



Heather Lynne Lockhart

June 26, 1975 - February 3, 2025

Services will be held for Heather Lynne Lockhart at First Baptist Church, Tyler, on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 1:00 PM with Senior Pastor Pike Wisner officiating. Family visitation will be held Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Stewart Family Funeral Home from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM. Interment to follow at Rose Hill Cemetery led by Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Heather was born on June 26, 1975, in Atlanta, GA, to parents Joy and Dr. Asa Lockhart and went to Heaven on February 3, 2025, at the age of 49. She was a beloved daughter, sister, friend, and devoted member of her community, whose passion for service and life touched the hearts of all who knew her.

A proud graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in 1993, Heather spent her high school years in Tyler, Texas, where she was an active member of First Baptist Church and spent a lot of time at Lakewood Yacht Club (LYC) in Seabrook, Texas. She attended Space Camp, Space Academy, Pine Cove, Camp Tyler, and LYC Seahorse Camp, both as a camper and later as an instructor after graduating from high school.

Heather continued her education at Stephen F. Austin University before earning her master's degree from University of Colorado at Boulder. She coached basketball and then went on to teach special education in Colorado for several years. Her commitment to service also extended to her military career, where she served in the Navy Reserve, was deployed to Guam and Bahrain, earned a position as Master at Arms, and performed Honor Guard duties. The Department of the Navy posthumously awarded her the Navy and

Marine Corps Achievement Medal for participating in 107 Military Funeral Honor Guard Details as well as training and mentoring. Heather was also a proud member of the American Legion, where she served as a historian. In addition to her career in education and military service, she was a lifelong adventurer, enjoying sailing, snow skiing, snowboarding, playing soccer, and running; she even completed a half marathon after being told she would not run again due to a bad accident. She enjoyed traveling the world domestically, internationally, and militarily.

Heather's love for animals was evident in the many dogs and one cat she fostered throughout her life, particularly those with special needs or in hospice care. Her pets, including Panda, Sprite, Chevy, Maggie, Chandler, Max, Jack, and Scruffy, as well as her kitty Jazzy, brought her great joy.

Heather is preceded in death by her grandparents, Esther and Cody Kirby, Vada and Roy Lockhart; her Aunt Linda Shook and husband Winfred; and James "Uncle Jimbo" Lockhart.

She is survived by her loving parents, Joy and Dr. Asa Lockhart, sister Lesley Hurley and husband Shane, cherished nephew Cody Hurley, niece Madison Hurley, and grandmother Sue Hurley, Aunt Myrna Warlick, and cousins Richard Lockhart, Roy Lockhart, Wendy Fagan, and Lyndon Shook. She will be missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Military Veteran Peer Network at CampV Tyler (3212 West Front St. Tyler, TX 75702), Vintage Dog Rescue (106223 West 76th Drive, Arvada, CO, 80005), First Baptist Church of Tyler (301 W Ferguson St., Tyler, TX, 75702), or the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

Tyler, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Service

FEB 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
301 W. Ferguson
Tyler, TX 75702

Tribute Wall

BN

“ *Im gonna miss you sister! See you in the future.*

Brad Newcomb - February 26, 2025 at 12:35 PM

KA

“ *My deepest condolences to the Lockhart family. Heather (& the entire family) will always be a part of my core memories at Lakewood Yacht Club.*

Kadie Sykes Anderson - February 24, 2025 at 12:55 PM

LK

“ *Heather was in my 7th grade English class at Hubbard Middle School and was an interested (and interesting) energetic learner. It was obvious that she was going to make her place in the world, and she accomplished that with a caring heart for people and animals. I wish I had known in 7th grade that we shared a love of animals. I am thankful that I was able to know her, even though it was only for a school year. Heather was fun and funny, positive, happy, forward-looking, life-loving, sharp, and into whatever interested her.*
Linda Kennington

Linda P Kennington - February 12, 2025 at 09:58 PM



“ *Ms. Heather was a sweet and kind co-teacher in Denver. I am so sorry. Mike "Mr. Mike" Sawyer*

Mike Sawyer - February 12, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Heather Lynne Lockhart.



February 12, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ Children's Advocacy Center of SC Staff purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Heather Lynne Lockhart.



Children's Advocacy Center of SC Staff - February 12, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ Children's Advocacy Center of SC Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Lynne Lockhart.

Children's Advocacy Center of SC Staff - February 12, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ Love, Bill and Michelle purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Heather Lynne Lockhart.



Love, Bill and Michelle - February 12, 2025 at 11:53 AM

LM

“ Love, Bill and Michelle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Lynne Lockhart.

Love, Bill and Michelle - February 12, 2025 at 11:53 AM

PB

“ Paul & Donna Barenkamp purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Heather Lynne Lockhart.



Paul & Donna Barenkamp - February 12, 2025 at 10:26 AM

MK

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. I so wish I could make it to the funeral, but I am stuck in New Orleans dealing with a legal matter that I can't put off.

I will never forget the times that Heather and I spent together in New Orleans, Houston, and Colorado. She had a huge smile, infectious laugh and an even bigger heart. Those of us that knew her will hold those things in our memories of her. I'm raising an ice-cold Shiner to Heather, because I know she would love that.

Deepest condolences, Mark K.

Mark K. - February 11, 2025 at 06:55 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Heather Lynne Lockhart.*



February 11, 2025 at 05:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Heather Lynne Lockhart.

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“ *Gary, Viki, Nicole, & Erika purchased the Reflecti ons of Glory Wreath for the family of Heather Lynne Lockhart.*



Gary, Viki, Nicole, & Erika - February 11, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ *Joyce A. Rihanek and Megan E. Hammer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Heather Lynne Lockhart.*



Joyce A. Rihanek and Megan E. Hammer - February 11, 2025 at 12:33 PM

JH

“Joyce A. Rihanek and Megan E. Hammer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Lynne Lockhart.

Joyce A. Rihanek and Megan E. Hammer - February 11, 2025 at 12:33 PM