



# Linda Hardin Jones

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**L**inda Hardin Jones, 65, stepped into Heaven on Good Friday, March 29, 2013. On that historic day Christ uttered, "It is finished," Linda was beginning her new life in His presence after a long battle with ovarian cancer. Wife for 44 years of Gary L. Jones of Longview; daughter of Jo Lane Hardin and the late Odis E. Hardin, Jr. of Mt. Pleasant, TX; sister of Ronnie Hardin, also of Mt. Pleasant; mother of Kara Abbruzzese of Dallas, TX; mother-in-law to Alan Abbruzzese; grandmother of Zoe Abbruzzese. Linda worked for 37 years in the public school system, as a teacher of first and third grades; but was a librarian for most of her career. For the last 25 years she worked in Longview ISD at Ware Elementary. She was very active in her church, Mobberly Baptist, working in the library, the nursery and the prayer ministry. Some of the things she enjoyed most were reading in her sunroom, daisies, putting together puzzles, tickling her granddaughter, shopping with her daughter, arguing with her husband over his garage sale habits, her annual beach vacation with her "toes in the sand" friend Mary Curry and rainy days in her sunroom. Linda was a lover of technology, but not a lover of all the electronic gadgets her husband brought into the house. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Mobberly Baptist Church, or just take a moment to value friendships, say a prayer, praise God, read a book, tell your children you love them, pick some daisies, and don't forget to bury your toes in the sand.

Funeral Services will be held at Mobberly Baptist Church, Monday, April 1, 2013 at 2:00 pm under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. Burial will follow in Lakeview Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday, March 31, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

A memorial guestbook may be signed online at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com).



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear friend & family, I am sorry in one way for your loss, however, she is now with our Lord who has given her a new body and taken away the pain. My heart is with you and your wonderful family. I know you both had strong faith, so, put yourself in God's hands for comfort. Remember all the good times you had together. It warms my heart she became a school librarian, my Mom was one also for many years. Much love and prayer and peace. Wilma Ann##imported-begin##W Ann Polk Jackson##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Gary and family, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Linda was a wonderful and kind person. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Gary Nance##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Kara and family, for some moments in life there are no words. It's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow though may knowing your Mom is no longer suffering bring you peace and loving memories of her give you courage to face the days ahead.##imported-begin##Mary Lou Palace##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Gary, Stan and I want you to know that we are saddened to hear of Linda's death..I always enjoyed visited with Linda on Birthday nights. She was a very sweet lady and we know she will be missed.. I know to that God is with you Gary and will give you the courage and strength you need. Today, God, help me open myself to the process of grieving my loss. Help me allow myself to flow through the grief process, accepting all the stages so I might achieve peace and acceptance in my life. Help me learn to be gentle with myself and other while we go through this very human process of healing. the book The Language of Letting Go Gary, you have our deepest sympathy and you are our thoughts and prayer..Remember God loves you and we love you. Stan and Connie Rodgers##imported-begin##Stan and Connie Rodgers##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



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**Anonymous** posted:

JoLane, Ronnie, Linda, we love you and are praying for you.##imported-begin##Charles & Sandra Pirkey##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Gary, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family and I can only imagine how your sweet Linda will be missed.I ran across a recipe she had printed for me when I was looking through some Easter recipes, only to learn later that day she had gone to be with our Heavenly Father. She was such a sweet soul and I have such fond memories of working with her at Ware.##imported-begin##Judy Petty##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

We know coming into this world that none of us will ever get out alive and still it doesn't make it any easier when someone so close to our heart goes off on a journey. All of us are on our own personal journey and we have friends and family that help us in and out of almost every aspect that life can toss at us until the bottom falls out. Christ gave everything so that we could enjoy eternity, are we sad because we cannot enjoy the wonder and grace of Linda in our everyday life or are we possibly longing for the wonder that she enjoys by no longer being trapped in time. I have prayed daily for both Linda and Gary and it has been but a moment, my prayers will not stop as the journey continues. God Bless / Steve Green##imported-begin##Steve Green##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Gary and FamilyWords cannot express the loss of Linda. Knowing that her faith was in Christ make us rejoice. Your Friends Larry & Charlene##imported-begin##Larry Hayes##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Gary, I am so sorry about Linda. Peace and Blessings,##imported-begin##Sue Ann Cocke##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Gary, I tried to make the visitation this evening but guess I'm just not ready to face funeral homes and services yet. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care of yourself. Pat Sherwood Brewer###imported-begin##Patricia Sherwood Brewer###imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Gary, I just want you to know that I am saddened to hear of Linda's death. I so enjoyed our lunch together before Christmas and am sorry I didn't get back for another one. We talked and Linda was so brave and strong. So are you. I will miss her but knowing that she is in the company of Jesus and that we will see each other eventually is a comfort. She was not only a high school classmate but a fellow school librarian. When she substituted for me in Austin when Jenny was born, it was like I had never taken time off. She stepped in and I stepped out and I remember the teachers were so happy with the job she did. I really have admired Linda over the years. She was also such a good mother. I remember when Kara cut the tip off her finger. Oh goodness what we remember. Just know you and Kara and her family are in my prayers. Love to you all,Pam Darby Hill###imported-begin##Pam Darby Hill###imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Gary, Kara, Zoe, Ronnie and Aunt Jo Lane, even though weather, vehicle problems and work will keep me from the visitation and service, please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all. I remember Linda and all of us kids growing up and playing in our young ages. The last time I saw Linda was when she, Gary and Aunt Jo Lane came to see my Daddy before his death. Words are of little comfort right now but the love and support you will experience from those who loved Linda will help you through it. Linda closed her eyes in death but awoke in the loving, safe arms of God. I am sure there was quite a welcoming celebration waiting for her. Once again, my thoughts, prayers and love are with y'all.###imported-begin##Debbie Herring Adcock###imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

I went to school with Linda..She was such a lovely person..Praying for her family and friends..Now she can reunite with Linda Ann Moore..###imported-begin##Vicky Denny Johnson Hadick###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Phyllis and I were close friends with Gary and Linda Jones when the ladies taught at Cherry Elementary in Bay City, Texas. Later we moved to Austin. Gary and Linda also moved to Austin and by that time Kara was with them. We had many wonderful times in their home and I hope that they did in ours. They are people who knew things and were interesting to talk to and learn things from. They were always doing things for people and always had projects going on. There was never a blade of grass out of place in the yard, nor a particle of dust in their house. That, I think this is the way they lived; true, pure, dedicated and clean. Linda will always be missed but we were fortunate enough to have a nice visit on Phyllis's last birthday in October. Phyllis said the gift she wanted was to go see Linda Jones. We did that and even though it was not a good time for Linda, she accommodated us and was happy to see us. She will be missed by many, but right now she is reunited with all of those who have gone before her. I know that God is beside Gary, Kara, Allen, and Zoe in their pain. We will also pray for you all. Marvin Reavis###imported-begin##Marvin Reavis ###imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Gary and Family, may the good Lord hold you all very close to the needs held deep in your hearts. Steve Green###imported-begin##Steve Green###imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

To all of Linda's family: Our prayers are with you. We grew up with Linda in Mt. Pleasant, and she was always a precious and sweet-spirited person. We know you will miss her so much. Wonderful memories of Linda, Ronnie, and the Hardin family. Janet Cox Russell and Sam Russell###imported-begin##Janet and Sam Russell###imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Gary, it was fate that put me in touch with Linda about a year or so ago after thinking of you two for 40+ years since the day I last saw you at your wedding in Mt. Pleasant at the little country church in the woods. Lorene Ownby is married to my cousin and Facebook linked it all together for us! I so much appreciate that Linda brought me up to date on my friends, and yours, from our college days together. Those few exchanges of information were comforting to me, and most appreciated. I know you all have probably had a rough year, but Linda had the right spirit to ease the pain for each of you as much as possible. She was beautiful, inside and out. May God give you and your families peace in these healing days ahead. God bless you all!##imported-begin##Pam Piott Thompson##imported-end##

September 19 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Gary and family, we are so sorry. I have great memories of Linda at ETBC. Years may pass, but the time in college seems like yesterday. Always in our hearts.....##imported-begin##Cynthia and Richard Judge##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

You are going home Linda...<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v...>##imported-begin##AndrÃ© Elert Maia##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

You ara going home now linda...<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v...>##imported-begin##AndrÃ© Elert Maia##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

My host and forever MOM ! I just can say in words how sad I am right now. My memories of you will be forever. A lear alot from you. You and Gary where really my parents, back in UNFORGETTABLE 1997/1998 when I whent to longview to become a senior at Longview high School. Most of what I am today was because of What you teatch me about God and his words. Miss you Forever and I see you in heaven for sure. Love you and I will never forguet you. May God stay by your side and please help god to guide us here below.###imported-begin###AndrÃ© Elert Maia###imported-end###

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Gary and family:We will all miss our wonderful friend, Linda. What great memories we all have of the love and laughter we shared together through the years. While Kirby and I are so sad she had to be sick over this past year, we rejoice that she now has experienced the "ultimate healing" and can sit at the feet of Jesus. When you hear the choir sing in the days and months ahead, think of Linda and know that she truly knows more about the words to those songs that we do! Grace and peace to you all.Love-Kirby and Karen Bozeman###imported-begin###Karen Bozeman###imported-end###

September 19 at 6:30 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

Love you forever. Will never forguet you. ###imported-begin###AndrÃ© Elert Maia###imported-end###

March 28 at 7:00 PM



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