



## Linda S. Jones

July 18, 1947 - June 30, 2020

Linda Jones, of Hico, Texas, passed in peace on Tuesday, June 30 after a two year battle with colon cancer. She was 72 years old.

Linda is survived by: Loving Husband, Caretaker and Best Friend – David Jones, Her three amazing children and their loving partners – Scott & Krishna Jones, Jennifer Jones and Wes Lunsford, Michael & Jennifer Jones Delightful Grandchildren - Rilee, Dempsey, Braddock and Millie, Cherished Sister and her family – Shirley Dillon, Kelly Culver, Dereck & Priscilla Culver and Lyric

Linda was born in Dodge City, Kansas in 1947 to Ruben and Nora Schleining. From Dodge City to Fort Collins, to San Francisco she set out on her own, working as a beautician. She liked big teased hair and flashy eyes. She met the love of her life in San Francisco. David Jones was fresh out of the US Navy, but it was with Linda he began the adventure of a lifetime. Linda and David worked and played, journeying to Iowa and eventually settling in Texas. Together, they were not only dreamers; they were risk-takers. They pursued their dreams of owning their own businesses, and used their hands to build, craft and create things, which brought them much joy. Some of their endeavors include a waterbed store, a construction company, and the building of a horse breeding/training business from the ground up. For years Linda gave horseback riding lessons using great techniques to teach even the most novice horseman to feel accomplished. She was an artist who enjoyed working with antiques: re-conditioning pieces, searching for treasures, crafting and creating. Building her and David's businesses around family and the things about which they were passionate was always a main goal of Linda's. Together, she and David intentionally lived the way they wanted, always supporting each other and pursuing their dreams together. If you ever got the chance to meet her, you knew who she was, and she was amazing!

"If you spoke to Linda for more than two minutes, you knew I was the best person, dad, trainer and son in the World. Linda did not suffer fools, which was a paradox because she had a family full of them. In addition, hands down, not even a question –Linda's favorite

thing in the world was to have these fools all around her at the same time. During these visits, Rilee, Dempsey and Braddock made it their mission to personally maim all of Mom's vehicles. Mom was quick to keep the kids in line but then quick to administer a hug. Mom is responsible for my kids liking gravy and the smell of coffee. Mom made the best Thanksgiving Day meals ever. Mom had strong opinions but always listened. Mom was thrifty but would over-tip a waiter. Mom would put on a tough exterior to a new person but once she knew you, you had no bigger supporter" – Scott Jones, son

"If you ever wanted to quit your job and open a business in a small town, you should make sure it's close to your mommy. My Mom watched our store like any Momma bear would. She did what she thought needed to be done, which didn't include pesky computer work. She sold what she wanted to sell, often making people buy things they didn't even know they needed when they walked in. If there was an error you could bet in was in my favor. She decorated our inn with her beautiful craft and lit up our business with her sassy ways. It displeased her when people had the audacity to use the restroom without making a purchase; it was just bad manners on their part, she would say. She did what she loved and said what she thought. She loved us and backed us no matter what. She overly and embarrassingly bragged about us. She was real and amazing and we will miss her terribly." – Jennifer Jones, daughter

"Amidst the crowd at the Thomas and Mack, I could always hear her cheers. No matter what we did, in her eyes we were the very best ever. Some of our best memories came from a cabin cruiser on Lake Travis that Mom and Dad traded two horses for. Other fun family toys came in the form of "Mother's Day Gifts." Mom liked to purchase things for the whole family to enjoy on Mother's Day. She gave of herself to no end!" – Michael Jones, son

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Jesus Christ

Romans 14:18

If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

In lieu of flowers, the Jones family requests acts of kindness:

Take care of a family in need. Over-tip a random server in a big way.

Support the Lord's Acre at the United Methodist Church in Hico. Donate to the Hico Volunteer Fire Dept. Buy something old and repurpose it. Get together with family.



# Comments

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“ Having known Linda for around 45 years I have so many wonderful memories of her and her family that stretch over the years. She was fierce when it came to loving and supporting her family - she was talented at so many things - and she was so much fun. I am one of many who will miss her.

**Elaine Nehring** - July 15, 2020 at 03:26 PM

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“ So sorry to learn of the loss of your wife, Linda, Dave. In your sorrow and loss, may God's presence bring you and your family comfort and peace. Lizabeth Brinkmeyer Osborne

**Lizabeth Osborne** - July 09, 2020 at 08:58 AM

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“ I've tried to think of a specific memory of Linda that I could share but not one thing stands out above the others. I remember a woman that: loved her family, was a great partner to her husband David, was fun to be around, was hard working yet always looked great doing it, never seemed to have a bad day yet could empathize with all of us when we were, would stop what ever she was doing to put others ahead of herself, was tough as nails, had a wit and sense of humor that was often over looked, made the best damn gravy I've ever eaten, would continue to reach out to me on holidays and birthdays long after I wasn't part of her daily routine.

Linda, you are missed and my heart aches for Jones' family.

Collier

**collier albright** - July 08, 2020 at 10:37 AM

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“ She for sure was an amazing lady and mama!  
She is in heaven right now creating and probably selling something!!!

**stef Cobb** - July 08, 2020 at 08:27 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your great loss, Dave. She sounds like a truly remarkable woman.  
Connie (Miller) Isaacson

Connie Isaacson - July 07, 2020 at 11:39 AM

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“ I do not know if my first post came thru/and I just want u to know how much I thought of Linda and what a lovely friend she was from her days when we enjoyed living in SF . I will miss all our texts we shared over all these years.  
Janet Cushing

janet Cushing - July 06, 2020 at 09:00 PM

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“ The sweetest lady loved all & especially children. She sure made sure I got my beautiful cherished rocker from her. Rocked all my grandchildren in it& will continue to. Anyone who knew her loved her & her precious smile . Always friendly and was a blessing to know

Trish Littleton - July 05, 2020 at 11:33 PM

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“ What an amazing girl, and what an unspeakable loss to all of us who knew her a little or knew her well. I have thought of her so often during this season of illness in her life. Once, she came in my store looking for Chocolate Walnut fudge. I was out, and I could tell that she was disdainful of a would be fudge maker who would dare to run out of Chocolate Walnut. Linda, I'm all stocked up now. I have made sure since that day that I always have it. And I'll think of you every time I make it. I didn't know her well. I only knew her a little. But she was a bright light in our little Hico bubble. I'm so sorry for the loss of her. Donna McInnis

Donna McInnis - July 05, 2020 at 08:32 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Linda's passing. Her son Scott, was a great childhood friend of mine from K-2nd grade in New Providence, IA. I spent a overnights at the Jones's farm and have fond memories...feeding the horses, Scott falling out of his bunkbed, new baby sister, Jennifer being born, etc. Linda was always a welcoming host. They moved away and it wasn't until 19 years later that I rec'd a call out of the blue, from my old childhood pal Scott Jones. My wifenandnl then made a trip to TX to visit my brother-in-law and rented with Scott and Krishna, went to their Wedding shower, recalled all of our memories and also was able to see David and Linda once again. we had a freat time and more laughs! I'm sorry to say that easbtge last time I was abke to see Linda ...RIP Linda, may Eternal Life treat you well...we will meet again

**Kris Wright** - July 05, 2020 at 01:12 PM

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“ A chance meeting that forged a lasting friendship for years to come. I gained a sister I never had and an extended family that excepted me without question. Her common scenes and wisdom was a guiding light through troubled times. The feeling of loss will never fade which is a good thing because it means she will always be with us.

**Bob Taylor** - July 05, 2020 at 08:26 AM

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“ Linda was one of my best friends no matter if we spoke once a week or once a year it was like no time had passed. It was always the little things that made her happy like getting new tires on the four wheeler. Or mowing grass with out running over anything, then David would have to fix the tractor. I will miss her love for life and yes bragging on her kids

**elyse bragg** - July 04, 2020 at 02:07 PM