



## Linda Lee Mitchell Parrish

June 24, 1941 - April 18, 2010

Linda Lee Mitchell Parrish Linda Lee Mitchell Parrish of New Waverly passed away in her home on Thursday, April 15, 2010 while under hospice care. She battled brain cancer for the last 5 months and was blessed to have little pain and still be able to communicate with her family right up until the final days. The family would like to acknowledge all of the love, support, and prayers that have been lovingly given by the school, community, and church families. She is survived by her husband of fifty years, William B. Parrish, daughters Maryleann Reese and husband Dennis, Donna Gray and husband David, and Linda "Pinky" Parrish; grandchildren Julie Nelson and husband Patrick, Joey Reese, Vashti Reese, Jimmy Marsh and wife Charity, Wyte Reese, Justin Ellis, Mitch Marsh, Matthew Gray and Andrew Gray; great-grandchildren Shie Rodriguez, Ian Nash, and Brayden Nelson; sisters Joyce McLaughlin and husband Platt, and Sue Adams and husband Royce; sisters-in-law Frances Church and Lou Ann Sandel and husband Rayford; and many well-loved nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles. She was cared for in her last couple of days by one of her beloved "adopted" children, Jennifer Nordberg Wilson. She is preceded in death by her parents, Rufus and Mary Edith Mitchell, her sister Mary Loyce, and her mother and father-in-law, Wyte and Annie Eaves Parrish. Linda was born to Rufus Ernest and Mary Edith Brooks Mitchell on June 24, 1941 in Walker County and was raised in the Loma Community. She was a graduate of Huntsville High School and Sam Houston State Teacher's College. She taught for thirty-three years, retiring after

teaching first grade twenty-seven years in New Waverly. She continued working with the New Waverly ISD as a member of the school board for the past ten years. She served as treasurer for the Walker County Genealogical Society and for the East Sandy Cemetery. She was an avid gardener and volunteered at many school functions. She was an inspiration to many and will be sorely missed. Services will be at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Huntsville, Texas on Sunday, April 18, 2010, 2:00 p.m., and interment will follow at East Sandy Cemetery. Pallbearers for the service will be Matthew Gray, Jimmy Marsh, Wyte Reese, Mitch Marsh, Justin Ellis, and Patrick Nelson with Joey Reese, Andrew Gray, and Ian Nash as honorary pallbearers. Family will receive friends Saturday, April 17, 2010, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at [www.shmfh.com](http://www.shmfh.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Lee Mitchell Parrish*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *The Officers and Members of The Daughters of the Republic of Texas send their heartfelt sympathy and love to all the family, friends and members of her President Houston Chapter in Huntsville. Know she will be missed by all.*

*Evelyn Pehl Reininger  
Chaplain General  
The Daughters of The Republic of Texas*

**Evelyn Reininger** - May 25, 2010 at 09:42 PM



“ *I knew Linda from Huntsville High School. She was always so sweet to me. She practiced the Golden Rule. Your family will be in my prayers.*

**Linda (Wells) Farmer** - April 19, 2010 at 05:54 PM



“ *Linda was one of my favorite classmates in the Huntsville schools, especially high school. She seemed so healthy and happy last July at our 50th reunion. I'm so sorry her life has been cut short. My sympathy to her family and many friends. CKH*

**Catherine Kirk Harris** - April 19, 2010 at 11:41 AM

TP

“ My family have you and your family in our prayers.  
Linda will be missed, but the memories she left will continue forever.

Terry Parrish - April 18, 2010 at 10:23 PM

SB

“ May God grant you comfort and peace during this time of sorrow.  
Linda was my cousin and when I was growing up I spent many  
summer days with Linda, Joyce, and Sue. I have not seen Linda or  
her family for many years, but will always remember her loving,  
warm, and playful spirit. God bless and keep all of you. Love, Paul  
and Sharon (Brooks) Bechter

Sharon & Paul Bechter - April 18, 2010 at 09:38 PM

WS

“ Our prayers are with you all. May God continue to bless and take  
care of your family.

Wayne and Becky Shelly - April 18, 2010 at 06:50 PM

DD

“ My Sympathies to the family. I went to school with Linda. She  
always had a big smile for everyone...Its sad to lose another one of  
our Huntsville High School friends.

Dorothy Autery Duty - April 18, 2010 at 04:21 PM

BR

“ Linda is remembered as far away as Rhode Island and as far back  
as 1957. We sang together and we danced together and yelled out  
our lungs on a Friday. She was a big sister to me--my good fortune.  
Bravo and hallelujah.

Britt - April 18, 2010 at 04:15 PM

SS

“ Your family was blessed to have Mrs. Parrish with you for many of healthy days. She was a wonderful teacher and we were honored to have her teach our boys. You always met her with a smile and encouraging words. They say God has a reason for everything and we don't know what His plans are but I believe that illness only brings the family closer. Know that you are in our prayers always.

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**Sug & Pat Slott** - April 18, 2010 at 01:02 PM

TA

“ It was an honor to care for Linda during her last days. From the moment I met her, I knew she was a special lady. The family was equally gracious and the love felt in their home was incredible. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you in the days ahead.  
Sincerely,  
Tami Dees, RN  
THEE Hospice

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**tamidees@yahoo.com** - April 18, 2010 at 09:59 AM

MS

“ Our hearts are heavy hearing about your loss. There's really no words to fill the void this will cause for so many, as she bettered so many lives. All three of our children always say she was their favorite teacher, even Becky, and as she taught three of our grandchildren they grew to love her just as much. Oh why is New Waverly losing so many of it's best? We know Joshua is keeping her busy. Our hearts and prayers are with all of you.

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**Marti and John Shaver** - April 18, 2010 at 08:04 AM

AN

“ William and family, may the lord keep you during this time, and may you find comfort in the memories that you all share. Dispatch

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**Anthony** - April 17, 2010 at 10:15 PM

VD

“ To Linda's family,

*When you work with someone as long as Linda and I worked together, you become more than co-workers--you become friends who are almost like family. She taught my daughters. I taught hers and some of her grandchildren. With our classrooms across the hall from each other for several years, I loved listening to her teach her beloved first graders. Always full of enthusiasm, she made learning to read, write and do math fun for them. She was the perfect teacher.*

*Even after retiring, she continued to serve children as a school board member for New Waverly ISD. Just this past October, we were together in Houston at a conference where she was her usual happy, beautiful self rushing from session to session to learn all that she could.*

*She loved all of you family members so much and was proud of each of you. How fortunate you were to have had Linda as your wife, your mother, your grandmother, ..... NEVER FORGET ALL THE LIFE LESSONS THAT SHE TAUGHT YOU.*

*We will all miss her.*

*God bless you,*

*Vergie Dotson*

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**Vergie Dotson** - April 17, 2010 at 09:41 PM

JD

“ My family was so sad to read about Linda's death but what a blessing that she was not in a great deal of pain and could communicate with family until the end. I did not know that she was battling cancer. My sister, Joan Davis, is also battling cancer as well as my husband. My heart goes out to Linda's family and to Joyce & Platt and Sue & Royce. We are cousins and Linda and I went to high school together. I will look forward to seeing Linda again and know that she is in the company of her family members that preceeded her to be with Jesus Christ. We know that He will return for us and we will have a family reunion in Heaven with all of our loved ones.

Love, Jane Ann Barrett Durbin

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**Jane Ann Durbin** - April 17, 2010 at 02:21 PM

MK

“ To the Mitchell and Parrish families, Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this sad time. Linda was such a sweet, happy and smiling person all the time you would see her. She will be greatly missed. Love, Milton and Peggy

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**Milton & Peggy Kroesche** - April 17, 2010 at 01:50 PM

DU

“ Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you. What a precious, precious lady she was.

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**Danny & Pam Upchurch** - April 17, 2010 at 01:07 PM

LP

“ *The loss of Linda makes Heaven that much better. For wherever she went she was a light of God. I was fortunate to see her after mt father passed away. It was short but so wonderful to be with her. I know the family will miss her but she touched so many lives here that she will never be forgotten. My love goes out to you Will and the rest of the family, God be with you in your time of mourning.*

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**Larry Parrish** - April 17, 2010 at 12:53 PM

NG

“ *Mrs. Parrish was one of my favorite teachers and one of the many reasons I chose to become an educator. We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief.  
Kenya, Candace and Nystacia Gilliam*

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**Nystacia Gilliam-Moore** - April 17, 2010 at 10:37 AM

FV

“ *I knew Linda from the 50's on those long, bumpy bus rides to and from school in Huntsville. I was twelve and she was a year older. She was my dream girl and I loved her as much as any 12 year old boy can love a 13 year old girl. We rode the same bus and my crush continued for three years until we moved away in 1959. I have never forgotten my first love, Linda Mitchell. May she rest in peace*

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**Floyd Vice** - April 17, 2010 at 10:23 AM

JW

“ *My heart is saddened by Linda's passing. She was such a special lady and a good friend. My prayers are with the family.*

*Julie Woods*

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**Julie Woods** - April 16, 2010 at 09:18 PM

BN

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during your time of sorrow.*

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**Beverly Conner Niederhofer** - April 16, 2010 at 08:46 PM

CM

“ *Dear Parrish family: You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We were blessed to have her as our teacher. May she rest in peace.  
Our love, Carolyn Snoe-McClure, Annie Mae & Robert Snoe*

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**carolyn McClure** - April 16, 2010 at 04:38 PM

SA

“ *Mrs. Parrish was wonderful lady. She always had a smile and kind word for me. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. She will be missed.*

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**Shelly Gerbasi Allen** - April 16, 2010 at 04:03 PM

NF

“ *Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Parrish was a wonderful lady and touched so many lives and, I am sure, influenced all of her students for the good. She will be greatly missed.*

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**Natasha Leonard Bashaw and family** - April 16, 2010 at 02:16 PM

DS

“ Your family will continue to be in my prayers. Mrs.Parris was an awesome lady who touched the lives of so many people. She truly was my inspiration for becoming a teacher and many times she gave me advice. I hope that all of you can feel comfort in knowing that she is at peace now and not in any pain. I feel certain that she is in heaven teaching someone to read or add right now. She will be greatly missed by many people. God Bless.

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**Debbie Novark Szymczak** - April 16, 2010 at 12:03 PM



“ Keeping the family in our prayers. I am so saddened by this, words cannot describe how precious this awesome lady was. Touched many hearts and will never be forgotten. Much love,  
Stacy Buckner Wagner and family

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April 16, 2010 at 11:38 AM

LH

“ Praying that God will hold you in the palm of his hand during this difficult time. What an awesome, wife, mom, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Please let us know if there is anything we can do. Love, Lisa, Makenzie, & Madison Hayman

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**Lisa Hayman** - April 16, 2010 at 09:48 AM