



## Lisa Russell

December 5, 1962 - January 27, 2011

Services for Lisa Townes Russell, 48, of Tyler, will be held on Monday, January 31st, at 1:30 pm at Stewart Family Funeral Home with Dr. Chris Pulliam of First Christian Church officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Lawn Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Lisa passed away Thursday, January 27, 2011. She was born in Dallas, Texas on December 5, 1962 to Nancy and Goss Townes. At the age of eighteen months the family moved to Tyler. Lisa was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. She attended Sam Houston University, Tyler Commercial College, and Vecchio School of Court Reporting in Arlington, Texas. She worked as a court reporter in the Dallas-Fort Worth area for ten years until she chose to be a stay-at-home mom. Lisa was preceded in death by her father, Edgar Goss Townes; her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Townes, Jr. of Houston, Texas and Dr. and Mrs. James Makins of Port Arthur, Texas. She is survived by her sons, Aaron and Matthew Russell, her mother Nancy Townes, sister Laurie Lawrence Blank and husband Michael, niece Mackenzie Lawrence, nephew Peyton Lawrence, and her children's father Steve Russell. Lisa had many friends and will be deeply missed. Pallbearers are cousins Dr. Scott Makins, Dr. Pat Makins, Jim Makins, Brian Makins, Gary Marshall and friends Dan Eubanks, Patrick Henrietta, and Jarred Henrietta. Honorary pallbearers are Dr. Charlie Primer, Charlie Green, and Steve Hardy. Visitation is scheduled for Sunday, January 30th from 6:00-8:00 pm at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler In lieu of flowers, donations may be

made to The Salvation Army, 633 N. Broadway, Tyler, TX 75702 or East Texas Animal Rescue Fund, c/o PetsMart, 5610 S. Broadway, Tyler, TX 75703.

# Tribute Wall

PY

“ Laurie and Family: I am so saddened to hear of the loss of Lisa. I have fond memories of her at Robert E. Lee High School...she was always so sweet and a friend to everyone. My heart goes out to you and your family, friends and loved ones. I am praying for God's peace to comfort you in the days ahead. Know that you are loved and thought of. God Bless you, Paige Forgey Yonker

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**Paige Forgey Yonker** - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PY

“ Laurie, I wanted to add a quick note. After reading Lisa's obituary, I saw where she attended court reporting school. I, too, graduated from Arlington Court Reporting College and have been a court reporter since 1993. Such a small world. So sad our paths didn't cross while reporting in the DFW area. Love, Paige

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**Paige Forgey Yonker** - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ With heavy hearts we write a note here, just hoping the words will help fill the void we feel. She was a big part of our lives and gave us two wonderful grandson. I loved her like the daughter I didn't have. I am thankful we were able to keep contact the last few years. I pray peace and comfort for all she left behind. We miss you Lisa. Your other MOM

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**Ed and Georgie Gardiner** - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Nancy, I was saddened to read about Lisa in this morning's paper. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this time.

*Much love,*

*Juanita Smotherman*

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**Juanita Smotherman** - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ To Lisa's family - know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Lisa was a wonderful friend to so many and will be missed by them all. God bless...

*Karla*

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**Karla Stephenson** - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Lisa always made me laugh when I knew her at Sam Houston. I'll never forget when she called to tell me there was a bird in the parking lot, and she couldn't leave it there! Yes, she became the proud owner of a cockatiel!

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**Jane Young Maloney** - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Nancy- So sorry for your loss.

*Betty and Denny*

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**Dennis and Betty Baker** - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Nancy- Sorry for your loss.

*Kat*

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**Kat Compton** - January 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM