



## Linda Turboff

February 15, 1957 - March 16, 2026

Linda Turboff passed away on Monday, March 16, 2026. She was born on February 15, 1957, in Fort Worth, Texas, to Max and Sarah Lee Marks, and was raised in Houston alongside her younger brother, Douglas Marks.

From an early age, Linda stood out as a natural athlete. She was a nationally ranked tennis player throughout her teenage years and she and her doubles partner at Memorial High School, brought home three State Championships. Her competitive spirit, discipline, and love of the game stayed with her long after her playing days.

She attended the University of Texas at Austin, where she formed one of the most important friendships of her life with Amy Rosenberg. Their bond never faded, and decades later, after Linda returned to Houston, the two continued their tradition of weekly lunches, something Linda deeply cherished.

After college, Linda moved to San Antonio, where she became known as "Coach Linda" at St. Mary's Hall. She spent more than two decades in San Antonio, building a life centered around her family and her community. During these years, Linda devoted herself fully to raising her children, Bradford A. Kaufman and Morgan L. Kaufman. She poured her energy, love, and attention into creating a home filled with warmth, stability, and encouragement. She was a constant presence in their lives, shaping not only their childhood but

continuing to support and guide them into adulthood. Her San Antonio years were also marked by meaningful friendships, including Fay Seeman and Janet Holliday, who remained important parts of her life.

In later years, Linda returned to Houston, where she built a successful and fulfilling career at Deutsch Fine Jewelry. She was highly respected for her talent, dedication, and strong work ethic, and her colleagues became an important part of her life. She formed lasting relationships there, including a close friendship with Diana Garcia, and took great pride in the work she did.

Later in life, Linda found her greatest love in her husband, Ronnie Turboff. Their relationship was the center of her world, just as she was his. They were introduced through her childhood friend, Janis Zinn, Ronnie's sister, who helped reconnect them when the timing in their lives aligned. When Linda moved back to Houston, their life together quickly became one filled with joy, comfort, and deep companionship.

Linda and Ronnie shared a life built on the simplest and most meaningful moments. They loved spending evenings at home, sitting together in the kitchen, listening to Chicago's greatest hits playing loudly through the house. They enjoyed golfing together, spending time at the Houstonian, discovering favorite hole-in-the-wall restaurants, and surrounding themselves with the large and loving group of friends who became family. Through Ronnie, Linda gained not only a partner but an extended family of siblings and loved ones who embraced her fully.

Linda was first and foremost a devoted mother and, more recently, a proud grandmother. Her newest and most cherished role was being "Lovie" to her granddaughter, Elizabeth. That role brought her immeasurable joy. She adored Elizabeth, and being her grandmother gave her a happiness that was both deep and lasting.

Linda will be remembered for her warmth, her loyalty, her strength, and the way she made people feel seen and cared for. She built a life centered on love, for her family, her friends, and the everyday moments that brought people together.

Linda was preceded in death by her father, Max Marks. She is survived by her mother, Sarah Lee; her brother, Doug; her children, Brad (Jennifer) and Morgan; her granddaughter, Elizabeth; and her beloved husband of 18 years, Ronnie Turboff. She is also survived by her many extended family members and dear friends.

A private burial will be held. The family invites you to a memorial service at 12:30 pm on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 N. Braeswood, Houston, Texas, 77096. The memorial service will be livestreamed at: <https://www.beth-israel.org/about-us/news-events-upcoming-events/livestreaming/>

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial contributions to the charity of your choice in Linda's memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Beth Yeshurun Allen Parkway

3502 Allen Parkway  
Houston, TX 77401

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 18. 12:30 PM (CT)

Congregation Beth Israel  
5600 N. Braeswood Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77096

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Turboff.*



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March 23 at 04:57 PM



“ *I'm am so sad to find this out. Linda was such a special, sweet and lovely person. She was an avid spinner and has taken my cycle classes at The Houstonian for years. I will miss seeing her every Sunday. My condolences to the family. - Martica Heaner*

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**Martica Heaner PhD** - March 22 at 01:15 PM



“ *Linda, my dear friend from high school I will miss you and the wonderful mom and wife you were.  
love Julie Lucas Long*



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**Julie Lucas Long** - March 19 at 03:29 PM

CP

“ Linda was one of the kindest and most lovely people I know. Her spirit was loving and always with a smile. She was like a younger sister with Shelley Greenman, to me & to Nancy Zuber when we were all young because our mothers were so very close. My heart goes out to Ronnie, her children & grandchildren and to Aunt Sara and Doug. Thinking of you & so very sorry for your loss, Cindy Siegel Polster

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**Cindy Siegel Polster** - March 18 at 02:20 PM

BH

“ My thoughts are with you with the death of Linda. She and I go way back to playing tennis as kids at Westwood Country Club and playing in a tennis tournament (I think that she won) in Beaumont (I just played for fun).

*Bruce A Hoffer*

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**BRUCE HOFFER** - March 18 at 02:13 PM

DC

“ Linda made my day every time I spoke with her. On several occasions, she offered comfort and kind words during some very difficult times in my life. I never expected to find a therapist, career coach and friend at a jewelry store, but I am so grateful that I did. I feel lucky to have crossed paths with such a beautiful person.

*My deepest condolences to the entire family. May she rest in peace.*

*Denny Conde*

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**Denny Conde** - March 18 at 10:10 AM

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“ Denny &. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Linda Turboff.

Denny &. - March 18 at 10:03 AM

CJ

“ Cathy and John purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda Turboff.



Cathy and John - March 18 at 08:46 AM

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AG

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. May her memory be for a blessing. 🙏  
Amy and Aron Grenader

Amy Grenader - March 17 at 11:48 PM

SF

“ Sharron Sims Karter and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Linda Turboff.



Sharron Sims Karter and Family - March 17 at 10:32 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Turboff.



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March 17 at 04:52 PM



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March 17 at 04:52 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Sending you love, strength, and comfort during this difficult time.

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**Carolina Chavez** - March 17 at 04:24 PM



“ This is a shock to hear. Linda was the sweetest person in our pledge class and always had a smile on her face. She was loved by us all! A beautiful person inside and out. I know her presence will be missed. May you all find comfort in beautiful memories.

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**Paula Singer** - March 17 at 03:42 PM