



Linda Jean Hugg

August 27, 1963 - March 27, 2014

Linda Jean Hugg, 50, of Austin, Texas passed into the loving arms of Jesus on Thursday March 27, 2014 after her long and courageous battle against the ravages of scleroderma. Her death at her apartment home was attended by Bobby (brother) and Cindy Hugg, Jo Ann (sister) and Don Strickland, James (brother) and Susan Hugg, Joyce Fields (closest friend and caregiver), Conner Strickland (nephew), and her nurses from Hospice Compassus.

Linda was born in Oklahoma City on August 27, 1963 as the fifth and last child of James William and Emily Jo (Boyd) Hugg. She was noted for dancing, gymnastics, and a feisty, adventurous spirit. As evidence of her strong self-determination, she graduated a year early at the age of 16 from Northwest Classen High School in Oklahoma City. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma and then completed special training in drug and alcohol abuse counseling.

Linda moved to Austin, Texas in 1985 and worked for the State of Texas as a welfare compliance inspector. She was married from 1999 to 2001 to Darren Ivey. Linda was diagnosed with scleroderma in 2000 after suffering painful

symptoms for several years. The disease progressively ravaged her body and caused amputations of her feet and lower legs, several fingers, and loss of her teeth. She was unable to work and virtually confined to her apartment for the past decade. Her faithful dog, Lucy, has been a constant companion for almost 15 years. Joyce Fields became her live-in caregiver and closest friend for the past five years. She was especially thankful for her devoted pain management physician, Dr. Robert Wills of Austin. One of Linda's regrets was that she was unable to bear and raise children because of her disease. Linda was extraordinarily compassionate; she befriended and helped a myriad of folks, especially those who are often ignored by the rest of society.

Linda was greeted upon her arrival in heaven by immediate family who preceded her in death: James William Hugg Sr. (father, 1970), Emily Jo Hugg Holmberg (mother, 2010), and Richard Boyd Hugg (brother, 1996). She is survived in this earthly life by Dr. James Hugg, Jr. (brother, Simi Valley, California), Jo Ann Strickland (sister, Austin, Texas), Bobby Hugg (brother, Kearney, Nebraska) and their spouses Susan Hugg, Don Strickland, and Cindy Hugg; her nephews and nieces: Ben Strickland (Eugene, Oregon), Conner and Abbi Strickland (Austin, Texas), Elishua and Samuel Hugg (Simi Valley, California); and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Linda's Celebration of Life service is scheduled for Monday March 31, 2014 at 11 am at Bethany United Methodist Church, 10010 Anderson Mill Rd, Austin, TX 78750. The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, tributes in Linda's name should be donated to the Scleroderma Research Foundation (www.SRFcure.org, 800-441-2873). At her request, Linda's earthly body will be cremated and her ashes scattered privately by her family at some later date

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethany United Methodist Church
10010 Anderson Mill Rd.
Austin, TX 78750

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Jean Hugg*

October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



“ *Linda Jean Hugg*

October 04, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ *Linda Jean Hugg*

September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *Linda was always sooooo much fun, and happy spirited. Never did I see her in a bad mood. We used to have soooo much fun and laugh. We would go to my families place at Eufaula and take carloads of girls, and go out on the beach there, and hang out. She was always so light hearted, and never met a stranger. I loved that about her. I cant believe her time had already come to an end here. She was so beautiful, inside and out.*
Carla Taylor

Carla Taylor - April 23, 2014 at 08:09 PM

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“ I am so saddened that she lived with this terrible disease but know she is living free of pain today in heaven. Joann and I have shared our pain together with my 50 year old brother suffering from ALS for 10 years now. Both horrible diseases but he also looks forward to entering eternity free from pain and suffering. Love you Stricklands.

karen ramthun - March 30, 2014 at 10:08 AM

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Jo Ann Strickland - March 29, 2014 at 11:07 PM

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Jo Ann Strickland - March 29, 2014 at 11:06 PM



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Affordable Burial & Cremation Service - March 29, 2014 at 04:08 PM

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Linda, I will never forget the time we spent together and how much fun we had in Austin! How weird two Oklahoma girls meet and become friends in Texas. I will forever miss you but never forget you or your sincere kindness. I still carry a small little card in my wallet that you gave me 14 years ago when I was going through a rough time. I believe you are dancing with the angels and celebrating. Until we meet again..... Love you Linda.

Yvette Onkst - March 30, 2014 at 09:45 PM

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I KNOW THIS IS LATE BUT I COULDN'T LEAVE WITH OUT REMEMBERING ALLTHE GOOD TIMES WE HAD AT YOUR APARTMENT AND WHEN WE WENT SHOPPING AT TARGET. YOU WERE LIKE A KID IN A CANDY STORE!! THROUGH ALL THE TIME I KNEW YOU, YOU REALLY DIDN'T COMPLAIN AND WE SPENT MANY A DAY LAUGHING UNTIL THE WEE HOURS OF THE NIGHT. YOU ARE WITH YOUR BEST FRIEND, JESUS, NOW AND WITHOUT PAIN. WHAT MORE COULD A GIRL ASK?? WILL LOVE YOU FOREVER.... LINDA BYBEE

Linda Bybee - July 18, 2016 at 03:54 PM