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Linda Stevens Davis, aged 65, of Dallas, Texas, beloved wife, daughter, Mom, and Grandmom, died at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Arkansas on Wednesday, February 17, 2010, from complications of multiple myeloma. Linda was born on July 31, 1944 in Amarillo, Texas, to Mrs. Nona Merle Stevens and the late Grady N. Stevens. She attended Abilene High School and Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. While at Hardin-Simmons, she met and married her devoted husband of 44 years, Richard Philip Davis, on June 25, 1965. Both were active in the theater department, where they cultivated a love and appreciation for the theater. Linda's acting career culminated in 1969, when she performed the role of "Mother on the Bus" opposite Jon Voight in the Academy Award-winning film, *Midnight Cowboy*. A lifelong educator, Linda began her career in 1966 as an English teacher at Madison Junior High in Abilene, Texas. In 1973 she joined the Dallas Independent School District, where she worked in numerous positions, including teacher recruiter, vice principal, and principal. She retired from the district as Executive Director of Personnel in 2007 after over 34 years of service. Linda was a passionate reader and grammarian, and earned her Masters of Education at East Texas State University, now Texas A&M Commerce. She was a member of Park Cities Baptist Church for 37 years, and active with the American Kidney Foundation. Linda's life was guided by a belief in hard work, education, and the grace of God. She will be remembered as a loving and inspirational wife, daughter, mother, and grandmother, an empathetic friend and confidant, and a classy woman of intelligence and wit. Linda is survived by her husband, Phil; her mother, Mrs. Nona Merle Stevens; her son and daughter-in-law, Jordan and Natalie Davis; and her grandchildren, Avery and Brennan Davis. She is preceded in death by her brother, Grady Paul Stevens, and her father, Grady N. Stevens. Funeral services for Linda Davis will be held at 9:30 am on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at Ellis Chapel



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at Park Cities Baptist Church, 3933 Northwest Parkway in Dallas, Texas. There will be a visitation on Monday, February 22, 2010 from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm at Restland Funeral Home, 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas.



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JT

Joanna Tuttle posted:

Linda and I became friends thru the Charlie Taylor's Sunday School class, and the North Texas Multiple Myeloma support group. I will miss her. I thank God for her life and how she gracefully this disease. My prayers are with Linda's family.

August 24 at 2:16 PM

CY

Carolyn Young posted:

I will carry wonderful memories of Linda with me for the rest of my life. She will always be part of me. She was a great bridge partner, especially when we shared a bottle or box of wine!

August 24 at 11:06 AM

VR

Vicki Roberts posted:

Dear Phil, Jordan, Natalie, Merle Avery and Brennan, I know we have not seen you as much lately as we wanted, but Linda was a part of our life since we met in Lubbock all those years ago. It is hard to put into words how grief-stricken I am. I always looked forward to Linda's laughter and her love of "jazz" that created many wonderful memories through the years. She had a joyful sense of adventure which always led to an unforgettable time. I know Marlin has written, but I wanted you all to know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all in this time of loss. God bless you all and Linda. Love, Vicki

August 24 at 10:45 AM

SH

Sherri Stovall Hunter posted:

Phil & family, I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know God will see you through this difficult time. I was shocked when Karen called and told me what had happened. Please know you are in our family's prayers.

August 24 at 9:40 AM



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KR

Kristin (Roberts) Rust posted:

I was blessed to know Linda through my childhood and grew to admire her for her strength and generosity. Linda was a role model for me in her beauty, style, and kindness. I recall one story of my childhood in which Linda displayed her loving and supportive nature. Linda loved movie-going and took me to see "E.T." In the saddest part of the movie, I could not stop crying. Linda took my hand and told me not to be sad... that everything would be okay because she knew it would be. And she was right- everything was okay. Thank you Linda for the time I was able to spend with you and to know you. Your love and laughter will continue to be in my own heart and mind through my life. Phil, Jordan, Natalie, Avery, and Brendon, I am so saddened for your loss of an amazing wife, mother, and grandmother. For you, Merle, and the other family and friends who grieving, I pray God provides you the strength you need in this difficult time.

August 24 at 8:42 AM

MR

Marlin Roberts posted:

Dear Phil, Jordan, Natalie and family: Vicki and I will miss our friend Linda, who we have known since 1971, before Jordan was born. We have been friends through all the ups and downs of the last 39 years. We have shared births, deaths, children, grandchildren, pets (Rosey, Blackjack, George, Alice Kristi, Mattie), great bridge times, dancing, many dinners, travel trips, smiles, and laughs. Linda, you were a great wife, mother, daughter, friend, teacher. When I heard the news of Linda's death there was a hole-in-my-heart because of the loss, but now I am filling that with memories of my friend, Linda Davis. Go with God, my friend. Phil, Jordan, Natalie and family may God comfort you at this time. Love, Marlin

August 23 at 7:34 PM

TE

Terry posted:

Phil, Zoe and I were sadden to read about Linda. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Terry and Zoe Broxson

August 23 at 7:10 PM

CG

Carolyn Hayden-Garner posted:

I had the opportunity to work with Linda at DISD for many years. She was a woman of excellence and took pride in her work. I am grateful to God for allowing our paths to cross. I pray that God will give her family the strength to adjust to the days ahead. She will be remembered in our hearts.

February 16 at 7:00 PM



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JH

Jan Everett High posted:

Phil, I was so very sorry to hear about Linda's death. I wish I lived closer so I could come to the service. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. Jan

February 16 at 7:00 PM

MH

Madron And Don Hartley posted:

I remember Linda's vibrant smile at our meetings. I wish I had known of your Abilene connection to talk with her about it. Our first home was adjacent to HSU campus and my first job was at an Abilene middle school. Wish we had had more time with Linda. Glad she is present with the Lord.

February 16 at 7:00 PM

KS

Karen Stovall Strickman posted:

Phil and family- I was so sorry to hear about Linda's death. This is such a difficult time but know that God will see you through this time. We are praying for you and all of your family. With love- karen

February 16 at 7:00 PM

LE

Leora Easley posted:

To the Davis Family. I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Linda. I worked with her for many years in DISD Personnel. She was a joy to work with and well as a friend. She was always there for anyone that needed help. Our prayers are with the family and know that God will be with the family always.

February 16 at 7:00 PM

SA

Sandra K. Adams posted:

I first met Linda at a meeting when she was Executive Director of Personnel at Dallas ISD. At a moment when everybody had something to say and all saying it at the same time, Linda's voice rose and projected over all talking. Immediate silence followed. I learned then what all already knew—when Linda speaks, everyone listens. When my grandson Brennan was born, she proudly showed me a photo of her grandson, Brennan. Her beautiful smile, classy style, quick wit and strong work ethic remain testament and model for us all. I will greatly miss Linda. My sympathies and condolences to her family. May you find comfort in the legacy of many loving memories.

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MS

Marcia Sawyer posted:

Dear Phil and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Linda was not able to attend our support group often, but when she was able to come she always impressed me as being very upbeat, cheerful, and ready to take on the world. So sorry to hear she lost her battle with Multiple Myeloma. May God bless you with beautiful memories of a very special person. Sincerely, Marcia Sawyer

February 16 at 7:00 PM

ES

Edward Swift posted:

She was my classmate at Hardin-Simmons. We were in many productions in the University Theatre. She was a talented actress. She had an innate instinct for the stage. Edward Swift

February 16 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Linda by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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