



Linda Rayford

May 3, 1957 - March 2, 2026

Linda Diane Grady Rayford, a longtime resident of Tarrytown New York, passed away on March 2, 2026, at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx, New York.

Linda was born on May 3, 1957, in North Tarrytown (Sleepy Hollow), New York, to the late Almeter Stewart Grady and James W. Grady, Sr.

Linda attended Tarrytown and White Plains schools until she entered the United States Army, where she met and married her husband, Calvin Dennis Rayford Sr. and they welcomed their son Calvin Dennis Rayford Jr.

Linda was predeceased by her brother Willie James Stewart, her brother Samuel Stewart Grady, and sister Janice W. Grady Bess.

She leaves as survivors her brother Walter Larry Stewart, her sister Mattie Stewart Grady Smith, her brother James W. Grady Jr., her brother Michael Henry Grady, and her brother

Steven Stewart Grady. She is also survived by nephews Will J. Simmons III, Christian Simmons, Steven Grady Jr. and Amari Simmons; and her nieces Tamara Bess, Tempestt Rogers, Skylar Simmons, and Lauren Johnson.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 13, 2026, at Dwyer and Michael's Funeral Home at 90 N. Broadway, Tarrytown, NY 10591. Her viewing will be from 10:00am to 11:30am, followed by a Homegoing Service from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Her Interment will be at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery in the town of Sleepy Hollow, NY, with the Reverend Andre Upson officiating.

From the Family

God saw you get getting tired and a cure was not to be here on earth. So he put his arms around you and he whispered, "come to me". We watched you fade away and we knew we could not make you stay. We look at your picture, and you seem to smile and say, "don't cry. I'm in God's hands now and we will meet again someday."

Acknowledgment

The family of the late Linda Diane Grady Rayford wishes to thank the clergy, church members, communities, members, family, and friends for all your prayers, kindness, well wishes, love and support during this transition. God bless you all.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 13. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Dwyer & Michael's Funeral Home
90 North Broadway
Tarrytown, NY 10591
(914) 631-0621
info@dwyerichaels.com
<https://www.dwyermichaelsfh.com>

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Burial

MAR 13. 1:30 PM (ET)

Sleepy Hollow Cemetery
540 N. Broadway
Sleepy Hollow , NY 10591

Tribute Wall

MR

“ Sorry for your loss lil brother my prayers are with you and your family, I wish I could be there but you know I’m always a phone call away I love you.

Metrell Rayford - March 11 at 10:49 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Rayford.



March 11 at 10:42 PM

EM

“ Evelyn M. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Linda Rayford.



Evelyn M. - March 11 at 02:42 PM

MP

“ My condolences to the family rest in heavenly peace, my friend until we meet again. Sending prayers and hugs to the Family! 🙏
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Mary Phyllis Page - March 07 at 05:40 AM

GS

“ My true friend I miss our talks and laughter. Linda will truly be missed by me and she strolls down the street going home and giving me that beautiful smile. But I know she's going to be in heaven with the angels and walking all around all day and smiling at them. Linda's was a nice person, caring person

Gwendolyn Carter Smith - March 05 at 03:53 PM

KS

“ It is with deep sadness that I reach out to the family. I can only imagine what you must be feeling. I watched Linda grow up and will always remember her big smile. Praying for comfort for her son and entire family. Kathleen Scott-McFadden

Kathleen ScottMcFadden - March 05 at 12:56 PM

JA

Rest in heavenly peace my friend and I will always cherish our sisterhood forever 🙏❤️

Joyce Armstrong - March 12 at 04:51 PM