
Linda Sue Dulin lived boldly, loved fiercely, and believed without wavering that love would always have the final word. She passed away at her home in Waco, Texas, on March 2, 2026, at the age of 72.

With her fiery red hair and equally fiery spirit, Linda Dulin was the definition of resilience, grit, courage, and a joy that refused to be extinguished. She was hilarious, spunky, perceptive, and strong in the way that makes other people stronger just by being near her. She refused to be silent in the face of injustice and spent her life making what she liked to call “good trouble.” She could make you laugh until you cried and then sit with you in your deepest sorrow without flinching.

Linda was born on December 7, 1953 in Corpus Christi to James and Mary Sue Dodson. Because her father served in the military, her childhood took her across the country and around the world, including time in Germany and Japan. After returning to the United States, she earned her bachelor’s degree from Baylor University, where she met Jim Dulin. They married in 1978 and raised two children, Kari Lynn and Adam Lee.

Linda later earned her Master’s Degree at Texas Tech University and her PhD from the University of North Texas. She taught high school speech, journalism, and theater for ten years, including teaching students in the Texas Department of Corrections.

In 1989, she joined the faculty at McLennan Community College where she served as a communications professor for thirty years. During her time at MCC, Linda helped create and lead the McLennan Honors College from 2010-2019. She was equally proud to lead the MCC Forensics Speech Team, whose students earned national recognition. At MCC, Linda was honored with the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Award in 2004, and in 2001-2002, she was the College’s nominee for the Minnie Stevens Piper Award. She also received the Texas Intercollegiate Forensic Association Educator of the Year Award. She was a deeply respected professor, colleague, and leader and shaped the lives of countless students throughout her three decades of service at MCC.

Linda loved her family fiercely, and later in life, nothing brought her greater fulfillment than being “Grams” to Kensi and Grace. Even in the face of profound evil in her family’s life, Linda became a determined defender of justice, fueled by her faith that love always wins.

Although Linda was devastated to lose Jim to cancer in 2014, one of the most beautiful surprises of her life was meeting and falling in love with Dave McCarroll. The two were married in 2019 and savored each moment they shared — traveling the world and spending time with family and friends.

Linda lived out her faith in the community, on the streets, and in church. She was a beloved member of Calvary Baptist Church in Waco, where she served as Chair of Deacons, Sunday School teacher, and Chair of the Coordinating Council. She believed the church should look like Jesus — welcoming, courageous, and committed to justice — and she worked tirelessly to help it become so. She loved serving as a volunteer with CASA and advocating for children in the foster care system. In recent years, she also became known as one of McLennan County’s most passionate protestors, taking to the streets to stand with the marginalized and continuing to bear witness to the good news that love is stronger than evil.

Linda is preceded in death by her beloved daughter Kari, her husband Jim, her granddaughter Cassidy, her brother Ted Dodson, and Scott Duvall.

She is survived by her husband, David McCarroll; her son, Adam (Becky) Dulin; her granddaughters, Kensi Baker (Ben Brackett), Grace Baker, and Evelyn Dulin; her sisters, Kay (Keith) Bailey, Nancy (Chris) Lanham, and Jennifer Biles (Jeanette Blanco); and many nieces and nephews. She leaves behind a legacy of laughter, courage, advocacy, and fierce love that will continue to ripple outward for generations.

Continuing her lifelong commitment to education and helping others, Linda donated her body for medical research through the Willed Body Program at UT Southwestern Medical School.

Linda Dulin

December 7, 1953 - March 2, 2026



“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- Romans 8:38-39

 **CALVARY**
BAPTIST CHURCH
Waco, Texas
March 7, 2026

Welcome

John Hunt

Prayer

Ali Chappell DeHay

Eulogy

Linda Reichenbach

Song

I Could Sing of Your Love Forever
 Over the mountains and the sea,
 Your river runs with love for me,
 and I will open up my heart
 and let the Healer set me free.
 I'm happy to be in the truth,
 and I will daily lift my hands:
 for I will always sing of when
 Your love came down.

I could sing of Your love forever,
 I could sing of Your love forever,
 I could sing of Your love forever,
 I could sing of Your love forever.

Martin Smith

Scripture Reading

Micah 6:6-8
John 15:12-17

Doug Weaver
 Sheila Smith

Poem

Phenomenal Woman
 read by Kensi and Grace Baker

Maya Angelou

Remembrances

Jennifer Biles
 Elaine White

Song

Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil
 Goodness is stronger than evil;
 Love is stronger than hate;
 Light is stronger than darkness;
 Life is stronger than death;
 Victory is ours, victory is ours
 Through God who loves us.
 Victory is ours, victory is ours
 Through God who loves us.

Desmond Tutu
 John Bell

Sermon

Mary Alice Birdwhistell

Song for Reflection

I Can Only Imagine
 Sherry DeHay, soloist

Bart Millard

Benediction

Meredith Stone

Recessional*Turning Over Tables*

The Brilliance

There will be a time of visitation with the family following the service in the Chapel.

Chad Eggleston, *Worship Leader*
 Isaac Montgomery, *Piano*