

45. Linda Davis

Who was Dr. Linda Davis? Linda Davis was a devoted teacher, mother, sister, and spouse whose warmth and dedication earned the admiration of her family, students, and community. Starting in 2022, she taught special needs students at the kindergarten and first-grade level in Savannah, Georgia, where she made a lasting impact on countless children and families. Beyond her work in education, she was raising four children and served as guardian to a fifth.

How did Linda Davis die as a result of ICE actions? On February 16, 2026, her vehicle was struck by a truck driven by a man who was fleeing from ICE officers in a high-speed chase less than a half mile from the school where she taught. Dr. Linda Davis died at the scene. She was 52 years old.

What happened after Linda Davis's death? Reflecting on her loss, her sister, Felicia Jackson, wrote in a social media post that "the preventable, sudden, and violent loss of her presence and love has created a vacuum of compounded grief so vast it feels as though it fills the Mariana Trench." Felicia recalled how Linda "filled her house with laughter and music," singing Disney songs and show tunes with her children "at the tops of their lungs."

Lauren Bonds, Executive Director of the National Police Accountability Project, stated that Davis's death also raised significant legal and policy questions concerning accountability when ICE conducts high-speed vehicle pursuits in the enforcement of civil immigration orders. Per the American Constitution Society, federal immigration agents have a lengthy documented history of engaging in dangerous and sometimes deadly vehicle pursuits to carry out immigration arrests. Overstaying a deportation order is not the type of emergency situation that courts or law enforcement experts have found justify a vehicular pursuit. Under Georgia tort law, police officers are liable for police chases when they fail to "properly balance the risk [of the pursuit] to the safety of other drivers" and exercise "due regard for the safety of other drivers."

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