



## Lucille Maria Cunningham

September 15, 1952 - January 10, 2023

On September 15, 1952, Lucille Maria Cunningham's journey began when she entered this world as the oldest of two children, to the late George Jackson Beatty and Louise Carolyn Beatty in Louisville, KY. Her earthly journey ended on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, when she peacefully made her heavenly transition.

Lucille's upbringing was centered in a Christian home. During her childhood, she attended and was baptized at First Virginia Avenue Baptist Church under the late Rev. Dr. R.J. Miller.

Lucille was educated in Jefferson County Schools where she graduated from Shawnee High School.

God introduced Lucille to her one true love, the late Reverend Larry Shelton Cunningham, who she spent 43 years of life with until God called him home on November 26, 2012.

From their union they had four children: Larry Deon Cunningham, Angie Maria Tedford, Lauren Denise Cunningham, and Ashley Rae Mandel.

Following in her mother's footsteps, Lucille pursued a career in healthcare as an advocate for

patients and families serving as a Patient Representative and Patient Liaison for the Norton

Healthcare System for over 40 years. In 2017, she retired after four decades of service.

Lucille's love for Christ was a guiding force in her life and inspired her commitment to serving God

and Christian Fellowship. Her leadership in ministry was exemplified through the various ways she

served the Church as an active participant in several ministries. Lucille's love of music led to her

extended work with the youth, young adult, and adult choirs. She also served as a long-time Christian

educator, coordinated various annual church celebrations, and offered the gift of radical hospitality

as a proud member of the usher and greeter ministry. Up until the day of her passing, Lucille was a

devoted member of St. Stephen Baptist Church where she served on the Greeter Ministry Team.

Lucille will be remembered for an earthly journey where she showed others what it means to be a

proud, loving, and devoted wife, mother, grammie, sister, aunt, cousin, friend, and colleague. She

was a lover of college and professional sports, a spirited fan of Louisville Cardinals athletics, and an

impassioned Scrabble, Jeopardy, and Spades player. Lucille found great joy in mentoring and

coaching most people she met, but especially her children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and

friends. She indeed was one of a kind.

Lucille was preceded in her death by her husband, Rev. Larry S. Cunningham.

Those left to cherish and to honor her memories are son, Larry Cunningham

of Louisville, KY,  
daughter, Angie Tedford (Montez) of Hoover, AL, daughter, Lauren  
Cunningham (Ali Brown) of  
Greensboro, NC, daughter Ashley Mandel of Louisville, KY, sister Carolyn  
Connor (Barry) of Louisville,  
KY, six grandchildren DonShaun Coleman, Montajah Tedford-Robinson, Larry  
Cunningham II,  
Michaela and Michael Mandel of Louisville, KY, London Tedford of Hoover, AL,  
three fur grandbabies  
(Marley, Diesel, & Coal), and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and  
dear friends.

Funeral services will be live streamed at <https://www.ssclive.tv/>  
and also at St. Stephen You Tube Channel and Facebook

# Cemetery Details

## Green Meadows Cemetery

3800 Shanks Lane  
Louisville, KY 40216

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St Stephen Church  
1018 So. 15th St.  
Louisville, KY 40210

## Celebration of Life

JAN 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

St Stephen Church  
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Louisville, KY 40210

# Tribute Wall

VS

“ *My Diva...she would call me Mama... we had some interesting times working together. When something didn't fit the "process" Lucille would fire off a wordy reply...the next thing I know we're getting called into the directors office. I would ask her: "Diva what have YOU done now". Lord as soon as our relationship started to blossom she retired and today I find out that she has transcended. Glory be to God. We may escape a lot of things on earth but death catches up with us all. May you find comfort in memories and knowing that she made a lasting impression on the hearts of all those that cared about her. RIP My Diva*



Vanessa Simagan - January 20, 2023 at 11:13 AM

LB

“ *To Lucille Cunningham's Children: So sorry for your loss. My deepest sympathy to her children and family. I will always remember Lucille and my former Pastor Rev. Cunningham. Lucille was a sweet person. She will truly be missed. I will keep the family in my prayers.*



Lola Beard-Ewing - January 19, 2023 at 06:56 PM

LM

“ *She was just a nice person to work with. She was always smiling and seemed Happy*



Latrina Mason-Burton - January 19, 2023 at 10:45 AM

KP

“ Karen Porter lit a candle in memory of Lucille Cunningham



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**Karen Porter** - January 17, 2023 at 08:28 PM

MD

“ I loved Lucille! No matter what kind of day we were having she'd make it better just by her humor, love, and presence!!



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**Margie Dimond** - January 17, 2023 at 05:30 PM

DB

“ I will never forget our SW Management retreat at Butler State Park. We adjourned mid afternoon to allow for some team building time. While the guys, cooler in hand, headed to the golf course, Teresa and I took the ladies to Belterra. Lucille had never been to a casino before. She stopped someone after every “pull” (or button press) on the slot machine she was playing. And when she did present her ticket to the cashier, who presented her with her winnings, she told the cashier “that can't be right; I only put \$15 in the machine!” Lucille was a hoot! We all adored her. So sorry for your loss. Donna Bratcher

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**Donna Bratcher** - January 17, 2023 at 04:18 PM

MD

“ My friend, my sweet Lucille who was my partner in crime at Southwest Hospital. Rest in peace my friend. I think of you often and love you forever.

Mary Dodge - January 17, 2023 at 01:06 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lucille Maria Cunningham.

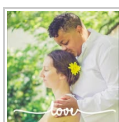


January 17, 2023 at 11:16 AM

AR

“ Lucille was a beautiful person! We were classmates and friends at Shawnee. She was kind, humorous and had a smile that could light up a room. Her sweet spirit will always be remembered by many! I extend my deepest condolences to her family. May God comfort you during this difficult time. With love and prayers, Ava Bingham Reynolds

Ava Bingham Reynolds - January 17, 2023 at 10:21 AM



Lauren Cunningham - January 23, 2023 at 07:52 AM

RB

“*Lucille will be missed. She was a spirit-filled and beautiful woman. While we didn't speak often when we did we started where we left off. She gave God praise in all things and was a source of light, love and inspiration to many. I'm so thankful I got to know this incredibly wise woman and she was a friend indeed. Truly the joy of the Lord was her strength and she shared it with others. Many years ago, a family member had emergency surgery. God placed Lucille right there to encourage my heart. I'll always remember her beautiful smile and her laughter. Ashley and family, you have our deepest sympathies and our love. The Bunton family will continue to pray for you all. Rev. Cunningham and his beautiful bride and best friend will share eternity together. As both your parents did, hold to God's unchanging hand as He will never leave you nor forsake you. In God's Peace, Rev. Linda Bunton.*



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**Rev. Linda Bunton** - January 17, 2023 at 12:20 AM

JW

*To the family, I loved Lucille and Larry. Lucille helped me to get my very first job at Norton's. I will never forget our friendship. My heart aches knowing she is gone. May God be with you all during this time. Janet (Turner) Woodford*

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**Janet Woodford** - January 17, 2023 at 12:48 PM



*Rev. Bunton, thank you for your kind words and generosity of spirit. My Mom loved her some Rev. Linda Bunton! :) She thought and spoke so highly of you. Thank you for this tribute. Sending you and your family BIG LOVE from all of us.*

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**Lauren Cunningham** - January 23, 2023 at 07:57 AM

LG

“ To Carolyn and the family...

*A Journey Remembered*

*As some people journey through life, they leave footprints wherever they go—foot prints of kindness and love, courage and compassion, humor and inspiration joy and faith, Even when they're gone, we can still look back and clearly see the trail they left behind---a trail bright with hope that invites us to follow.*

*Author unknown*

*from Larry, Linda and Leborah Goodwin*

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**Leborah A Goodwin** - January 16, 2023 at 11:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lucille Maria Cunningham.



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January 16, 2023 at 07:20 PM

ZC

“ To the Cunningham family  
We are sorry for your loss  
Zehnda,Denise,Vonda Clay



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**Zehnda,Denise,Vonda Clay** - January 16, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lucille Maria Cunningham.*



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January 16, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lucille Maria Cunningham.*



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January 16, 2023 at 03:00 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*  
*Carolyn Stubbins-Mayes*

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**Carolyn Stubbins-Mayes** - January 16, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ *OMG I went to High school & graduated with here, always a well dressed beautiful person, ran into her many years later still the same, so sorry to here of her passing but I know she's in God's hands...be blessed praying for her family*

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**Betty Smith** - January 16, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Lucille Maria Cunningham.



January 16, 2023 at 01:42 AM



“ Mom, it is my greatest pleasure and honor in this life to be your daughter. I'm proud of you for the way you lived life and transitioned beyond this life on your terms. I'm grateful we were right there together until the very last beat. I feel your presence with me and miss you so deeply already. You told me recently that you always believed I could do ANYTHING because I'm your special child. That I march to the beat of my own drum and you've admired that about me even when you didn't understand. That conversation meant so much to me. I'll hold it in all that I do. Come meet me in my dreams, Mom, and bring Pops with you, along with Granny, Aunt Jean, Uncle Sly, Aunt June, Auntie, and all those who's spirits dwell with you in the Great Beyond. I know you are resting in power there with them. It makes my soul glad. I LOVE YOU more than time, Mom.

Your Love Duck,  
~Lauren Denise ❤️🙏



Lauren Cunningham - January 15, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lucille Maria Cunningham.*



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January 15, 2023 at 02:48 PM