

Linda Darnell Fanders Firns August 12, 1950 - October 28, 2023

Order of Service for

Linda Darnell Sanders Sims

Saturday, November 4, 2023 2:00 p.m.

Broussard's Chapel

Nederland, Texas

Mr. Sheldon Lee Sims

"When I Get Where I'm Going" by Brad Paisley

Opening Remarks

Reading of Obituary

Scripture

"I Believe in You" by Don Williams

Reflections

Eulogy

Prayer

"Knowing You'll Be There" by Gaither Vocal Band



Linda was born on August 12, 1950, to Thomas William Sanders and Viola Williams in Port Arthur, Texas; and grew up in Port Neches, Texas. Linda passed away on October 28, 2023.

She is survived by husband, Wilborne Lee Sims, Jr, of Vidor, Texas; son, Sheldon Lee Sims and daughter-in-law, Debra Lynn Sims, of Burkeville, Texas; daughter, Christina Viola Sims

and fiance, Whitney Toutcheque, Jr., of Vidor, Texas; sister, Beverly Ann Moretti of Vidor, Texas; and brother, Larry Arnold Sanders of Houston, Texas.

She is also survived by those who called her "Grannie", grandchildren; Tara and husband, Chad; Jason and wife, Tiffany; great grandchildren; Jordan, Grant, Callie, and Cailyn; great-great grandchildren, Aila, Lincoln, and Callum; and a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Linda is preceded in death by her parents and five of her siblings; sisters, Evelyn Delores Clark, Earline Davis, Merlene Tucker, and Patricia Robin; and brother, Thomas Leonard Sanders.

Speaker/son: Sheldon Lee Sims. The eulogy will be read by son, Sheldon Lee Sims. The pallbearers are family: Larry Sanders, Jason Andrus, Chad Fenner, Robert Baird, and Leif Towne; friends: Jerry Loncon.



In Port Arthur, TX on August 12, 1950; Linda Sanders was born. She grew up in Port Neches and was a true Indian fan at Port Neches-Groves High School. She had 5 sisters and 2 brothers. At 16 she began working at Schepp's Dairy Mart and enjoyed going to the skating rink in Nederland on Saturday, when it became a dance hall on the weekend. This is where she met Lee Sims on August 17, 1968. The next weekend she saw him again, and he had his hair combed differently. He came over to talk to her, and she asked, "what did you do to your hair?" She told him to go to the bathroom and put his hair back the way it was last time. At that point, he became the love of her life. They married on April 4, 1969, and were together for the rest of her life, except for the two tours he spent in Vietnam as a U.S. Marine.

Linda Sims loved being a housewife and mother to her son (Sheldon) and daughter (Viola). She had compassion for others and it showed in the way she raised her children and the lives they've chosen because of her love for them. Together this Mom and Dad raised 2 extraordinarily muchloved adults.

She loved her pets, and even owned a business named Linda's Pekes for a while.

She loved to change the color of her beloved accent walls. She enjoyed computer games, monkey videos, and working outside in her rose garden. Seven Sisters was her favorite rose because her dad planted it and she wanted to keep that tradition with her. She moved it to every home through the years and it even survived 2 hurricanes. The love for her family and extended family was greater than you can imagine. She loved being called Mom, Aunt Pickie, or Grannie Linda.

Even though she didn't enjoy cooking in her later years, she was a great cook. Her favorite recipes were her mother's banana pudding, potato salad, and microwavable cheesy meatloaf.

Genealogy was another one of her passions. She had been working on the family tree since 1995. Her zeal for discovering the past of her family became thousands of pages and turned up a few surprises as well.

She was also one of Jehovah's Witnesses. Knowing she would leave this world behind one day, she was looking forward to living for eternity in paradise, where she would meet her loved ones again. She enjoyed the songs and beautiful illustrations in the publications. She had several scriptures that were her treasures and had read the bible from the first page to the last.



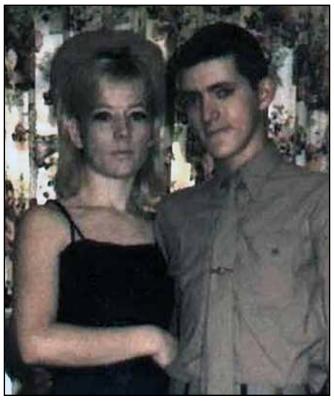


Isaiah 25:8

He will swallow up death forever, and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces. The reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for Jehovah himself has spoken it.





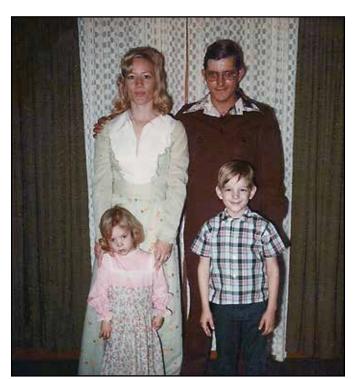




Isaiah 35:5,6

At that time the eyes of the blind will be opened,
And the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.
At that time the lame will leap like the deer,
And the tongue of the speechless will shout for joy.
For waters will burst forth in the wilderness,
And streams in the desert plain.













John 3:16

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone exercising faith in him might not be destroyed but have everlasting life.





John 5:24

Most truly I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes the One who sent me has everlasting life, and he does not come into judgment but has passed over from death to life.





John 11:25

Jesus said to her: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life."











John 14:1-3

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Exercise faith in God; exercise faith also in me. In the house of my Father are many dwelling places. Otherwise, I would have told you, for I am going my way to prepare a place for you. Also, if I go my way and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will receive you home to myself, so that where I am you also may be.







Romans 16:20

For his part, the God who gives peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. May the undeserved kindness of our Lord Jesus be with you.



Phillipians 3:20-21

But our citizenship exists in the heavens, and we are eagerly waiting for a savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our humble body to be like his glorious body by his great power that enables him to subject all things to himself.









Revelation 21:4

And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore.

The former things have passed away.







Pallbearers

Jason Andrus Robert Baird Chad Fenner Jerry Loncon Larry Sanders Leif Towne

Interment

Oak Bluff Memorial Park Port Neches, Texas

Memorial Contributions

Any Organization that Benefits Animals



