



Deirdre Lynn Lester

December 10, 1961 - June 18, 2013

Deirdre Lynn Sexton-Lester, daughter, sister, aunt, mother, wife, friend, beautiful person, nurse, was born December 10, 1961 in Dallas Texas, and died June 12, 2013 in Lovelady, Texas. Suggestions of her future career were evident at a very early age: bandages on family pets and her own bout with an illness. Deirdre graduated from Berkner High School in Richardson, Texas in 1979. Within a short time, she entered Sam Houston State University, ultimately entering the nursing program at Huntsville Hospital. She graduated with her nursing degree in 1986. Deirdre and Tim Lester married August 10, 1985 in Dallas, Texas. They made their home in Huntsville. They welcomed their daughter, Hailey Nicole on March 29, 1988, the pride and light of her mother's life. Deirdre's nursing career spanned 27 years, first at Huntsville Memorial Hospital, where she worked in the nursery, and more recently at Herman Hospital in the Woodlands. Through her long tenure, Deirdre touched the lives of many as they started their journey with their newborns. She will be forever remembered for her gentle and compassionate care of her patients and her loyalty to her job and co-workers. Deirdre loved growing flowers and working in what she called "her garden", which encompassed the front of the house. She was an avid quilter and cross-stitcher and attended quilting shows when time allowed. She loved vacationing in Alaska and visiting her mother. Deirdre will always be remembered for her smile, her generosity of spirit and the enormous love she had for her family. She is survived by husband Tim Lester, daughter, Hailey Lester, mother Sondra Sexton-Jones,

father, Doug Sexton, brother, Cody Sexton, two nieces, Lexie and Callie Mae Sexton, nephew, Christopher Sexton, a great niece, Kahlen Grace Sexton, along with other countless family and friends whom were blessed to know her. She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C.W. Goodwin, her step-father, Ray Zigler and her aunt, Yvonne Traylor. Friends and family are invited to attend the service on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at 9:30 AM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park Drive, Huntsville, Texas. A viewing will be held Monday , June 17, 2013 from 5PM until 8PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Deidr? Lynn Lester*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Sondra, while I did not know Deirdre in person, I felt like I knew her through you. Your Alaskan family has been grieving by your side. And to Cody, Hailey, Tim, and all the family, my deepest sympathies grout to you all. Best wishes and take care of each other through this.*

Colleen Torrence - June 22, 2013 at 03:54 PM



“ *Sondra - may your winter season of grief be short lived and your wonderful memories comfort you! Know that we are praying for you (Not that Michelle's prayers carry a lot of weight!)*

Karen & Michelle - June 22, 2013 at 12:54 PM



“ *Sondra and family. Deepest sympathy for your sudden loss. Prayers for your family and friends during this time of grieving and healing. May love circle you, bring you comfort, and know that you are not alone.*

Jeri Museth - June 19, 2013 at 12:42 PM

LH

“ Hailey and Tim: We are so sorry for your loss. She was such a good person. So sorry that we could not be there for the service. Hailey be strong for she will always be with you in your heart. Love from the Heuszel Family-Leland and Dana.

Leland & Dana Heuszel - June 18, 2013 at 10:10 AM

MZ

“ I am truly saddened by Dee's death. Dee was an amazing person, and so thankful to have known her, I've enjoyed working with her way back when I was at HMH she is a first class nurse. Her passing will not only leave a void in our lives, but in the hearts of everyone who knew her. Dee's memory will always remain deep within my heart. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with you Hailey and your family. Hailey your mom loved you so much and I know her spirit will be with you always.
Love and prayer, Mercy Zate-Acompañado

Mercy Zate-Acompañado - June 18, 2013 at 09:08 AM

AW

“ Hailey, I am sorry for your loss, your mom was a wonderful person. I am thankful that I've known her, I will never forget her. I will cherish her memories. She loves you so much.

Angie Watson - June 17, 2013 at 11:24 PM

LY

“ *Sondra and family, I am so saddened to hear about your tragic loss. I hope that you are finding some comfort in being together and sharing your pain and memories. Sondra, know that you have a loving friends that are going to insist that you "lean into" them when you return to Juneau. You are all in my thoughts. My deepest wish is that the love and support from everyone will help you all find peace and healing.*

Lynn - June 17, 2013 at 09:59 PM

TR

“ *Dear Hailey, I have been your neighbor for 4 and 1/2 yrs. Me and your Mother spoke many times. She was wonderful. I'm very sad of this sudden loss but she will be your angel now for as long as you live. She is in a much better place than any of us. If you need or want to talk I am right here next door and my door is open. Lots of prayers are going out for you and your family. Respectfully, Tami Roberts*

Tami Roberts - June 17, 2013 at 08:32 PM

EZ

“ *Dear Sondra and Family;*

You are all in my prayers and thoughts. I am so sorry for your loss of Deirdre. There are so many people who have said what a beautiful and loving person she was when on earth and how much they will miss her. Much love and condolences to all of you.

Elizabeth Ziegler - June 17, 2013 at 06:55 PM

KP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Hailey, there was not a shift that I worked with Dee that she didn't talk about you and how proud she was of you. Dee was such a wonderful nurse and such a good teacher. She shared what she knew about taking care of the little ones with me. As a L&D nurse, I was not in my comfort zone when it came to the little babies that required extra care. I knew that when I worked with Dee she would be able to handle anything that came our way! I will miss her and please know that she smiled every time she mentioned your name.

Kama Palmer - June 17, 2013 at 06:47 PM

CR

“ Hailey, although I have never met you, I feel I have. You brought so much joy to your Mom. Her inner light shined when she talked about you. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. This is a very painful time, but as someone who has lost a parent long before we should have to, you will feel the pain less with each passing day. She will always be with you because she is a part of you forever. God bless you and your family.

Cathy Ray - June 17, 2013 at 05:16 PM

HH

“ Sondra and family, as you are grieving, please know that there are thoughts and prayers all over the country for you. I hope that your good memories bring you solace and peace.

Holly Handler - June 17, 2013 at 03:11 PM

PC

“ Hailey, words cannot express my gratitude for your mother. She taught me so much about babies. She made a big impact in this community. We were taught by the best...Dee Lester..
I watched you grow up at MHM like so many of our children have. you are family and you will always be a part of that elite group. We at HMH love you.

Pamela Carr - June 17, 2013 at 11:46 AM

VS

“ *Sondra & Family:*

Alaska hearts unite with you in grieving Deirdre's passing. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Please know that since her life touched so many others she will live on in their memory and in ours.

And, Sondra, we hold you up during this time with our love and thoughts.

Vance Sanders - June 16, 2013 at 07:07 PM

JO

“ *I am so very very sorry for your loss Hailey and Sondra... I am so happy that we were long time friends. We lost touch and look for each other for years till facebook came out and I found Sondra and Cody.... we talked but we only got to visit in person once before the lord took her.... I missed her over the years and was so happy to find my BFF... The only person I have ever called my BFF.... Miss her more now.....May God help us all in this time of sorrow and be with both of you and Cody at this time Love and miss you all...*

Joetta - June 15, 2013 at 08:29 PM

KR

“ Dearest Hailey and Tim, I was one of the nurses at Huntsville who worked with Dee early in her career--we knew right from the start, she would be a wonderfully caring, compassionate and knowledgeable nurse, destined to make an impact on all the families she would care for. I am most grateful for the friendship she gave me. Dee was a beautiful example of wife, mother, friend and nurse. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. My prayers are with you both.

Karen Hill, RN - June 15, 2013 at 07:23 PM

N3

“ DEE, WE WILL MISS YOU AND REMEMBER ALL THE DAYS OF HARD WORK ON 3E WHEN YOU WOULD FLOAT TO OUR FLOOR, WE KNOW FOR SURE THAT YOU ARE DANCING WITH THE ANGELS. MAY GOD BLESS AND GIVE YOUR FAMILY COMFORT AND PEACE. ALL THE NURSES ,AIDES AND STAFF ON 3E.MEDICAL.

nurses on 3e. - June 15, 2013 at 10:40 AM

BB

“ Hailey you have my deepest sympathy. I know that you are heartbroken, but you will one day find peace. I am so sorry for your loss! Your mother loved you more than anything and when she spoke of you there was more pride and love in her eyes than I have ever seen! It took a while for your mother to open up to me, but once she did I had the pleasure of knowing what an amazing woman she was! And from day one I knew what an amazing and dedicated nurse she was! She put the well being of her babies above her own and that is one of the many reasons I had the utmost respect for her! May God be with you in this terrible time of grief!

Brennan Berry-Natho - June 14, 2013 at 11:52 PM

SH

“ My heart is just broken for your family and for the wonderful nurse who was taken too soon from us. I worked with Dee on Saturday and she definitely was a first class nurse. As caring and professional as anyone I know. I wish we had her longer. It was an honor to know her. I pray for healing and peace for all of you.

Sherry Hunter - June 14, 2013 at 10:00 PM

VH

“ My prayers go out to the Lester family, as well as, Dee's mother. Dee often spoke to me about her family, and was especially so proud of Hailey. I will truly miss Dee's presence in the nursery and the delivery room. Her experience and wisdom helped me many a times during the most chaotic and difficult deliveries! Dee's presence touched many lives, both big and small. I'm jealous of the Lord because He will have her by His side. God will be chuckling and laughing throughout eternity!

Victor Kai-Fu Hsiao - June 14, 2013 at 09:35 PM

JL

“ My dearest Tooter..... Your Mom....my bestie at HMH....I loved her deeply and can't imagine this life without her laughter and her smile. I love you.....you know I'm just a text/phone call away. God has you honey, and He will get you through this incredibly unbelievable time.

Janice Letbetter - June 14, 2013 at 08:15 PM

WM

“ Sondra--I am so sorry for your loss. There are many of us in Juneau who care about you and offer our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.

Walter Majoros - June 14, 2013 at 07:04 PM

SS

“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the family for this terrible loss. We did not have the pleasure of getting to know Deirdre, but we are members of her mother's sorority in Juneau Alaska. Sondra is a beautiful person and spoke of her daughter with love and pride. We are so saddened to hear of her loss and yours. May God grant you peace and healing.

Sondra's Beta Sigma Phi Sisters - June 14, 2013 at 05:59 PM

BB

“ Dee is be so missed by so many!!! She made a huge impact in the lives of all she met. She loved the little "goobers" and her daughter was the light of her life. I know she will be quilting and crafting with the angels... and I will see her again.

Barbara Brophy - June 14, 2013 at 03:36 PM

TD

“ Hailey, I am so sad to hear about your mother. I have wonderful memories working with her and driving to North Harris for class back in the day. We had so much "fun" as we stressed trying to get to class on time and cramming for our exams. She did amazing needlework, quilting, and beading etc. She was a wonderful nurse and loved the babies. She left you quite a legacy. I know you will miss her terribly, as will we. My prayers are with you!!

Tammy Dixon - June 14, 2013 at 03:32 PM

TI

“ Dee was a wonderful person, and I am so thankful to have known her. I will never forget her. I loved her so much.
Haley - she loved you more than anything in the world, and I know her spirit will be with you always. I am so very sorry for your loss.

Tina - June 14, 2013 at 01:23 PM

CS

“ Hailey,
I cannot begin to tell you how sorry we are for the loss of your mother. She has touched so many lives and this legacy will live through you. She loved you with all of her heart and you are her pride and joy. One of my favorite bible verses is Psalms 18:2. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I take refuge; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. You are so precious to us and we love you dearly.

Chad and Megan Seamans - June 14, 2013 at 11:13 AM

NJ

“ *So very sorry for your loss! Carry her in your heart and she will be with you always! Norma Dell Jones of Lovelady.*

Norma Dell Jones - June 13, 2013 at 04:49 PM