



Linda Jo Beard

March 30, 1942 - September 5, 2023

On a crisp Monday morning, March 30, 1942, Freeda and Joe Ball welcomed to the world their daughter Linda Jo (Cowan) in Borger, Texas. The sun shone brightly that morning, which ended up being a true reflection of Linda and how she impressed others with her gleaming, warm, yet deeply intense light. Like her life, that spring the roses budded and fully blossomed, which would remain a theme throughout her life. Her life was filled with flowers, and for many of those who knew her, fond memories remain of her passion for her gardens, her natural flair for floral design and the vibrant arrangements she loved making.

The family relocated to Bartlesville where Linda first attended Garfield Elementary school, and completed her studies at College High School, graduating in 1960. Following her first job at Phillips Petroleum Company at the switchboard, it was merely after a short engagement that Linda married the love of her life Robert Clinton Beard, also of Bartlesville in August of 1962. Having enjoyed the first three years of married life, Linda and Rob welcomed their first son Michael Alan in January of 1965, followed by David Clinton in October of 1968.

Like her mother before her, Linda was fiercely artistic, comfortable with

practically any style or medium, from detailed portraiture in pencil to vibrant, impressionistic paintings in oils and watercolors. Her homes over the years were always filled with bright hues, and like a sunny day, yellow was a personal favorite. In the early years Linda participated in the Altar Guild of St. Luke's Church, was a member of the Service League of Bartlesville, and was an avid volunteer for many different causes in Bartlesville. During her time with the Service League, she was an integral part of the creation and completion of the Pathfinder Parkway, still enjoyed to this day. Once her two sons reached early adulthood, Linda chose to expand her artistic skills and work first with local florist Tom Ward running Flowerland, and later, work for the Hillcrest Country Club golf shop where she could share her passion for clothing and style, even on the golf course! Linda had a very large circle of friends, and if not busy in the community or working tirelessly away, Linda was never too far from the telephone, keeping close contact with her friends both near and far. She loved people, and people loved her authentic, genuine and frank conversation. Almost everyone knew that if in need, Linda always had an answer and solution. Whether for a good laugh or a shoulder to cry upon, all knew Linda would be there.

Linda passed away Tuesday, September 6th after a brief health issue. Her infectious laugh, unforgettable witty phrases and her genuine, kind heart will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Linda is survived by her husband Rob, son Michael of Tulsa, and David of San Diego, CA. A memorial service is planned for October 27, 2023, at 11:30am, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Bartlesville.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **27**. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. Luke's Episcopal Church
210 E 9th St
Bartlesville, OK 74003
(918) 336-1212
<http://episcopalbartlesville.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Linda Jo Beard.*



October 24, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Linda Jo Beard*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Linda Jo Beard*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



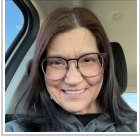
“ *I always loved Linda. Remembered her house sat on the Nowata road when we were growing up. I lived down the road in Prairie Heights. She had a deep throaty voice and a Ho Ho laugh. She stole my boy friend, Vernon Thornton but who could blame him?? She was one of the good guys...*

Pat Bonnett Cooksey - September 13, 2023 at 07:31 PM



Linda was a lovely friend to me. I send sympathy and prayers to Rob and their sons.

Nancy Roush - September 15, 2023 at 08:48 AM



“ *Ms. Linda was one bossy hot mess!! Lol loved her. Nutty Buddy’s will never have the look to them and morning dp gossip sessions will never taste the same!! Miss her*



Missy ThompSon Crawford - September 12, 2023 at 07:34 PM



“ *Brenda Killough lit a candle in memory of Linda Jo Beard*



Brenda Killough - September 11, 2023 at 03:48 PM



She was a wonderful lady!

Brenda Killough - September 11, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ *Max Mervis lit a candle in memory of Linda Jo Beard*



Max Mervis - September 10, 2023 at 12:40 AM