



LiAnne Heckman Douglas

October 20, 1932 - April 3, 2026

LiAnne Heckman Douglas died Friday, April 3, 2026. She was 93 years old. The oldest of three children, she was born to Dayton and Doris Heckman on October 20, 1932 in Columbus, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Stephen Heckman, her sister Suzanne Heckman, her son Steve Hopping, and by her loving husband of 46 years, The Rev. Canon Harry Bell Douglas, Jr..

LiAnne is survived by two sons from her marriage to the late Wade Hopping; Jud Hopping (Jackie), and Hank Hopping (Margaret), and by her three step-children, Susan Jones, Fran Doxsee (Tom), and Frank Douglas. She has eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

LiAnne had a calming influence that served, and sometimes saved, everyone around her, especially Harry B Douglas, Jr.. She was remarkably gentle and kind, and she was a woman of deep intelligence with no ego, moving through the world with a grace that made her easy to talk to and even easier to be with. She loved God, her family, her friends, and dogs, though not necessarily always in that order, which is to say that sometimes the dogs won out over the rest of us.

Her faith was her foundation. As a dedicated member of the Episcopal Church, she gave her time, talents, and treasure for nearly 30 years to

Stephen Ministry, EFM, The Cafe at St. John's, and to countless other needs of the church. An elementary and middle school educator for over 40 years, LiAnne shaped countless young lives with her generous spirit and consistent, kind instruction. When she wasn't teaching, she loved traveling to the beach and either walking the shoreline in search of the perfect shell or sitting at the water's edge with her toes in the surf and a work of good fiction in her lap.

She was an excellent cook—the one who taught you that pimento cheese should always be made from scratch and whose beef stroganoff recipe is still famous in the family. She loved cold champagne, burnt bacon, and chocolate milkshakes, usually in that order.

More than anything, LiAnne was a generous soul. She had a way of making you feel like the most important person in the room, receiving every gesture with such true appreciation that you couldn't help but feel good in her presence. She was a wonderful partner, a generous mother who championed the endeavors of her children and grandchildren, and a steady, loving light who will be deeply missed by those of us lucky enough to have known her.

A memorial service for LiAnne will be held at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, April 22 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee. Memorial contributions may be made to Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd., Tallahassee, FL, 32308 or St. John's Episcopal Church, 211 N. Monroe St., Tallahassee, FL, 32301.

Dayne Parker of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Douglas family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **22**. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. John's Episcopal Church
211 North Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Tribute Wall

PF

“ *Petras Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of LiAnne Heckman Douglas.*



Petras Family - April 22 at 07:16 AM

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“ *The McCallie SFAT Team purchased the Truly Beloved Bouquet for the family of LiAnne Heckman Douglas.*



The McCallie SFAT Team - April 20 at 10:40 AM

AW

“ It saddens me to hear of LiAnne’s passing, but I can only smile as I write these words, because every memory of her is so sweet, and all I can see is her lovely face smiling back. My heartfelt condolences to family, friends, and all who loved her.

We taught 6th grade together in the `90’s at Wakulla Middle School- a special time LiAnne dubbed "Camelot." She was a consummate professional, creative and ready to try new things, and we did! During that time, our team was fortunate enough to be tapped to participate in a curriculum development project with Stanford University which led to years of collaboration, travel, and learning. LiAnne was the best teammate (and roommate) one could hope to have- supportive, hardworking, witty, and wise. I admired her idealistic forward thinking- rooted in the practicalities of the present, and informed by the past. I loved her mind, spirit, heart, and the way she aged while retaining her "cool." I feel so blessed in knowing her, and thankful for the difference she made in my life and those of countless others.

Angie Williams - April 17 at 09:34 AM

MW

And I, too, team taught with LiAnne and went to Stanford with she and Angie. Angie described LiAnne so perfectly! LiAnne taught my son in sixth grade and he remembers her fondly. I knew Harry for many years, also, growing up in the Episcopal church in Tallahassee our families were intermingled.

Margaret Worrell - April 20 at 09:42 AM

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“ I had the honor of teaching with LiAnne decades ago at Crawfordville Elementary. As a new FSU graduate, she was a great mentor. Sending prayers to the entire family.... 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Arden Armstrong Harrison - April 11 at 10:41 AM