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Linda Pridgen Wallace

Memorial services for Linda Pridgen Wallace were held Sunday, October 17, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Grapeland, TX with Rev. Dick Dobbins officiating and Connie Davis, (cousin of Linda) of Elkhart beautifully performing sign language to two musical selections. Maxine Moore of Grapeland was the pianist and soloist. Bailey & Foster of Grapeland were in charge of the services.



Linda Pridgen Wallace passed away on October 14, 2004 in a hospital in Clear Lake, TX. She was born January 10, 1942 in Grapeland, TX to Joe and Catherine Pridgen. Linda took an active part in school activities including the school newspaper, the band, and in her senior year of high school was drum major of the band. She loved doing that, she once said that when she saw a band marching in a parade, she felt like joining them! One year, she was in the cast of a contest play, "Elizabeth the Queen," and the play went to state; but going

down the concrete steps to the auditorium, Linda slipped on the wet steps and cut her head and had to have several stitches - but the play went on stage later in the evening. She was quite a trooper!

Linda was a Home Economics teacher in Santa Fe, TX for 20 years; prior to that, she taught school in St. Louis, Missouri for several years. After she retired from teaching, she worked for several years as a Home Economist for a Power Company in that vicinity. She graduated from Stephen F. Austin State University with a degree in Home Economics. She was a

member of the First United Methodist Church.

Linda was a great teacher, a wonderful mother and grandmother, but most of all she was a wonderful daughter! She will be missed very much by us all! We know that our children belong to the Lord! They are a gift to us from Him! We are to love, nurture, and rear them and in doing so, we have beautiful memories! As "Our Linda" has gone to be with our Heavenly Father, we thank Him for the time we had to share and love her!

Her father preceded her in death.

She is survived by her mother, Catherine Pridgen of Grapeland; brother, Bob Pridgen of Las Cruces, New Mexico; children, Dacia Cajica of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Douglas Edward Duggan and his fiancée, Deanna Turner of Houston, TX; husband, Jim Wallace of Dickinson, TX; grandchildren, Natalie Allen and Charlie Cajica of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The following is a farewell poem written by her mother, Catherine Pridgen, read by her granddaughter, Natalie Allen:

To Linda from Mother on October 15, 2004

Farewell to my daughter, Linda Lee

She was always there for me!

She'll be missed by her family and many friends,

But one day we'll all be together again!

She was a teacher, friend, loving mother and grandmother,

To me, she was my dear, dear daughter!

Love you, Mom

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