



Linda Franks

December 29, 1950 - November 15, 2014

Services for Linda Franks, 63, of Tyler, will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 11:00 AM in the chapel at Green Acres Baptist Church with Dr. Paul Powell and Dr. David Dykes officiating.

Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Linda passed away on Saturday, November 15, 2014 in Tyler. She was born to Jack and Jo Beth Trantham on December 29, 1950.

She spent most of her life in Tyler where she was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church. Among the many things she enjoyed some of her favorites were traveling, the outdoors and going on archeology digs for gems and minerals. Dear to Linda's heart was the Lupus support group in association with The Arthritis Foundation that she started in 1988.

Linda was preceded in death by her father, Jack W. Trantham; her grandparents and her aunt, Wanda Smith.

Linda is survived by her loving family including her mother and husband, Jo Beth Trantham Ridley and Wade; sister and brother-in-law; Debbie Prescott and Jim and their daughter Jenny of Duluth, Georgia; daughter Debby Gunter and husband Eric; son, Clay Franks and wife Jenny of Tyler; three grandchildren, Hunter Franks, Cole Gunter and Ella Franks. She also leaves behind other close relatives, including Sandy Griffin and her husband Bill of Beaumont. Linda leaves behind her beloved pet, Abby.

Pallbearers will be Jim Prescott, Eric Gunter, Bill Griffin, Hunter Franks, Bryan

Grant and Billy Calcote.

Visitation is scheduled from 5:30 to 7:30 PM on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

A special thank you and appreciation to Tresa Lugten and the Life Builders Sunday School class, the Women's Ministry at Green Acres Baptist Church and the whole church family for all the love and kindness shown in the many weeks preceding Linda's death.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County, 211 Winchester Dr., Tyler 75701.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

2400 S. Donnybrook
Tyler, TX 75702

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

Service

NOV 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

Green Acres Baptist Church
1607 Troup Hwy.
Tyler, TX 75701

Tribute Wall

BH

“ I just learned today that Linda passed away. I am sad that she left us so early. Linda's welcoming smile was a reflection of her welcoming and giving heart. I met Linda in the early 80's @ GABC. We served together in the singles ministry for many years. She graciously opened her home often for our sunday class fellowships. The joy she had in the Lord was contagious to everyone around her. She had challenging health issues from time to time but never brought attention to herself. Her focus was always on others. My prayers are with her family she loved so dearly and was so proud of. She will be missed by many. There is comfort in knowing we will see her again and spend eternity together.

Brenda Head Hampy - November 23, 2014 at 07:32 PM

DH

“ I was so very blessed to be a member of the singles group at Green Acres Baptist Church, where I met Linda. I always enjoyed visiting with her as she was always very warm, genuine, caring and happy. Her smile brightened any room!
2 Corinthians 4:17-18. Her hard times are over and she is rejoicing in lavish celebration!
She was a very special woman and a dear friend. She will be missed greatly.

Daphne Harris - November 19, 2014 at 11:40 AM

BS

“ So very sorry to hear of Linda's passing. She was such a sweetheart. She worked with my daughter, Grace, for several years making jewelry at Green Acres. Grace has Asperger's Syndrome and experiences anxiety attacks in social situations. Linda always made her feel comfortable and welcome. Grace was so sad to learn about Linda. We will always remember her as a kind and caring woman and rejoice in the fact that she is at HOME now!

Barbara Sensing - November 19, 2014 at 09:38 AM



“ You're in our Thoughts Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Franks.



November 18, 2014 at 08:42 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda Franks.



November 18, 2014 at 02:53 PM

MB

“ Praying for this family, especially her sweet daughter, Debbie, who I have had the privilege to come to know.

Michelle Balfay

Michelle Balfay - November 18, 2014 at 09:42 AM

CE

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Celia - November 18, 2014 at 08:37 AM

SG

My sweet cousin....

Sandy Griffin - August 12, 2015 at 03:20 PM

CM

“ *Clay and Hunter, I am so sorry for your loss. My God comfort and give you peace.*

Thinking of you both during this time.

Carol McKinney - November 18, 2014 at 07:35 AM

AK

“ Miss Linda was a precious friend to my husband and me as well as a sweet grandfriend to our four children. She was very proud of her rock collection and would share her wealth of knowledge of her rocks with the kids while my husband worked on jobs around her house. The kids were mesmerized by her collection and listened intently as she explained the intricacies of each rock type in her sweet voice with her precious smile and excitement. She was proud of her collection, many rocks having been passed down from her father's collection. Just a few months ago, she attended a gem show in Tyler and bought each of the kids their own small, special rock and gave my husband and me a rock in the shape of a heart because it reminded her of our sweet love. Precious! We were thankful to have made memories with this lovely lady and are thankful that she let us share in one of her favorite past times!

Ashley Kurtz - November 17, 2014 at 11:29 PM

SA

“ Am praying for Linda's family. She was always positive in her faith and attitude even when in pain.

Sandra - November 17, 2014 at 01:47 PM

CN

“ I met Linda at Green Acres Baptist Church, Singles Dept. We were both in the Encouragers Class. Linda was always upbeat, never negative and full of smiles. Even in her time of pain when she had her hip surgery, she was positive in her prayer requests and it was obvious that she truly loved and trusted the Lord. Linda will be missed by all who knew her.

Connie Neighbors - November 17, 2014 at 07:38 AM

Marie Childress

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Marie Childress - November 16, 2014 at 11:27 AM

SG

My sweet cousin

Sandy Griffin - August 12, 2015 at 03:21 PM

NF

“ *Nelly, Steven, Michael and Wesley Franks purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Linda Franks.*



Nelly, Steven, Michael and Wesley Franks - November 15, 2014 at 03:41 PM