



Lori Lynne Martin

November 11, 1960 - August 29, 2014

Lori Lynne Martin, 53, of Tyler, Texas, died on Friday, August 29, 2014.

She was born to the late Ralph Martin and late Mary Anne Partin on November 11, 1960, in Tyler, Texas.

Lori graduated from Whitehouse High School and pursued a career in the legal field as a Legal Assistant in Tyler, Texas. She moved to California and spent many years there before moving back to her hometown of Tyler.

Lori was a free spirited, intelligent, kind and loving sister. She was charitable to those in need and she loved her friends and family deeply. She loved to laugh and dance!!

Our hearts are sad as we reflect on the life and limited time we had with her. We pray for her peace as she struggled through this life with many battles. God's peace for us is, knowing that she is in heaven with our mother, father, sister (Meredith) and nephew (Michael Lee).

She is survived by her children, Mandy & Taelor Brewer of Wills Point, Texas, Chris Summerville, of Lindale Texas. Also survived by her grandchildren, Slater & Sloan Rodberg, Preslee & Brystol Brewer of Wills Point, Texas and Sophie Baker of Kokomo, Indiana.

Surviving Siblings are Ronnie & Gina Martin of Whitehouse, Texas, Kimberly Martin of Tyler, Texas, Missy Martin of Dallas, Texas and Luci Martin of Rancho Cucamonga, California.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at Stewart Family Funeral Home from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A private family graveside service will be held on Friday, September 5, 2014. She will be laid to rest in Whitehouse Cemetery in Whitehouse, Texas with Rev. Wesley McCasland officiating, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Whitehouse Cemetery

401 Memory Lane
Whitehouse, TX 75791

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

KW

“ *Kimberly*
We are so sorry for your loss. Sending deepest sympathies during this time and know that you are in our prayers.
Kim Wilson and Beverly Loughmiller



Kim Wilson - September 05, 2014 at 10:25 AM

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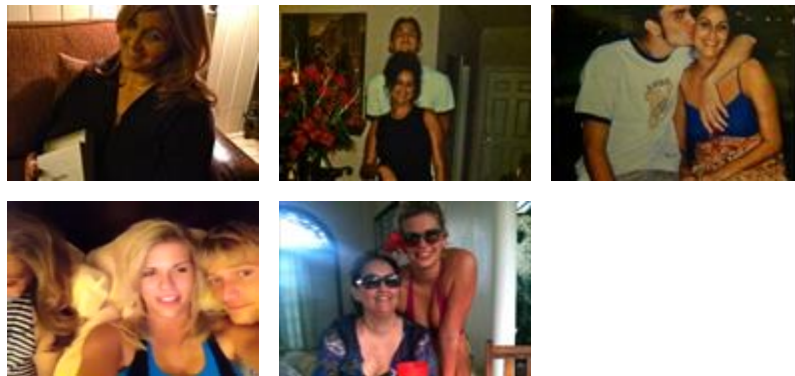
“ *Rita Boone purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Lori Lynne Martin.*



Rita Boone - September 04, 2014 at 07:06 AM

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Kristin Birdwell - September 03, 2014 at 02:43 PM

“Memories are our greatest inheritance.”

? And as Marianne Williamson says, “We release what was and make room for what shall be, as we testify within our minds that life does not end but merely transmutes, today we say goodbye and hello. Goodbye to the physical aspect of our relationship and greet relationship with her soul that now begins anew.”??

Lori Lyn Martin was born on November 11, 1960. She passed away on August 29, 2014. However, I read a quote recently that said those dates really don't matter. It's the dash between the two. I couldn't agree more. And Lori definitely had one of the most interesting dashes I've ever come encountered.

When I first met Lori five years ago, I was immediately grateful. I had just started dating her son, Chris, before college graduation and was relieved to discover that the tattoo across his neck was at least his mother's name and not another girls. But in all seriousness, after our relationship ended, I was immensely grateful for Chris having introduced Lori into my life, as she and I continued on with what turned into being one of my most valued relationships. “Just because Chris and you break up doesn't mean you have to break up with me,” she said. She welcomed me into her life as a daughter and friend, always encouraged my dreams. She spoke of how some of her poor past life decisions skewed a lot of opinions on her. She hoped that one day they'd see her like I did. People are never all good or all bad, but she chose to see the good in everyone. And I chose to see the good in her.

As a writer, her stories inspired me, and as a person, I learned many lessons through her experiences and our time together. I also gained a little perspective through Lori and her stories that I'd like to share. I have to say I already feel like I know so many of her friends and family because I lived through every story she told me. I shared the laughter, the pain, and the adventures as we travelled through her decades. I laughed, smiled, cried, and cringed as she

reminisced. I've realized the key element in all of her stories though - good, bad, heartbreaking - was her love. The love she held for everyone in it even if led to trouble at times. I found myself awestruck at times by her heart. Her heart remained open, kind - untarnished by bitterness or despair. She held a deep love for her friends and family of past and present - with an unending hope to mend some as well.

I admire how Lori was unapologetically herself. ("I've been married nine times and I'm not ashamed of it.") She showed me an authentic human - honest and open about her past while also having the ability to own up to her mistakes and laugh at her own expense. She allowed herself to be vulnerable, almost to a fault, because while vulnerability is beautiful, it can also be taken advantage of. She allowed you to be vulnerable with her, allowing one to open and confide in her, because you knew she wouldn't judge. She taught me to not take everything too seriously, especially when following a diet. She taught me to dance by living in the moment and to live by dancing in the moment, because who cares if anyone is watching anyway?

Lori and I, like a lot of good friends do, had a disagreement about two or three weeks ago. But, I knew we would heal with time and I'd be listening to more of her stories in no time at all. It hurts to know the last words I said to her were either none at all or in any way harsh. So, I'm owning up to my mistake. I hope that if I leave anyone with anything today it is to communicate and resolve conflicts with the meaningful people in your life. Keep an open heart as tomorrow is never promised.

-Kristin

Kristin Birdwell - September 03, 2014 at 02:42 PM

LB

“ Prayers and condolences to all the Martin family. We are sorry for your loss.

Ricky and Lisa Burkett



Lisa Burkett - September 03, 2014 at 10:24 AM

MF

“ Ronny, I am so sorry for your loss. Keeping you and the rest of your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Marilyn Fite

Marilyn Fite - September 02, 2014 at 08:07 PM