



Melinda Cunningham

June 1, 2026

Melinda Cunningham, of Forney, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2026 at her home, surrounded by her family.

Melinda was born July 2, 1940 in Torrance, CA to Charles and Irene Davies, both of whom preceded her in death along with her son, Brian Allen Cunningham.

She met the love of her life and best friend, Tom Cunningham, and on April 2, 1964, they were married. For the next 62 years, she and Tom would build a life filled with love, family and faith as they raised their sons while cherishing each other. In 1972, they moved to Forney where, together, they opened Tom's dental practice, H.T. Cunningham, D.D.S. Melinda worked alongside Tom not only as his office manager, but also as his partner and all-around assistant. Patients came to love Malinda's smile that helped take away the anxiety and many of them became close friends. After Tom's retirement, she was able to spend more time with him and being more involved in civic groups such as the American Legion Women's Auxiliary. She and Tom were active members of First Baptist Church in Forney where, again, Melinda's servant's heart was always readily seen. A woman who valued being a solid foundation of support and love for her family as well as every person she met, Melinda will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She leaves her memory to be forever cherished by her husband of over 63

years, Dr. H.T. (Tom) Cunningham; son, Michael Cunningham and wife, Sara; daughter-in-law, Chanda Cunningham; brother, H. Bradford Davies and niece, Ansley B. Davies as well as other extended family members and many friends.

A Celebration of her life will be held at The Chapel at First Baptist Church of Forney, at 2:00pm, Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **10**. 2:00 PM (CT)

The Chapel at First Baptist Church of Forney
1003 College St
Forney, TX 75126
<http://www.fbcforney.org>

The Chapel is located by the church offices, on the eastern side of the campus as you come in the main entrance.

Tribute Wall

SR

“ My heart is very saddened by this loss. It is with great regret that I didn't share more time with her. She was a very special person. My sincere condolences go out to the family and prayers for the coming days. May God grant them the strength to face their loss. Love.
Sarah Lee Rose

Sarah Lee Rose - June 07 at 03:06 PM

PH

“ Mrs. C had a great soul! She would laugh at Brian and his friend's shenanigans every time we saw her. She gave us rides from basketball practice and to events when we weren't old enough to drive. When we all started to drive she would always say, “Y'all be careful!” I remember her love for her dogs. She loved having the company. She took care of them religiously. She was very private and didn't make a big deal of herself. But, she was a big deal to all who she loved. We are saddened at the loss and will have many fond memories to live with until we see her again. I loved you Mrs. C. You were a big deal to me.

Perry Hughes - June 04 at 11:29 AM

VA

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Tom and his family. Van Meridith

Van - June 04 at 07:22 AM

WC

“ We know Melinda will be missed. Our prayers for Tom and the family. Patsy & Wes Crenshaw

Wes Crenshaw - June 03 at 01:03 AM