



## Jana Rae Ermis

April 13, 1962 - April 6, 2015

Jana Ermis (52) passed away on Monday, April 6, 2015. She was born on April 13, 1962 in Houston, Texas to James and Marcella Boomer.

Jana had just received a new kidney and a new lease on life when she developed acute pancreatitis, but finally succumbed to complications after a month long fight at UCLA Medical Center.

Jana was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, friend, and Marine Wife. She touched the lives of everyone she knew and her passing will leave an emptiness that will never be filled. Jana and her husband moved into the Huntsville Community after retiring from the Marine Corps in 2007 and has been teaching in HISD ever since.

Jana is survived by her mother, Marcella Boomer; her husband of 31 years, Link Ermis; her two children, Slade Ermis and Brooke Sweet; her two grandchildren, Hunter and Liam Sweet; and three sisters Laurie Laman, Tracey Griffith, and Leah Henderson along with the children she has taught while at Huntsville Intermediate and Mance Park Middle Schools over the past 8 years. She is preceded in death by her father, James Boomer.

The family will receive friends from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. A service

will be held at 4:00 PM on Monday, April 13, 2015 in the chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, Texas. Interment will be held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at Houston National Cemetery in Houston, Texas.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that you consider donations to The National Kidney Foundation or to Wounded Warrior Project in Jana's name.

National Kidney Foundation: <https://www2.kidney.org/members/source/donations/index.cfm...>

Wounded Warrior:

<https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/default.aspx...>

Memorial condolences may be made to the family at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Service

APR 13. 4:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville  
1700 Normal Park Dr.  
Huntsville, TX 77340  
(936) 291-7300  
belinda@shmfh.com

## Interment

APR 14. 10:30 AM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery  
10410 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Houston, TX 77038

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jana Rae Ermis*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jana Rae Ermis.*



April 13, 2015 at 04:50 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jana Rae Ermis.*



April 13, 2015 at 03:26 PM



“ *Teresa Lawson sent a virtual gift in memory of Jana Rae Ermis*



**Teresa Lawson** - April 13, 2015 at 10:59 AM

TL

*We are sorry for your loss. Michael thinks alot of your family. Michael & Teresa Lawson*

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**Teresa Lawson** - April 13, 2015 at 11:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jana Rae Ermis.*



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April 12, 2015 at 05:50 PM

WC

“ *West Sound Officers Spouses Club purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Jana Rae Ermis.*



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**West Sound Officers Spouses Club** - April 12, 2015 at 01:23 PM



“ I never knew Mrs. Ermis personally but, my husband has worked for HISD for over 36 years and knew her well. I do know about the fight those of us with Kidney Disease fight every day. It seems like when so many of us finally get to the epic of finally getting a transplant, it seems that something else happens to make us work even harder. Pancreatitis is a very bad illness & I am so sorry that she was so ill in her final days! We are so sorry for your loss and praying for strength to help your beloved family through these hard days ahead! Respectfully,  
Jamie & Don Brinegar



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**Jamie Sue Brinegar** - April 12, 2015 at 01:09 PM

JO

“ Coach Ermis,

*Our condolences to you and your family on the loss of Jana. While we were delighted to hear that she had finally found a matching donor, we were dismayed to hear that she had developed acute pancreatitis in the process. She certainly fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith (2 Tim. 4:7-8). Many of us are still in shock and wondering why God would allow this to happen to such a nice person, but He is in control, and we just have to trust Him.*

*I substituted for Ms. Ermis a few times at Huntsville Intermediate. She was always well prepared with very specific notes and plenty of work for the kids to do, which as a sub is very much appreciated!*

*My son, Freddy, had Ms. Ermis as a math teacher in 5th grade. He really excelled under her tutelage. She wrote in his "Oh, the Places You'll Go" book, "Keep on keepin' on!" as we must all do now that she is in heaven.*

*You were a wonderful husband to her having lived Ephesians 5:28 (Husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies.) to the fullest by giving Jana one of your own kidneys a few years ago. You gave her a life full of adventure as the wife of a career Marine and a life full of love as your wife of 31 years and the mother of your two beautiful children. Rest on those memories and know that you will see her again (1 Thes. 4:13-18, Rev. 21:4).*

*We will continue to pray for strength and peace to you and your family in the coming weeks and months.*

*Take Care and God Bless,  
Love,  
Fred, Jody, and Freddy Otto*

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**Jody Otto** - April 11, 2015 at 08:32 PM



LW

“*Jana and I were teaching partners when she and her family moved to Huntsville. We became close friends over the years. I was drawn to Jana for all the same reasons everyone else was, her smile, her warmth, her positive attitude, her leadership, her strength. In fact, Jana had so many friends that it was sometimes hard to find her alone.*

*I marveled at what she could get done in a little amount of time and with students and friends around. She was super organized and planned things weeks in advance. She would get a little annoyed with me (although she never said it out loud) when I still didn't know what I was serving a week before our get together. She was the definition of "the hostess with the mostest." I learned from her.*

*She suffered miserably at times, but she never mentioned it to anyone. I venture to guess that everyone she knew said at one time or another, "If Jana can do it, then so can I." I did, many times.*

*She was a great teacher and loved by her students. I think her students loved her for many of the same reasons everyone did. She was interested in the details of their lives, and she gave them emotional support when they needed it. She was a successful teacher because she knew her subject and she knew the right methods to achieve results. She was funny and she wasn't afraid to "tell it like it is!" She was no-nonsense with her discipline and she demanded the best from every student. She never compromised her convictions as a teacher, or as a person.*

*Even with all Jana did with her friends and as a teacher, she put her family first. She lived for her grandkids, Hunter and Liam. She was so proud of Slade and Brooke; and she had a relationship with Link that was enviable. I went to her for both parenting and marriage advice.*

*Jana wanted us to celebrate her life and not to mourn her death. I will consciously celebrate Jana for many years to come. Love You Girl! Hugs, and goodbye for now.*

*Lisa*

**Lisa Williford** - April 11, 2015 at 11:43 AM

TA

“ Terry Artherholt lit a candle in memory of Jana Rae Ermis



**Terry Artherholt** - April 11, 2015 at 08:44 AM

TA

*Thoughts & Prayers are with you Mr. Ermis & your Family. She was one of our Bucko Buddies....She will be missed and her sweet smile.*  
Terry Artherholt

**Terry Artherholt** - April 11, 2015 at 08:52 AM



“ Splendid Orchids was purchased for the family of Jana Rae Ermis.



April 10, 2015 at 03:08 PM

SL

“ Sandra L. purchased the Bright and Beautiful Spray for the family of Jana Rae Ermis.



**Sandra L.** - April 10, 2015 at 02:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jana Rae Ermis.* ”



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April 10, 2015 at 12:40 PM



“ *Carrie B. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Jana Rae Ermis.* ”



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**Carrie B.** - April 10, 2015 at 10:25 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Jana Rae Ermis.* ”



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April 10, 2015 at 10:00 AM



“ *Charlotte Efird lit a candle in memory of Jana Rae Ermis* ”



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**Charlotte Efird** - April 09, 2015 at 05:39 PM

YP

“ *Your Friends at PULSE purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Jana Rae Ermis.*



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**Your Friends at PULSE** - April 09, 2015 at 04:24 PM

TF

“ *The Hoot family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Jana Rae Ermis.*



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**The Hoot family** - April 09, 2015 at 04:10 PM

TE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family during this time. We are terribly sorry for the loss to your family.*

*The Elliott Family,  
Jason, Tami, Jayce, & Jalyn*

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**Tami Elliott** - April 09, 2015 at 04:03 PM

SS

“ *We are terribly sorry for this tremendous loss to your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*The Shirley Family,  
Stacey, Sherry, Nathan  
Jared & Cameron*

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**Sherry Shirley** - April 09, 2015 at 02:44 PM

RH

“ *She was a wonderful teacher and will be miss in our classroom. We love her deeply. Our prayers and thoughts with the family. Amy and Christi Hoot.*

Ruth Hoot - April 09, 2015 at 01:35 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Jana Rae Ermis.*



April 09, 2015 at 12:52 PM

TC

“ *The Ardoins- Mel, Brenda, Aaron, Lyndsey, & Cooper purchased the Heartfelt Memories for the family of Jana Rae Ermis.*



The Ardoins- Mel, Brenda, Aaron, Lyndsey, & Cooper - April 09, 2015 at 12:06 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Jana Rae Ermis.*



April 09, 2015 at 10:22 AM

LN

“ *Jana and I used to ride our bikes around Inverness when we were in high school. She was an awesome friend!* ”

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**Lichelle Loria Nanninga** - April 08, 2015 at 09:29 PM

SC

“ *I was blessed to call Jana friend, co worker, and fellow Marine Wife. Jana was so much fun to be with and was an incredibly gifted teacher. Her students knew she cared deeply about them and their success. She was so positive and upbeat and was always ready for fun. She loved to open her home for Buncos, Happy Hours, Baby/Grandmother showers , etc. She was a gracious hostess and made everyone feel right at home. I will never forget the road trip she planned for her fellow Burrows Elementary teachers to Williamsburg. We laughed and shopped til we dropped, under her leadership. Jana you touched so many lives! Love, Sheri* ”

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**Sheri Campbell** - April 08, 2015 at 03:11 PM

LB

“ I met Jana through her husband Link at a MPMS football game. She always came to all the games and I thought that was terrific to see her supporting the students and her husband, the football coach. What I didn't know at the time but soon found out (which made me admire her and Coach Ermis even more) - they were supporting a young man who they saw great potential with little resources, especially someone to believe in him. This continued into High School with the young man.



*Jana and Coach Ermis - giving, loving and forthright.*

*Thank you Jana for the gift you bestowed upon me by caring so deeply for others.*

*Lisa and Brad Blackburn and Jackson*

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**Lisa Blackburn** - April 08, 2015 at 12:52 PM