



Linda Ann Harlow

December 1, 1947 - January 25, 2026

Linda Ann Harlow lived a life defined by curiosity, creativity, leadership, and generosity. She passed away on January 25, 2026, after a courageous two-year battle with renal cell carcinoma, leaving behind a legacy as vibrant and far-reaching as the many lives she touched.

Born in Fort Myers, Florida, Linda grew up in rural South Florida, where her independence and work ethic took root early. She attended Palm Beach High School and spent her teenage years laughing with friends at the Hut soda shop in West Palm Beach—already showing the warmth and charm that would become her trademark.

Linda earned an Associate Degree in Accounting from Palm Beach Junior College and launched a career that was anything but ordinary. Her first job as restaurant manager at Miles Grant Country Club in Stuart, Florida, set the stage for a lifetime of leadership. She went on to sell real estate with Century 21, earned her Florida Real Estate Broker's License, and became Qualifying Broker for Seabridge Development in Stuart. Her professional excellence led her to serve as President of the Stuart Board of Realtors and later as Property Appraiser for Martin County, Florida.

Never one to sit still, Linda also supervised Treasure Coast construction projects for her husband, Albert, and lent her eye for beauty as Downtown

Fort Pierce's color coordinator for the newly formed Main Street organization. Her entrepreneurial spirit shone brightly as the owner of Florida's largest hat store, Oh! Hats!, and later as Chief Operating Officer of Trans- Micro, Inc., a national computer software company.

In retirement, Linda simply changed gears—she didn't slow down. Alongside Albert, she became a world traveler, soaking up cultures, art, and cuisine wherever they went. She served as Chairman of the Marion Cultural Alliance and opened Artist-Alley, a fine art gallery in Ocala, Florida. A gifted painter, Linda received numerous awards for her work and quietly donated all proceeds from her personal art sales to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She also painted anonymous "fallen soldiers" portraits, gifting them to families with deep compassion and respect.

Linda managed North Central Florida art shows with her Artist-Alley art group, mentoring artists and building community wherever she went. Her belief in art as service was unwavering.

In August 2025, despite her illness, Linda fulfilled a cherished bucket-list dream: a vacation to Maine with Albert, where they explored the coastline, took in the sights, and joyfully indulged in gourmet lobster at the very best restaurants—savoring life together to the fullest.

Linda is survived by her devoted husband, Albert Sanowskis; her children, Suzanne Perkins (David) and Hal Harlow; her grandchildren, Melissa Burnett (Bryan) and Nick Perkins (Trish); and her great-grandchild, Hailey Perkins. She is also lovingly remembered as the daughter of Paul and Mary Katherine Sloane.

Linda requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, an organization that reflected her lifelong

commitment to helping others. Her life was beautifully lived, boldly imagined, and generously shared—and the world is brighter because she was in it.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Linda was a wonderful friend and extremely talented artist. She was a mentor to me in my artistic growth and invited me into the Artist Alley gallery she had many years ago.

I will truly miss her and know there are many people out there and family who she always had time for and who will miss her greatly. She had so much love and support from her husband Al and daughter Suzanne which was always apparent.

*Please accept our deepest condolences,
Marcelle & Ted Schvimmer*

Marcelle Schvimmer - February 13 at 05:16 PM

JG

“ I met Linda in 1976 in my first accounting job after college. She later became my client after I became a CPA. She was a special lady!

J Gaines - February 04 at 01:14 PM

RW

“ Linda is irreplaceable. She has been a major motivator and friend since meeting her in 2005. Always a positive force for the Arts; she led through example as a dedicated artist and collector. She is missed already. My deepest sympathy for Al, Suzanne and family. Great memories never fade.

Rich Woy - February 02 at 08:48 PM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear about my beautiful first cousin Linda. We grew up together. My sister Stella and I spent a month with them every summer before their family trip to Indiana to visit with Aunt Mary’s family. We would have a great time. I talked to her recently. She told me she was sick but I didn’t know how sick. We were going to talk together soon. I am the oldest grandchild in the Sloan family. Linda was a beautiful child and a kind and talented person and I loved every moment we spent together.

Janice Hatfield - January 31 at 04:57 PM

GR

“ My heart is so sad . Linda was so special lady and I thank you her for all she has done for the Art. I will miss her presence but her memories will be alive for ever in me with all my gratitude . My sincere sympathy to Albert , and all her family.
Love
Grace Senior Morandi

Grace - January 30 at 09:09 PM

DP

“ Linda was one of my dearest friends and she is missed every day. We shared many dinners , holidays and art events together since 1997. She was a wonderful person and loved her family above all else.

Diane Pribisco - January 30 at 12:12 PM

DV

“ Linda’s deepest love and support of her friends was clearly demonstrated by her willingness to attend my piano recital during the last months of her illness. I will never forget her laughter as I asked her if hearing my piano performance was more painful than her cancer pains. Linda always showed a special love to us as she would cook delicious food whenever we were invited to visit her and Al. With her beautiful paintings, Linda leaves behind a clear footprint of her presence on this world. She is already missed very much.

David Velez - January 30 at 11:53 AM