



Linda May Reeves Merchant

May 9, 1947 - May 17, 2017

Linda May Reeves Merchant, a longtime Miami resident, passed away at Freeman Health System in Joplin on May 17, 2017. She was 70 years old. Ms. Merchant was born on May 9, 1947, in Pryor, Oklahoma, to Jack and Anna Lee (Alberty) Reeves. She was a 1965 graduate of Pryor High School. After graduating from high school, she attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M where she earned an associate of arts degree in music, and also attended what was then Missouri Southern State College. In previous years, she enjoyed her beloved Westie dogs, playing the piano at church, and working in her yard and flowers. She worked as a farm and home loan program technician for the Farmers Home Administration (which later became Farm Service Agency) in Ottawa County for 19 years, until her retirement in 2002. She was a member of NARFES (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association).

Her parents Jack and Anna Lee preceded her in passing. Her surviving family includes her daughter Annie Merchant Barr of Overland Park, Kansas, a sister Jacque Anderson and her husband Bill of Miami, her two nieces Channa Morton and husband Scott of Miami, Dianna Jameson and husband Scott of Commerce, and nephew Brad Anderson of Miami, along with three great-nephews and two great-nieces.

Visitation will be Tuesday, May 23, 2017, from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Services will be Wednesday, May 24, 2017, at 1:00 PM at New Hope Christian

Church in Miami with Reverend Geoff Buffalo officiating. Graveside rites will be at 3:00 PM at Fairview Cemetery in Pryor. Interment will follow graveside rites, under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service. Memorials should be made to any trusted veterans organization or animal welfare organization, as she felt strongly about supporting both types of causes.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Ms. Merchant's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com>.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery - Pryor

Old Highway 20
Pryor, OK 74361

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **23**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service
5 B Street NW
Miami, OK 74354
(918) 542-3311
info@brown-winters.com
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

Celebration of Life

MAY **24**. 1:00 PM (CT)

New Hope Church
2221 Rockdale Road
Miami, OK 74354

Tribute Wall



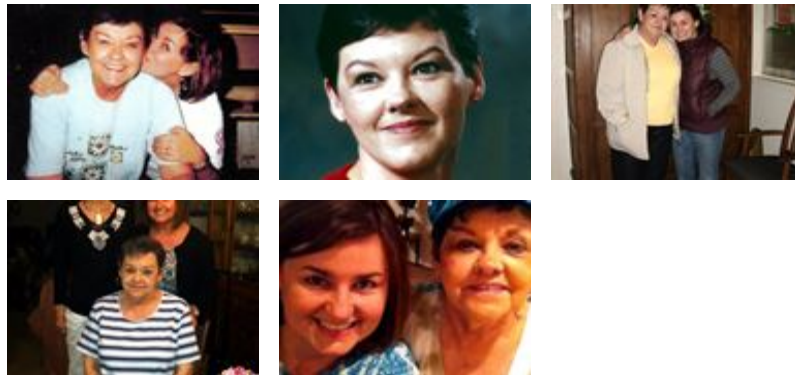
“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Linda May Reeves Merchant*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - May 23, 2017 at 04:16 PM



“ *80 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - May 23, 2017 at 02:15 PM

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“ *Carolyn Hodge lit a candle in memory of Linda May Reeves Merchant*



Carolyn Hodge - May 20, 2017 at 10:22 PM

PT

“ *Annie and family! Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. We are thinking of you and sending our deepest sympathy. Remember meeting your sweet mother at your wedding shower and when we all came to Miami for your wedding, and made everyone very comfortable and was so happy we all made the trip from Overland Park. You have such precious memories to hold on to. You are in our prayers! Pete and Marsha Truta and family*

Pete and Marsha Truta - May 20, 2017 at 04:28 PM

JJ

Dearest Annie, I am so sorry for your loss. I will always have Linda in my heart. I loved her so very much. As my best friend and the Godmother to my two boys Linda is going to be deeply missed. I can't begin to tell you how much your Momma loved you and obviously you turned out to be a daughter she was very proud of. I am grieving her and feeling a significant loss because of the light she brought not only into my life but she was the kind of person to make anyone feel happy and comfortable. The major impact she had on my family will be carried on through the life lessons she taught me and the Christian way of life she eagerly lead me to. Again, I will be keeping you in my prayers and know your Momma, my Linda, will be looking down from heaven and be very proud.

Jennifer Jennings - May 21, 2017 at 10:02 PM

PD

My thoughts and prayers are with Linda's family today. I know she will be missed and always remembered.

Patricia Douglas - May 24, 2017 at 11:55 AM