "Aunt Linda" will be greatly missed. She was a mother figure to my good friend, Mr. David Cottle and a co-worker with my mother. Our prayers are with the family.

Reggie Alston - May 13, 2025 at 04:41 PM

ME

“ Linda and I worked together for many years. Oh what good times we had at Riverside. Laughing, crying, praying, singing and eating together. I will miss you my friend. To her family know that weeping may endure for a night but joy will come in the morning.
Marva & Tyrone Ellis

Marva Ellis - March 27, 2025 at 10:48 PM

AA

“ Allen, Bobbie, Rhonda, Gabi, Linda & Ang purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Mrs. Linda Louise Chapman.



Allen, Bobbie, Rhonda, Gabi, Linda & Ang - March 27, 2025 at 10:07 PM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



M.E. Fisher Funeral Home, Inc. - March 27, 2025 at 09:30 AM



“ Gail Mills Cosby lit a candle in memory of Linda Chapman



Gail Mills Cosby - March 27, 2025 at 08:37 AM

SH

“ Lord I just want to say thank you for using a tool Named Linda Chapman. She was your Angel Lord, here on earth. I am going to really miss miss her. Lord she was the only stewardess that could look at the chairs in The pulpit As we dress the communion table she did the chairs and always got the right cover on each chair correct. Her word was Bond! I never heard Linda complain I always heard Linda talk highly of her family And that vibrant smile she had If your day was bad with that smile she carried made it better! Thank you Lord for putting Linda on my path of this life's journey. She Taught me how to be patient, How to be Calm and stay prayed up. Linda love the Lord with all she had or not have, She just always lean and depend on the lord cause she knew he would bring her through ALL THINGS!! AMEN! Family I will Be praying for you all Because the lord called home A real gem Named Linda Louise Chapman! I will always Love You Linda, rest now your work on this side is DONE!



Stewardess Holmes - March 26, 2025 at 10:17 PM

HM

“ HENRY MITCHELL sent a virtual gift in memory of Linda Chapman



HENRY MITCHELL - March 26, 2025 at 03:09 PM

CS

“ Linda,
The 'light of life' that emanated from your very being, was a cherished keepsake. Oh, the resident joy to having you as both a classmate and a friend, will forever remain an intrinsic remembrance. I extend abiding thought and prayer to the Hatchett and Chapman families.

Charles L. Sullivan - March 26, 2025 at 02:08 PM

RR

“ Linda, I'm going to miss you. Especially when you called me "Rocky" and I called you "Crunch". We have known each other since about 6 yrs. old, starting out in the same Sunday School class at St. Paul on 23rd St.

Then we ended up in the same class of "68" at Huntington. We both still serving at St. Paul all these years. Your spirit ,heart, kindness and your laughter with me, will certainly be missed. Rest on in peace, my sister.

Sis. Roxanna Rainey Reaves (Rocky).



Roxanna Reaves - March 25, 2025 at 08:56 PM

DM

“ Doretha 'Pat' Mills purchased the Tranquility Floor Basket - Blue & White for the family of Mrs. Linda Louise Chapman.



Doretha 'Pat' Mills - March 25, 2025 at 08:48 PM



“ HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE



Joanne Hodges - March 25, 2025 at 08:31 PM

JN

“ *Jannie and Nikie purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Mrs. Linda Louise Chapman.*



Jannie and Nikie - March 25, 2025 at 07:00 PM

TF

“ *The Inniss and Gayle Family purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mrs. Linda Louise Chapman.*



The Inniss and Gayle Family - March 25, 2025 at 05:36 PM

TF

“ *The Inniss and Gayle Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Linda Louise Chapman.*

The Inniss and Gayle Family - March 25, 2025 at 05:36 PM

BL

“ A Friend that will be missed dearly. Linda you can't read this (but I pray your spirit will receive this message). As I sit and reminisce about our last meeting when we was joking and laughing about celebrating our class 75th birthday on your birthday, we joked with you that we was not going to have it on your birthday and with your beautiful smile you saying oh yes that's a good date. Linda we would rather have the celebration on August the 10th with you, rather than without you. This is a hard season for the HHS 68 class reunion planning committee; our circle is broken for the first time as we approach our 75th birthday and 60 year reunion. I submit to God's will and we'll forever cherish our friendship and memories. See you in that great getting up morning in our heavenly home.



Betty Lee - March 25, 2025 at 12:48 PM

SH

“ Linda Louise Hatchett Chapman my sister who I'm going to daily miss Our daily talks taking each other out places coming to my church to eat every Monday in the house of prayer kitchen She never failed to come I love my sister but one thing I can say she didn't take her love away with her My family will miss her Linda had an infectious smile She knew no strangers but I'm going to miss her

Steven Hatchett - March 24, 2025 at 10:04 PM

MC

“ The best aunt ever. Ever since I met her in the 70s she has been the same. A very giving and loving person, she was like my sister and will truly be missed. I'll see her on the other side. ❤️❤️❤️

Marsha Eastland . North Carolina - March 24, 2025 at 08:43 PM

JB

“ To my dearest friend: I will miss you. I WILL MISS YOU!! I WILL MISS YOU!!!!

Jannie Bazemore - March 24, 2025 at 08:08 PM

DW

“ Aunt Linda was a devoted and faithful wife to my uncle Clifton. She was a loving aunt.

Dr Kathlyn Barrett Williams - March 24, 2025 at 05:57 PM



HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF LINDA LOUISE CHAPMAN WE WERE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS AND COWORKERS @ RPMC LINDA U TRULY WILL MISSED BY YOUR CHURCH FAMILY YOUR FAMILY & RPMC CO-WORKERS

Joanne Hodges - March 25, 2025 at 08:45 PM

BD

I met Linda through the Gayles family in the 1960s and would talk with her in the corridors at Riverside Hospital where we both worked. Linda was always cordial, smiling, hugging, spiritual and sweet. She was a genuine good person. She will be missed. 💜🙏

Beulah M Davis - March 26, 2025 at 01:38 PM

DM

I miss you girlfriend, Linda you have left a void in our circle of gathering, but not in my heart. You were such a sweet person. Thanks for the memories

Doretha Mills - March 26, 2025 at 09:27 PM

TH

Stevie and family:
We send our condolences to you and your family and we pray that God will keep his loving arms around you and the family. We love you.

Kishla and Theresa Holland

Theresa Holland - March 28, 2025 at 09:16 PM