



Melinda Reynard-Lindsay

February 3, 1956 - July 9, 2025

Melinda Reynard-Lindsay was born on February 3, 1956, to Keith Joy Reynard and Bella Castor-Reynard at a naval base in Charleston, South Carolina. From the very beginning, Melinda brought color, joy, and warmth into the world—a theme that would define her life for the next several decades.

A 1974 graduate of Hickman Mills High School, Melinda carried with her a vibrant, magnetic spirit. She was the life of every party, the spark at every family gathering, and the reason laughter echoed long after everyone had gone home. Her energy was contagious, her presence unforgettable. To know Melinda was to love her—and to laugh with her.

A devoted daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, Melinda centered her life around the people she loved. Her faith anchored her through every season, and she approached life with a deep compassion, unwavering strength, and genuine kindness.

Melinda was endlessly creative. A gifted artist, she had the most elegant handwriting, a beautiful singing voice, and an eye for beauty in the everyday. Whether she was scrapbooking with loved ones, crafting masterpieces from the unexpected, or capturing life's fleeting moments through her lens as an avid photographer, Melinda celebrated the details that others often overlooked. She documented not just her own journey, but those of her family

and friends, preserving memories with care and intention. Melinda was a major sports enthusiast, and fantasy football winner for many years.

Melinda also believed deeply in the power of education. A lifelong learner, she earned an associate's degree in art, a bachelor's degree in liberal arts, and a master's degree in business management. She was also a certified drug and alcohol counselor. Her career was as diverse and meaningful as the life she led. Over the years, she served as a police dispatcher, reserve police officer, firefighter, juvenile intake officer, and probation officer. The last 15 years of her career she dedicated herself to working for the State of Kansas before retiring in May of 2021. Over all the years Melinda worked, she wore many hats and touched countless lives along the way. Leaving a mark that will not soon be forgotten.

Above all, Melinda valued relationships. She was fiercely family-oriented and poured her love into every role she held. Her greatest pride was in her children and grandchildren, who carry forward her legacy of love, creativity, and strength.

Melinda is survived by her beloved husband, Steven Lindsay of Topeka; her children, Nicholas Stewart of Topeka, Loni Stewart-Hiszczynskij (Greg) of Topeka, and Levi Lindsay of Riverside MO; her cherished grandchildren, Nick Stewart II, Noah Hiszczynskij , Layden Stewart, Jonah Hiszczynskij, Hannah Hiszczynskij; and Baya Hiszczynskij. Melinda is also survived by her sisters and brother, Karen Whitesell and Becca Reynard-Boster, Catherine Cox and William McCloud; and a host of extended family and dear friends.

Melinda wore many titles in her life—artist, counselor, officer, friend—but perhaps none more fitting than light-bringer. Her joy, humor, and heart will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Visitation will be at 1 p.m. with memorial service to follow at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

Memorial contributions may be made to Leukemia Society, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home
2801 SW Urish Road
Topeka, KS 66614
(785) 272-7888
info@kevinbrennanfamily.com

Memorial Service

AUG 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BT

“ RIP Melinda. You were a good friend from the day I met you and I will always remember your graciousness and warmth

Bill Tinsley - August 14, 2025 at 10:22 PM

LH

“ She was part of the youth choir that Howard and Lois Hays directed at the Southwood Church of the Nazarene in Raytown, MO. We loved having her in the youth choir. She was such a beautiful person. We will never forget her and the sunshine she brought to all who knew her.

Lois Hays - August 02, 2025 at 06:24 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melinda Reynard-Lindsay.

August 02, 2025 at 09:34 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Melinda Reynard-Lindsay.



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MF

“ Meg Reynard and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melinda Reynard-Lindsay.

Meg Reynard and family - July 27, 2025 at 11:46 AM

MF

“ Meg Reynard and family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Melinda Reynard-Lindsay.



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SB

“ S. Burkhardt purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Melinda Reynard-Lindsay.



S. Burkhardt - July 22, 2025 at 11:14 PM

AF

“ Ann and Bill and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Melinda Reynard-Lindsay.



Ann and Bill and family - July 22, 2025 at 07:52 PM

LB

“ I met Linda at TG&Y, we worked together, she moved in with me, mom& dad, lived with us 5 yrs. She was a sister I never had, always brought joy to me , mad me laugh so hard. Mom taught her how to drive, she went on many family vacations... She was family. My dad Always had nicknames for everyone hers was Monkey..she asked me does Bill like me, I smiled and said yes definitely or you wouldn't have a nickname, she says y Monkey I said cuz your full of energy an jump around lol. I loved her and was sad when she moved out to marry Larry Stewart. She brought her baby over to meet us , Larry thru a fit told her she couldn't come see us. Last time I seen her , mom and I were in JC PENNY'S she was working. She was a sister I never had...I loved her. RIP IN PEACE MY BEAUTIFUL FRIEND/ SISTER LOVE YOU ALWAYS LISA BOMAR

Lisa Bomar - July 20, 2025 at 12:07 PM

DS

Hey Lisa - hope you're well. At her memorial i was telling how your dad, after one of his hunting trips, had Linda try Rocky Mountain.... that was hilarious. She loved being with you and your family. Dave

Dave Stewart - August 04, 2025 at 11:46 AM

BR

“ If I could find the pictures, I would post them. But Steve, Melinda, Levi, Tristan and I traveled all over Fod knows where for the boys to play competitive soccer. After giving birth to my preemie daughter, I would bring her to their soccer games and yep, you guessed it, there was Mel tying to (actually) take her from me. Melinda was a great person. Shes missed dearly.

Brandi - July 18, 2025 at 05:12 PM

RS

“ Can't think of anyone who made me laugh as much as Linda did.
Ever time we got together for scrapbooking she would have all of in
stitches. She was one of a kind.
Fly high with your new set of wings.
Rita Slocum

Rita Slocum - July 18, 2025 at 03:40 PM