



Linda Joyce Propes Davis

February 27, 1942 - January 1, 2020

Linda Joyce Propes Davis joined her Lord on New Year's morning 2020. Devoted to the end, from her bed she was witnessing about the life-changing power of Christ to give meaning to our time here on earth.

She was born in the Peatown community near Kilgore on February 27, 1942, and grew up in Arp, Texas. Early examples of her tenacity, intelligence, and leadership include selection as Drum Major of the high school band and graduating as Salutatorian of the Class of 1960.

Linda was a member of the 21st Line of the world-famous Kilgore Rangerettes, an experience she considered priceless, and was a treasured Life Member of Rangerettes Forever.

On August 19, 1961, she married the love of her life, former five-term Gregg County Commissioner Charles W. Davis, and together they raised their children Charlinda and Derek Todd Davis in the Longview neighborhoods of Ware Acres and Judson.

In the early years, Linda dedicated herself fully to being an accomplished homemaker and mother. As 58 years of marriage passed, she grew in her determination to give back sacrificially to so many volunteer efforts and charitable organizations all over East Texas. One learned to rely on her absolute resolve to perform the assigned task with thorough organization and flair.

Linda was both creative and analytical, compassionate yet fiercely authentic. She could sew beautiful outfits for her children and keep the most precisely detailed set of financial records any business ever had the privilege of claiming as their own. She worked with Charles in the early years of his entrepreneurship, and also with several medical and insurance firms in East Texas.

With a perpetual song in her heart, Linda was a gifted soprano and frequent soloist in the chancel choirs of many local churches. She was the Choir Director for Summerfield Methodist Church for many years. She loved to sing about Jesus and she made so many friends during her years of praise and worship with like-minded musicians.

Ever eager to take on a challenge, Linda was the Chaplain and later President of the Pilot Club of Longview, as well as the Lieutenant Governor of District 3 of Pilot International. During these years, she was a vocal advocate for raising money for brain injuries and for

mentoring young ladies through the Anchor Club and other Longview Public School mentorship endeavors. She actively served with the Longview Regional Medical Center Senior Circle, Woman's Advisory Board, and recently poured her heart into the Volunteer Auxiliary, where she led as Parliamentarian. She forged many friendships with the professional staff there, and contributed capably, cheerfully, and with unmatched commitment for many years. She was selected as a Star Over Longview in 2014. Although she was in the public view due to Charles' government position, she treasured her privacy and being able to contribute behind the scenes. She never took joy in touting her contributions, but she gave time and resources to worthy causes all over East Texas. She brought her children with her to Asbury House to volunteer in the early 1970's and plated Holiday meals to thankful recipients before it was a trendy photo opportunity. She would carefully select just the perfect angels from the annual Angel Tree and painstakingly choose just the right doll or bicycle for the deserving children. She put her money where her mouth was, voiced her opinion unapologetically, and she was loved, appreciated and valued by family, friends, and co-workers.

Linda is predeceased by her father, Wilbur Howell Propes, and mother, Pauline Silvey Propes. Greeting her in heaven on New Year's Day was her precious son, Derek Todd Davis, whom we lost in 2011. Left to cherish all of the wonderful love she faithfully and lavishly showered upon us are her husband, Charles Wayne Davis of Longview, and her daughter, Charlinda Davis Gray, of Dallas. She was a proud Nana to grandsons Jacob Ryan Gray of Dallas, Tyler Jameson Gray (Tayler) of Forney, Parker Davis Gray of Dallas, and her first great-grandson, due Spring 2020.

Visitation is hosted by Rader Funeral Home in Longview on Friday, January 3rd from 6 – 8 pm and Memorial Service follows at 11 AM on Saturday, January 4th at Woodland Hills Baptist Church.

Cemetery

Summerfield Cemetery

4912 Tryon Rd.
Longview, TX,

Events

JAN **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Chapel of Rader Funeral Home
1617 Judson Rd., Longview, TX, US

JAN **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Woodland Hills Baptist Church
2105 E. Loop 281, Longview, TX, US

Comments



“ Charles, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Linda was a very special person to me and I cherished our long time relationship. She will be greatly missed. Linda Voyles

Linda Voyles - January 06, 2020 at 12:55 PM



“ Charles you gave Linda a great life and much happiness praying for you and your family

Susan Mullikin - January 04, 2020 at 11:18 PM



“ Beautiful caring Godly lady.
The Angels are singing !

Don and Jan Johnson

Jan Johnson - January 04, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ I shared lots of laughter with this fine lady, Linda had a huge heart and I know she is being greeted into heaven by Todd. We will surely miss you what a shining example of a women full of Gods Spirit

Susan Mullikin - January 04, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ Charlinda and family,
We are so sorry to hear about your sweet Mother. Our prayers are with you all for comfort during this time and the many days ahead . God Bless you all

LaJuana Inman - January 03, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda Joyce Propes Davis.



January 03, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Joyce Propes Davis.



January 03, 2020 at 12:17 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Joyce Propes Davis.



January 03, 2020 at 11:40 AM



“ Patrick and Lanett Moser purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Linda Joyce Propes Davis.



Patrick and Lanett Moser - January 03, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ Beautiful lady and friend, always caring and sweet. I know she loved her family dearly and what a wonderful woman of God! My heart is so sad for you Charles and family. I will forever remember our many conversations and her encouragement. Lifting you all in my prayers.

Valerie Hawkins

Valerie Hawkins - January 03, 2020 at 11:03 AM



“ What an amazing , sweet and strong lady! She was such an asset to this community and will be missed. RIP my dear friend. Love to the family. Karen Duke

Karen Duke - January 03, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ Dear Charles, Charlinda and children,
We are so very sorry about Linda, but so very happy for where she is. Just out of the hospital in Dec., I'm still in recovery from spinal surgery so I did not know about Linda until John-Eric told me tonight that he just ran into Kurt Villyard. One of us would have been there for sure. We still treasure all our memories as neighbors in Ware Acres, and our two boys' deep friendship there & at Ware Elem., & also how much we appreciated you Charles, and Linda coming to Jackie's funeral in 2015. I noticed there was an omission in her obit of Linda's many awards of the happy night that I as Ware PTA president was honored to pin my deserving friend Linda with the annually chosen PTA Life Membership. I would be happy to send you a copy of our newspaper clipping if needed.
So, other than to say that I am praying for God to heal your grief, until we all see each other again someday, I'll simply say, "WHAT A GREAT LADY"!

Much love to you all,

Ann Henry Byrd & Bob

the late Jackie Henry

John-Eric Henry

Chad Henry

Ann Henry Byrd - March 01, 2020 at 02:57 AM



“ Dear Charles and Charlinda,

So sorry to learn of Linda's passing. She was a longtime friend who I loved dearly. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers as you grieve the loss of such a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother.

Sherry Beall Moore-Molpus

Rockwall, TX

Sherry Molpus - January 03, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you during this difficult time. I know she will be missed by her family and community.

Vali Dicus - January 03, 2020 at 10:28 AM



“ Charles And I send our thoughts and prayers to Linda's family. Linda & Charles Thomas

Linda Thomas - January 03, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Joyce Propes Davis.



January 02, 2020 at 07:53 PM



“ My heart is heavy but knowing Linda is in a better place helps. I will always remember her beautiful smile and I enjoyed all the emails she sent me. I will miss her and my thoughts and prayers are with Charles and family. Betty Hunt

Betty Hunt - January 02, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Linda Joyce Propes Davis.



January 02, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ Carolyn Barnette purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Linda Joyce Propes Davis.



Carolyn S. Barnette - January 02, 2020 at 06:39 PM



“ As couples we share friendship of 58 years. Todd and Charlinda was so dear to me!! Kept them at times like my own.

Charles Linda Wayne and I enjoyed going to gospel singings and enjoyed visiting so much

In our homes! Linda knows we want to be here for Charles and family.

I enjoyed her calls and sweet sweet dear friend ! I am going to miss you so much!

Wayne and Margaret Musslewhite - January 02, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Linda Joyce Propes Davis.



January 02, 2020 at 06:16 PM



“ Linda we will miss you. Charles and family Our sincere condolences. Nell and Jim B .

Nell Buchanan - January 02, 2020 at 05:07 PM



“ Just a note to the family of Linda, you are all in our prayers and thoughts at this time of your loss. May God wrap you in His tender arms and give you peace and comfort. Such a precious lady...she will be missed.

Steve, Lana & Emily Snider

Lana Snider - January 02, 2020 at 04:11 PM