Footprints in the Sand

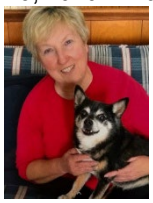
One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord. Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky. In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.

Sometimes there were two sets of footprints, other times there were one set of footprints. This bothered me because I noticed that during the low periods of my life, when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat, I could see only one set of footprints. So I said to the Lord, "You promised me Lord, that if I followed you, you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during the most trying periods of my life there have only been one set of footprints in the sand. Why, when I needed you most, you have not been there for me?" The Lord replied, "The times when you have seen only one set of footprints, is when I carried you."

– Mary Stevenson

Linda Kay Goodwin

September 13, 1949 – May 14, 2026



Linda Kay Tyler Goodwin, age 76, of Stanley, NC, passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at Stanley Total Living Center. Linda was born on September 13, 1949, in Vemilion Co., Illinois to the late Clyde Allen Tyler and Juanita Elizabeth Drews. In addition to her parents, she is also preceded in death by her loving husband, James "Jim" Goodwin, and her brother, William "Bill" Tyler.

Linda spent 38 years doing what she loved most—teaching. She served students in Spartanburg, Charlotte-Mecklenburg, and North Canton City Schools, always bringing patience, dedication, and a genuine love for learning into her classroom.

While living in Ohio, she was an active member of Faith Family Church until 2021, when she moved to North Carolina. Linda enjoyed an active, fulfilling life. She hiked numerous state parks with her hiking group, loved golfing and gardening, and often visited the Y to relax and recharge. She approached life with energy, curiosity, and a warm spirit that touched everyone around her. Her legacy lives on in the countless lives she shaped—both in and beyond the classroom.

Linda is survived by her Niece, Christine "Christy" Corder (Heath) and their daughter, Autumn; nephew, Robert "Bobby" Tyler and his two daughters, Alexis Tyler Robinson (Nathan) and Cayleigh Tyler; step-niece, Brenda Hoskinson; sister-in-law, Joy Tyler; as well as her honorary sister, Libby Holman (Lee).

A Visitation will take place on Thursday, May 21, 2026 from 10:00 am - 10:45 am at Paw Creek Presbyterian Church, 7400 Mt Holly Rd, Charlotte, NC 28214. A Celebration of Life for Linda will follow at 11:00 am at Paw Creek Presbyterian.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Lincoln County Hospice Group at https://www.viagiving.org/one-time-giving or make a donation in honor of Linda's love for animals to a humane society of your choice.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

Of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

And a Celebration for the Life of

Linda Tyler Goodwin

May 21, 2026 • 11:00 am

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church

Paw Creek, North Carolina

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Prelude

***The Entrance of the Family**

Please stand as the music begins

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

Old Testament Readings

Isaiah 40: 1-11; 28-31
Psalm 23

Special Music "I Can Only Imagine" Larry Ramsey

New Testament Readings

Romans 5: 1-11
St. John 11: 17-27

Homily

Prayers of the People

Pastoral, Lord's Prayer

***Commendation**

***Blessing**

***Recession of the Family**

***Postlude**

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

(After the service, all are invited to the
Christian Fellowship Center for a reception)

Honorary Pall Bearers

Eddie Chapman	Dickie Chapman
Billy Shugart	Walker McKnight
Odin Baldwin	Jerry Smith

Officiant.....Rev. Dr. Frederick G. Grosse
Pianist.....Mr. Mark Burleson