

## Linda Etta Robinson



Linda Etta Robinson has been involved in public service for most of her professional life including terms on the North Little Rock City Council, as well as the North Little Rock Planning Commission and North Little Rock Advertising and Promotion Commission.

She was born Linda Etta Robinson on Dec 20, 1953 to Cosie and Irene Cole-Robinson in Stuttgart, Arkansas. In 1955 at age two, she and her brother were sent to live with her father's parents, William and Etta Robinson also in Stuttgart.

As a child, Linda took up singing and debuted her first solo at age four. She enrolled in Stuttgart public schools at age five and participated in the marching and concert band in junior high school. In 1968 her family moved to North Little Rock where she was enrolled in Scipio A. Jones High School where she also was in the marching and concert bands. After Scipio closed in 1970, Linda transferred to Northeast High School in North Little Rock and graduated in 1971. She enrolled in the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and graduated in 1975 with a degree in communicative disorders and a minor in psychology. Linda later completed training as a Para Legal.

In 1980, Linda took a job at the Department of Human Services (DHS) as a Speech Therapist. In 2002 she worked as a program manager with DHS Child Protective Services and retired in 2013 from state government. It was during this time that she became an activist and helped numerous people in the workplace. Linda became concerned about zoning issues surrounding her community and eventually served on the North Little Rock Planning Commission. Linda also served on the Advertising and Promotion Commission. She was part of the environmental lawsuit in 2001 against Koppers Industries which resulted in a winning settlement.

In 2002, Linda ran and was elected to the North Little Rock City Council. She is the longest serving African American female in city history on the Council. Linda shared, "I am a servant of the people." On any given day she can be seen making a difference in the lives of people and being a strong advocate for her Ward 2 constitutes as well as the citizens our city. She is a member of the Camp Robinson/Camp Pike Community Council, the North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, a co-founder of the North Little Rock Youth CARES Coalition, a former mentor to single mothers, former member of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Board of Directors (North Little Rock Site) and a member of North Little Rock S.A. Jones High School Alumni. Linda is a member of Full Counsel Metro Church and an active member of the Glenview Neighborhood Association as well as a member of Glenview Stars 55 and over group. In 2021 she started "68 Shades of Red", an annual event organized to raise money for artistic educational programming. Linda has three children and two grandchildren.