



Lydia Ann Dickerson

October 16, 1962 - May 3, 2025

Lydia Ann Dickerson, age 62, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, niece, and loyal friend, was peacefully called home to be with Jesus in the presence of her family on May 3, 2025. Born the middle child of five in Bear, Delaware, to her two loving parents, Kenneth Harold and Mary Louise Alexander, Lydia was raised in a home full of music and joy where Christ was always central. Later, Lydia and her loving husband, Michael Dickerson, designed and together built their first and forever home where they raised their three children. To spend time at the Dickerson home was to have fun, laugh hard, and always enjoy good food prepared by Lydia. Home was always a place where “the more the merrier” rang true; a place to gather and celebrate. When thinking of Lydia, her life, and her legacy, so many memories and stories come to mind that help encapsulate her tender heart and strong spirit.

As an infant, Lydia had to wear a cast to correct two dislocated hips from birth until she was 18 months old. Although confined, she was content and very easy going, enjoying lying in her crib, which was often placed outdoors - starting her love of being outside and napping even then! She shared a bedroom with her little sister Marlene, where they played with the kitchen set their father had made them (and is still being used by next generations), or played school in their room with each other and friends. Her business skills started young when she made potholders on a loom and sold them to

neighbors for 25 cents each. She spent hours outdoors making mud pies and once got in trouble for picking ALL of Mrs. Britton's roses to give to her mother. Childhood friends grew to become lifelong friends and a part of her family. She spent a lot of time playing and coloring with the beloved neighbor with special needs, Peggy.

She loved attending Fairwinds Church, where she was active in the Sunday School (she often spoke of how she was enthralled with Mrs. Reimer's Jr. Church), choral groups, and youth group. Growing up, Lydia enjoyed playing with her family and friends, swimming in the family pool, visiting relatives in North Carolina, and going on family camping trips. She was very involved in school activities such as cheerleading and softball, and was the first female at Wilmington Christian School to receive the Chris Landry award for Christian character and sportsmanship.

The Alexander home was a hub of activity where friends and family gathered on Sunday evenings after church for homemade doughnuts, fellowship, and playing instruments. Often, there were family picnics at the house or at Uncle Mel and Aunt Joanne's, where the cousins took turns churning the ice cream and playing together. When the family moved to Countryside Lane, Lydia was thrilled to get Blondie the horse so she could ride and care for her; she enjoyed every aspect of horse ownership - even hauling the hay and mucking the stalls. Her childhood instilled faith and a sense of joy, compassion for others, and appreciation for life that would continue her entire life. She would always say, "It's all good."

Lydia and her devoted husband Mike met while water skiing at a Fairwinds youth event. Later her family invited Mike to stay with them during their family vacation at Rehoboth Beach. Mike always said from the moment he met her he said to himself, "I'm going to marry that girl." They were married within a year of meeting and their wedding was officiated by Mike's father, Reverend

Stanley Dickerson in 1982 at the Alexander home. It was a beautiful August day for a backyard wedding surrounded by family and friends. Lydia and Mike achieved many of their goals together and built a beautiful life and family. Together they built their house and they built their businesses. Lydia was involved in coaching sports, hosting backyard VBS, leading AWANA children's ministry, attended ladies Bible study groups, and went on a mission trip with her daughter to Belize. She adored her horse, Sadie, and enjoyed riding with her daughter, Alex, and friends. Lydia trained for two long distance endurance races and even trailered her horse to go for a ride at the beach. She valued family vacations to the mountain home in North Carolina, fishing trips, the local summer carnival in Wachapreague, Virginia, and spending time on the water crabbing and floating in a tube at Taylor's Island.

Lydia adored being a mother and could not wait to be a grandmother. She was THRILLED when Marlee was born. She loved her children fiercely and she prayed for her children, family, and friends consistently. Even during her illness, she was always adding to her long prayer list and her faith never wavered. You would often find Lydia sitting on her porch reading her Bible, studying her devotions, and spending time in prayer. She always had a generous spirit - helping others in every way possible - saying "You can't outgive God". She LOVED people - saying "Love you bunches", and "When I count my blessings, I count you twice". Within the last few weeks of her life she explored ideas of starting a ministry of sharing testimonies to encourage one another. Lydia's energy was amazing and she was always looking for ways to serve God. She was a Godly woman by choice and she served Jesus until May 3, 2025 and continues to do kingdom work now from the heavens above.

Lydia LOVED life! If you were around her, you would definitely have FUN, laugh hard, and eat...Lydia was a wonderful cook and she loved to feed

people. Lydia's laugh was absolutely contagious - loud and wonderful - laughing-till-you cry laughter. "Soup Queen" was the name given to her because if you had so much as a sniffle, you received her delicious soup. She was so spontaneous and was always game for a new adventure. She loved thrifting and antiquing, especially with her son, Wes. They loved hunting for a good deal together. (She was drawn to antique glassware and dishes - While shopping, Lydia's response to "Step away from the dishes, Lydia" was always "I can't help it! I have dishes!") Gardening and then giving away her vegetables was another passion. Lydia also loved listening to Southern Gospel, old-school country, and Bluegrass music. She was known to silly dance in the kitchen and at weddings. To Lydia, a beach trip with the girls wouldn't be complete without King Tut fudge from Candy Kitchen, and Thrashers french fries. Crafting and playing games were also favorite pastimes and always filled with lots of bantering and laughing.

The Dickerson home is where everyone felt welcome to gather during holidays, with Easter as her favorite to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Christmas always included lots of decorations such as a sparkling tree with lots of tinsel, her antique metal tree with vintage ornaments, and a Christmas village displayed on tables built by Mike. At her annual chocolate dipping parties with her dear friends, guests would make special crafts, play games, and enjoy lots of holiday foods. One recent Christmas, she dressed up her nephews and nieces, and they put on a skit of the Christmas Story of Baby Jesus during the family gathering. She always wanted to keep Jesus in the forefront and considered her work, family, and friendships her ministry.

Ever since she was a young girl, Lydia watched her mother do hair in their family salon and dreamed of becoming a hairstylist while practicing on her Crissy Doll. When she went away to Lynchburg College, Lydia earned money by doing hair and would spend the money on pizza for everyone and gifts for fellow students. She became a skilled stylist and built a very special

community around her clients, who became like family. The “Steel Magnolia” style salon was full of stories, both happy and sad - lots of laughter and sometimes tears. Lydia had a good listening ear, gave words of encouragement, and was eager to share her love of Jesus. Everyone who entered the salon left feeling beautiful, loved, and encouraged. She always found time to do hair for her shut-in customers and for the Sunday Breakfast Mission. Lydia even taught her son, Wes how to cut hair and showed him the ropes on how to run Fairwinds Barbershop.

Lydia knew how to simplify her full life and didn't sweat the small stuff with a philosophy of “It is what it is.” She had keen match-making skills, which were used to get her son, Colby and daughter-in-law Allysa together. Cupid's arrow struck true and watching her son become a husband and father brought so much joy to her heart. After retiring, she claimed she was “still employed by Cupid” and Cupid's arrow struck a few other times with some dear friends. Another of her accomplished goals was to author and publish a children's book, an autobiography of sorts, which she wrote about enjoying horses for a lifetime called “A Horse of Course.”

Before going to Mexico for treatment last year, Lydia wrote a list with her left hand of “Why I Want to Live”. It so encapsulates the heart of Lydia and there are many life lessons for us as we continue this life:

“I want to live!

-To tell others about Jesus

-For my family- to support and enjoy happy moments :)

-To love and spoil Marlee

-To support and love on Marlene's girls and children

- To enjoy my fun mom

- My husband, I want to be his helpmate - Enjoy my friends more and church family

- My horse, ride again

- Gardening, share our veggies, eat our veggies
- Redwood Forest”

During her hospital stay the Literary Artwork program helped Lydia write this poem about her family:

“Because They Love Each Other

My family is the most beautiful thing.

There are seven of us.

Michael and I are married for 42 years.

He’s strong.

Alex is full of joy.

Wesley is kind and generous.

Colby is a wonderful husband,

And Allysa loves my son so much.

Marlee is just joy.

My family is loving and kind.

They are beautiful, because they love each other.”

Lydia is survived by her husband, Michael Dickerson, children Alex Dickerson, Wes Dickerson, Colby (Alyssa) Dickerson, her adored granddaughter “Hi Beautiful” Marlee, mother, Mary Louise Alexander, brother Mark (Dana) Alexander, sister Mary (Ed) Street, brother Matt (Jacyn) Alexander, mother-in-law Betty Dickerson, sister-in-law Donna Bailey, and a multitude of aunts and uncles, nephews, nieces and grand nieces and grand nephews. She was preceded in death by her dear father, Kenneth Harold Alexander, beloved sister Marlene Anderson, father-in-law Stanley Dickerson, and great niece Amelia Manley.

The family would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits, donations, meals, calls, and texts received during this journey. Lydia always

looked for ways to show appreciation to the nurses / medical assistants at Penn Medicine that took beautiful care of her. With love and gratitude, Lydia handed out her diamond dot crafts, cookies, and always spoke about her faith. Thank you for your continued dedication to celebrating and remembering Lydia's life.

Celebrate Lydia's life with us on Monday May 12th, 2025. Viewing hours from 10am- 12pm with a Celebration Service to follow at 12pm and following up with the burial at 1:15pm. All services will be held at Eastern Shore Bible Baptist Church, located at 13984 Gregg Neck Rd. Galena, MD 21635. A live broadcast will be available as well for those unable to attend in person. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to a ministry of your choice. To send flowers, follow the link below. Please kindly avoid including lily flowers if possible.

For those of you unable to attend the service it will be livestreamed starting at 12 PM. Please click the link. <https://stream.streamingchurch.tv/stream.php?churchid=church9595>

Lydia's Life Verses

Psalm 91: 14-16

John 13:34 & 35

Isaiah 53:5

Cemetery Details

Eastern Shore Bible Baptist Church

13984 Gregg Neck Rd.
Galena, MD

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 12. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Eastern Shore Bible Baptist
13984 Gregg Neck Rd
Galena, MD 21635-1303
(410) 648-6744

Funeral Service

MAY 12. 12:00 PM (ET)

Eastern Shore Bible Baptist Church
13984 Gregg Neck Rd.
Galena, MD

Burial

MAY 12. 1:15 PM (ET)

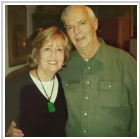
Eastern Shore Bible Baptist Church
13984 Gregg Neck Rd.
Galena, MD

Tribute Wall

SS

“ I met Lydia when I moved from TX to Bear in 2014. I loved her and her shop. I just found out about her passing today. I wish I had known sooner. I bless her husband, children and family. So sorry.....

Sonja M Schlosser - May 14, 2025 at 03:30 PM



“ Mike, Sorry, Gordon & Maryann

Gordo Hendry - May 12, 2025 at 09:44 PM

TP

“ Aunt Louise & Alexander Family:
So sorry to hear of Lydia's passing. Our thoughts & prayers & love are with all during this difficult time. Teresa, Mike & Sandy Petrucci



The Petrucci's - May 12, 2025 at 01:10 PM

CC

“ My husband Lou first met Lydia when she was at the Rambleton Acres salon. Since then he & I both have been clients at Lydia's Salon. You will be missed Lydia. Rest In Peace. Blessings to all the Loved Ones who shared life daily with Lydia. Heartfelt Condolences from Lou & Cheryl Cicamore



Cheryl Cicamore - May 12, 2025 at 01:08 PM

SR

“ To the Alexander & Dickerson Family, we are so sorry for your loss. We are praying for all of you. Love in Christ, Sam & Sherry Randow



sherry Randow - May 11, 2025 at 10:47 PM

CD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I was proud to be Lydia and Marlene's cheerleading coach at Fairwinds Christian School. Praying for the family. She was a very special lady!

Colleen Delcamp - May 10, 2025 at 08:18 PM

AF

“ Aiden, Jake, & family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Lydia Ann Dickerson.



Aiden, Jake, & family - May 09, 2025 at 10:20 PM

FT

“ Frank, Karen, Brendan & Lucy Tomazine purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Lydia Ann Dickerson.



Frank, Karen, Brendan & Lucy Tomazine - May 09, 2025 at 10:05 AM

FT

“ Frank, Karen, Brendan & Lucy Tomazine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lydia Ann Dickerson.

Frank, Karen, Brendan & Lucy Tomazine - May 09, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ I not only went to Fairwinds Christian School with Lydia, I was also in her dorm at Liberty Baptist Colege. She also did my hair for the Spring Banquet at Liberty for the love of my life.

Charisse Williams - May 08, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ I remember her as a cheerleader in her green white and gold uniform.

Charisse Williams - May 08, 2025 at 03:11 PM

JF

“ John and Judy Feeney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lydia Ann Dickerson.

John and Judy Feeney - May 08, 2025 at 11:34 AM

JF

“ John and Judy Feeney purchased the Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beating... for the family of Lydia Ann Dickerson.



John and Judy Feeney - May 08, 2025 at 11:34 AM

GP

“ Gerald P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lydia Ann Dickerson.

Gerald P. - May 08, 2025 at 01:34 AM

GP

“ Gerald P. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Lydia Ann Dickerson.



Gerald P. - May 08, 2025 at 01:34 AM

RJ

“ Ronald J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lydia Ann Dickerson.

Ronald J. - May 07, 2025 at 09:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lydia Ann Dickerson.



May 07, 2025 at 07:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lydia Ann Dickerson.

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KK

“ Lydia to me was the definition of a Christian. Always showing love, happiness and warmth. Our condolences to her sweet family and God bless you. Heaven is receiving an angel. Love and prayers, Mitch and Kathy Kogut❤️

Kathy Kogut - May 07, 2025 at 04:00 PM

BB

“ Betty Dickerson BG purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Lydia Ann Dickerson.



Betty Dickerson BG - May 07, 2025 at 02:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lydia Ann Dickerson.



May 07, 2025 at 09:29 AM

PC

“ Pastor Tim and Crossroads Bible Church purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Lydia Ann Dickerson.



Pastor Tim and Crossroads Bible Church - May 07, 2025 at 09:20 AM

RB

“ We have so many memories of Lydia and the Alexander family. It has been many years since we have seen them as we are in SC now but we can still hear her laugh and remember all the fun we had together. Whether it was at a church function or our families were fellowshiping together laughter was always a part. Lydia always showed her love for others and for our Savior. Always willing to give a helping hand no matter the circumstance. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Our thoughts, prayers and love are with the entire Dickerson and Alexander families. May the Lord bring you comfort and peace now and in the days to come. All our love and prayers...Ruthann Sweat and Christine Bouknight

Ruthann Sweat & Christine Bouknight - May 07, 2025 at 08:51 AM

FC

“ Fellowship Baptist Church planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lydia Ann Dickerson.

Fellowship Baptist Church - May 06, 2025 at 09:47 PM

FC

“ Fellowship Baptist Church purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Lydia Ann Dickerson.



Fellowship Baptist Church - May 06, 2025 at 09:47 PM

DF

“ *Derald & Penny Gautier family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Lydia Ann Dickerson.*



Derald & Penny Gautier family - May 06, 2025 at 07:04 PM

SI

“ *Service Unlimited, Inc. purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Lydia Ann Dickerson.*



Service Unlimited, Inc. - May 06, 2025 at 03:00 PM

MH

“ *I recall many happy memories with, “Miss Lydia” from Vacation Bible School at Liberty Baptist Church. She always had a smile on her face and unshakable positivity.*

Mackenzie Howell - May 06, 2025 at 01:25 PM

CH

IWe have lost a wonderfully kind and outreaching friend. She made time in her life for touching many different friends' lives in many,, many ways!! She will be greatly missed !!! She loved "with buckets"!!

Carol Holmes - May 06, 2025 at 05:17 PM

WS

“ Lydia and I grew up together since little kids in my Aunt Ruth back yard. We were in many classes together in Fairwinds Christian School, and grew up going to Fairwinds church together too. She was like my 2nd sister. Always the same. Always loving, kind, and supportive. I'm so blessed to have had her in my life all these years. I will miss talking about life, and the Bible together, and praying with her. She had a comical, goofball laugh that I won't forget either. She talked about getting her new heavenly body. Well, she's got it now. Just glad she's no longer in pain and with Jesus. So happy for her...but I confess, I sure wish she was still here. She was 1 in a million and my oldest and dearest friend.

William Smith - May 06, 2025 at 01:17 PM

JC

“ My sincere sympathy to Mike and Lydia's entire family. Lydia was my hairdresser for years and was such a wonderful person. Her faith and love for Jesus was evident at all times. Thankfully she is no longer in pain and is heaven with our father. I know she is looking down and will be watching over her beloved family. My prayers for Mike and her family at this difficult time. Judy Cook

Judy Cook - May 06, 2025 at 12:24 PM

KW

I was Lydia's first perm! She performed it in her house when she was still a teenager. I remember her mother being so nervous that she was going to burn my scalp! Of course, she didn't! She always did a great job on my hair! I send all my love and prayers to her family! She will be missed. Thankful for the hope we have in Jesus that I will see her again!!

Keith Wilson - May 06, 2025 at 05:27 PM

RM

So shocked to see this obituary. Lydia was the only person who could give this old 88 year old lady a proper haircut. I asked her if she could do my hair when I passed away. She said I had nothing to worry about, that she would be there for me. I was looking at her # in my cell phone to see if she could fit me in. next week. I will be getting my next haircut from you in heaven Lydia, My deepest sympathy & condolences to the family.

Ruth Martens - May 07, 2025 at 02:50 PM



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May 06, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Lydia Ann Dickerson.



May 06, 2025 at 12:21 PM



“ Too many great memories to share in one post....we've loved Lydia and the whole Dickerson Family for a very long time. Don and I were remembering a trip to Taylor's Island with them, a NYC trip after Christmas Day with them one year, lots of Awana memories, all our babies doing things together as they all grew up together ("wheat-wheat!"), Lydia doing my hair many times at her house as we laughed and laughed. Thank you, Mike, Alex, Wes, and Colby for sharing her with the rest of us. We love her and can't wait to see her again.

Bridgette Dempsey - May 06, 2025 at 11:41 AM

ME

“ There will never be enough space here for how many memories I have with Mrs Lydia. I have always called her that, and even as I became an adult and she told me to call her something else, I couldn't. She will always remain that to me. All of the family trips we've taken, the skincare advice she gave me and Alex growing up. The hair styles she always did on me. Her laughter. The way she would decorate the big old tree in the living room when they had it. The way she would always hug me as soon as I walked into the house. She always made sure to tell me to stay over if I ever needed a place to stay. All of the Awanas memories. All of the crafting she would do. The way she would always make sure to talk to us about how much Jesus loved us and that we needed to always make time to go to church. And how excited she got for me when I got married and then got pregnant. She had so much love in her heart for me and I will be eternally grateful to have known her and loved her and been part of her family.

Meghan - May 06, 2025 at 11:05 AM

CB

“ The BFCN Wednesday Ladies Bible Study sends its sincere sympathy to Lydia's family on her passing. We grieve humanly, yet we rejoice because we KNOW that she is with Jesus and is now out of pain. We will miss her smiling face and joyous spirit. We loved her dearly and loved having her be a part of our study when she could be with us. We will be praying for all of you as you adjust to life without her. But we thank God that we shall all see her again when we all get to heaven--what a great day that will be!

Christine Bekowski - May 05, 2025 at 08:38 PM

MR

“ I'm certainly going to miss Lydia; a dear friend & my hair dresser for 45 yrs. One lady who shared her walk w/JESUS every time you were w/her. Thankful I'll see her again in our eternal home of Heaven, where she's now rejoicing in her glorified body.
Love to Michael & the family,
Monica Richardson



Monica Richardson - May 05, 2025 at 03:20 PM

SW

Sending Prayers for Lydia's family and friends. Was always so happy and laughing. Sure miss her at the Salon 🙏🙏🙏❤️🌸🐕
Sara (Dasher) & Jack West

Sara Dasher West - May 07, 2025 at 08:11 PM

JH

Lydia is deeply missed. we would talk, text every week. I would send bible verses and she would do the same. she was always encouraging, even when she was going through her illness. she was trying to help others. My husband passed away suddenly and she was always checking in on me....just being Lydia, thinking of others... we would talk, laugh and cry...as we Praised the Lord. She would say one day I will see Dale in heaven and tell him you and the girls are doing fine. they were both kind, loving with always having a good laugh. love for family was high in their life. Lydia was ready to meet Jesus one day. I loved Lydia so much as many did. she will never be forgotten and am proud to say she was a friend and sister in Christ.... Thank you Lord for putting her in my life...

joAnne Hewlett - May 09, 2025 at 09:40 PM