



Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall

August 29, 1956 - September 3, 2020

Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall was born into and continued her family's tradition of reaching the next generation through education. Her mother, Rita Drabek, became the first Principal in Ft. Bend I.S.D. and has a school named after her, an uncle that was principal and superintendent, an aunt that earned her Doctorate and taught at the University of Houston, and cousins that also continue with their educational careers. Her father, Johnny Drabek, received the Silver Star medal and Purple Heart for action in World War II.

She began her educational vocation at New Waverly High School teaching Marketing. Moving to Huntsville I.S.D., where she would dedicate her life to education for more than 35 years, she taught Marketing there as well. Her students would achieve success as many would compete and win area, state and National competition. She began a unique program there where the high school students would earn their Apple certification to repair and program computers, not only for the entire H.I.S.D., but for many area schools. She became the Director of Career and Technology where she would be recognized in 2011 as the Gulf Coast Director of the Year. She is responsible for implanting at H.I.S.D. the Cosmetology Program, the first in the area's Fire Academy, E.M.S. program where students could become certified E.M.S. first responders, a commercial greenhouse Horticulture program, a Building's Trade program that built houses for Habitat for Humanity, Mechanic Technicians that could earn their A.S.E. certifications before graduation, nursing program where many students would begin their nursing careers, law

enforcement, along with the traditional agriculture, welding and computer technician programs.

In her community of Waterwood, she was a Volunteer Firefighter, Emergency Responder and served on the board of the home owner's association where she inspired the board to build a community park which includes a pavilion and swimming pool.

In 1978, Paul Harvey gave a speech titled "So God Made a Farmer," where he says that on the 8th day God made a farmer. In that respect one would have to conclude that on the 9th day God made an educator. Linda would fit into that mold. A calling to teach, educate, and create an atmosphere where the next generation would continue what they learned and strive to create a better world for themselves and pass forward the lesson to their next generation. She inspired people around her to excellence because she held herself to those high standards.

Linda is survived by her loving husband, Donald Marshall; her mother, Rita Drabek; brother, John Drabek; sister in laws, Patricia Slott and Gloria Drabek as well as numerous nieces, nephews, nieces in law, nephews in law and many great nieces and nephews.

Visitation is Thursday, September 10, 2020, 5-7pm; Rosary begins at 7pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, Huntsville, Texas. Service is Friday, September 11, 2020, 11am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, New Waverly, Texas. Interment following service at Shepard Hill Cemetery.

Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Shepard Hill Cemetery

11249 Shepard Hill Rd
Willis, TX 77318

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

SEP 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Catholic Mass

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
101 Elmore St
New Waverly, TX 77358

Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *I just learned of Linda's passing and I am so so sorry. Linda was my first friend when my family moved to Sugarland, TX in 1967. She was a beautiful and funny girl and I loved spending time with her and her family. My condolences to all who loved her.*

DiAnne Dinkins Erwin

Dianne Erwin - March 30, 2021 at 05:27 PM



“ *Linda was a special person. I am glad to have known her. She contributed so much to education. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.*

Ronda Kay Cooper - September 11, 2020 at 07:14 AM



“ *Donnie,*

I just happened upon this notice, and wanted to share my condolences. Thoughts and prayers are with you, ole friend. Darrell Brown

Darrell Brown - September 10, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ Joreen W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall.



Joreen W. - September 10, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ I taught next door to Linda for fifteen years and she was an inspiration to me. She was there when I needed that little “you can do this”. She is one I could call my friend and she will be missed.
Joreen Waddell

Joreen Waddell - September 10, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall.



September 09, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall.



September 09, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall.*



September 09, 2020 at 01:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall.*



September 09, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ *Donnie, I'm am sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and your family.*

Donald Bilnoski - September 09, 2020 at 11:49 AM



“ *There were many days Linda kept me going. As teachers we always need someone to encourage us and Linda always did that for me. The students thought we were sisters. She made teaching fun for me. She always gave me good advice with the best advice being right before I retired! Linda was an amazing woman and she will be missed by so many. Love you! Linda Bone*

Linda Gayle Bone - September 09, 2020 at 10:00 AM

DH

“ Wonderful memories of Linda at so many Cockrell Family events, especially the 42 tournaments with Linda and Donnie at Corrigan.
David Hanover

David Hanover - September 09, 2020 at 09:54 AM

CH

“ Cathy Cockrell and David Hanover purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall.



Cathy Cockrell and David Hanover - September 09, 2020 at 09:46 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall.



September 09, 2020 at 09:38 AM

PA

“ Patricia Archie lit a candle in memory of Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall



Patricia Archie - September 09, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall.*



September 09, 2020 at 02:55 AM



“ *Donnie, I am so very sorry! I have been struggling to find the words to express how sorry I am. I have so many cherished memories from taking our 8th graders to Waterwood for a fun day and Linda being our lifeguard to checking out library books to her and sharing our love of books with each other. She was such a dedicated educator and helped so many find their right path in life. She fought long and hard against this terrible disease. My thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family. Most sincerely,
Carol Nichols*

Carol Nichols - September 08, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ *M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall*



M. Hyvl - September 08, 2020 at 07:16 PM



“ *I will always cherish the wisdom you gave me regarding education and life in general.*

Kayla D Neal - September 08, 2020 at 04:35 PM

DC

“ *Donnie, I am so sorry. I would not be where I am today without Linda and Mr. Bennett. May God wrap his loving arms around you.*

Denise Carpenter - September 08, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall.*



September 08, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall.*



September 08, 2020 at 01:15 PM

SS

“ *Donny, John and I were so sorry to hear of Linda's passing. She was always a good friend and good listener to John. She taught him a lot and he admired her greatly for her brilliant mind and tenacity in difficult school situations. She gave so much to her students and others. She will be a beautiful angel in heaven. Please accept our sympathies on your loss. Sheila and John Spencer.*

Sheila Spencer - September 07, 2020 at 08:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall.*



September 07, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ *Donnie and family, so sorry to hear Linda passed. I remember working with her on the Project Lead The Way, engineering certification, for HISD. We were determined to pass on the first attempt, and we did. The certification people were blown away by the work we put in. Linda wanted paperwork for our paperwork and that proved to be the step that passed our certification. She was truly a dedicated educator and a lifelong learner. It was truly an honor to work with and for Linda at HISD. She always said she did it for the students and I believe it.*

Joe Whitehead - September 07, 2020 at 05:27 PM



“ *Donny, I am so sorry to hear about Linda's passing. I learned about it through one of her relatives from Corrigan. After teaching with you at Huntsville High School, it was so nice to meet Linda and especially learn that she was related to our friends in Corrigan. I know that she is no longer in pain, but I will pray for God to give you a peace and comfort that can only come from Him. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Nell H

Nell Higgins - September 07, 2020 at 12:15 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Linda Drabek Marshall.*



September 07, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ *Donnie, I am so sorry to hear that Linda has passed. It was so great knowing you and her at school. She always smiled and had a kind word. The world of education will surely miss her. Love to you guys*

dalia harrelson - September 06, 2020 at 11:00 PM



“ *Linda will be greatly missed by all that knew her. She was the perfect combination of sweet and sassy. Really enjoyed our visit with Linda, Donnie and Pat at Joe Marshall's service. Stacie and I commented how much we enjoyed the conversation, the warmth and laughter. We were hoping to see you again. We will forever cherish the time we had with you. The world is a dimmer place without you.*

Rick & Stacie Bracknell

Rick and Stacie Bracknell - September 06, 2020 at 10:12 PM