



Linda Lee

December 2, 2008

Linda Heinzman Nix, loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend, teacher and inspiration to all who knew her, passed on to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2008, after a hard-fought and persistent 2 1/2-year battle with ovarian cancer. She was 49 years of age.

Linda was born in Lima, Ohio, to Homer and Dorothy Heinzman. Moving to Texas in 1964, Linda grew up in Arlington, where she attended public schools, graduating from Arlington High School in 1977. During the summers, she worked as an employee of Six Flags Over Texas and enjoyed it very much. She attended Texas Tech University, where she met her future husband, Larry Nix. She graduated with honors, earning a BBA in accounting. Linda and Larry married in 1979 and moved to Fort Worth. In 1985, they settled in Mansfield. Linda earned her CPA designation and worked a total of 11 years for Peat Marwick, Mitchell, CPAs, and Bass Enterprises of Fort Worth. After spending several years at home raising children, Linda earned her teaching certification and began teaching high school business classes at Mansfield and Summit high schools, as well as the Ben Barber Career Tech Academy in the Mansfield ISD. She was the organizing force in the establishment of the Mansfield ISD's chapter of the National Academy of Finance and was active until her retirement. Education proved to be her passion and she enjoyed teaching for 11 years before being forced into early medical retirement this past summer.

After moving to Mansfield, Linda was a faithful member of First United

Methodist Church and enjoyed many lasting friendships there. She and Larry have three wonderful children and a delightful 29-year marriage. Together, they traveled extensively, and started and owned several businesses. A highlight of their marriage came in 1999 when they and their children took a 61-day self-guided automobile tour of Europe, camping along the way. This proved to be a memorable experience for the entire family, creating bonds that will last their lifetimes.

Linda was preceded in death by her grandparents, Dee and Osborne Linguist and Walter and Ethyl Heinzman, and a cousin, Jeanne Winker.

Survivors include her Husband, Larry R. Nix; daughter, Stephanie Nix Sanford and husband, Mat; daughter, Ashley Nix; son, Preston L. Nix; parents, Homer and Dorothy Heinzman; brother, Gregg Heinzman and wife, Sherri; brother, Scott Heinzman; parents in law, Jimmy and Beverly Nix; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, in-laws and friends.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Linda to any of the following: Mansfield First United Methodist Church, Mansfield ISD Education Foundation, American Cancer Society or Mansfield Multi-scholarship Fund.

Tribute Wall

LE

“ *What a privilege to attend the meaningful memorial service for Linda. She was such a special person and had an influence on many people. The spoken word and music were very encouraging and gave much hope. Our love and prayers for the Nix and Heinzman families.*

Lester and Eleanor - December 09, 2008 at 09:57 AM

KA

“ *From the beginning of our involvement in FUMC, we knew Linda was battling cancer. Her struggle and her determination was so inspiring. She was loved by so many. She will be missed.*

Ken and Vicki Aldridge - December 06, 2008 at 10:32 PM

EE

“ *Linda was always fun and friendly at work and was truly one of our secret weapons. She quickly volunteered to help us with any technology issues and projects especially before the district was really ready to provide training in that area. We could hand our ideas and projects to her and she would have her advanced technology students polish them and make us look terrific. Many a teacher and department head enjoyed the benefits of Linda's pro-bono services. Many times she made it so easy to be caught up, I just could not believe they actually were paying me to have so much fun working with the kids and my colleagues. Her laughter and the fun times shared will be with me always. Glad you as a family took the time for a Great European Vacation. She has been an inspiration and one does not get to meet many heroes in life. I feel very lucky.*

Erica Erdman - December 04, 2008 at 02:54 PM

AJ

“ I am a friend of Steph's and would like to extend my prayers for her and her family. May God bless you all and comfort you during this time.

Lots of love.

Ashley

1 Peter 5:7

Ashley Johnson - December 04, 2008 at 09:45 AM

CC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless you as you walk this path...she is remembered as a very special person. Love in Christ, Carla

Carla Crow - December 03, 2008 at 04:09 PM

SW

“ We are keeping all of you in our prayers. May God grant you His perfect peace.

Sue and Kelly Wallace - December 03, 2008 at 03:05 PM