



Mary Lisa Penn

March 21, 1956 - November 20, 2022

Lisa Penn, 66, was taken into the arms of Jesus on November 20, 2022. She was surrounded by her loving daughters as she passed peacefully in her home. A memorial service will be held at Rusk First Baptist Church on Saturday, November 26 at 1:00 p.m. The service will be officiated by Pastors Brian Givens and Brad Turlington. The family would like to extend an invitation to a reception honoring Lisa immediately following the service.

Lisa was born on March 21, 1956 in Houston, TX. She grew up in Rusk, where she lovingly raised her family. She enjoyed traveling -especially cruises- and looked forward to mom-and-daughter trips every fall. She was an amazing cook, and took every opportunity to prepare and share meals with her loved ones. Lisa served for over 30 years as a registered nurse in home healthcare, where her compassion and care for her patients was unmatched. She also loved animals and cared for many pets and neighborhood critters over the years. Above all, she was an extraordinary Mama and Grammy, and the true model of unconditional love.

Lisa was preceded in death by her mother, JoAnne Elliott Wallace, and her father, James Kenneth Wallace, Sr.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughters: Elizabeth Keith, and husband Eric of Huntsville, TX; Amanda Kellis, and husband Jason of Rusk; Katy Clifton, and husband David of Rusk; Micah Howell, and husband Bryan of Rusk; grandchildren: Lance Keith, Brittany Kellis Ford, Will Keith, Alex McIntyre, Claire Kellis Johnson, Jackson Howell, Landon McIntyre, Kamryn Kellis, and Jonah Howell; great-grandson Kellis Paul Ford; brother Ken Wallace and wife, Sally, of Rusk; nieces Jennifer Hullihan, Jaime Lanham, Paige Barron, and Erin Garner; uncle, Jerry Elliott of Palm Springs, CA; as well as extended family.

Although Lisa's presence will be missed by all who knew her, those who called her Mama and Grammy will feel her absence most deeply when they see the color green, smell the

scent of coffee or a spicy candle, celebrate any milestone of her children and grandchildren, and throughout every Christmas season.

For the past 7 years, Lisa has sponsored a child through Compassion International. She was also a faithful donor to the ASPCA. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rusk FBC to continue the Compassion International sponsorship, or donations may be made directly to ASPCA.

FBC/Compassion International:

<https://onrealm.org/ruskfbc/-/form/give/now> OR text RUSKFBC \$(any amount here) to 73256

ASPCA:

<http://bit.ly/3EZjdNf>

Previous Events

Memorial service

NOV **26**. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
372 E. 4th Street
Rusk, Texas 75785
(903) 683-5494

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lisa Penn*

October 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Ms. Lisa was always so witty and sweet. She always made me laugh. Prayers for her girls and the rest of her family. I know they will miss her terribly. Love - Holly Holcomb Lovell*

Holly Lovell - November 28, 2022 at 04:33 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mary Lisa Penn.*



November 26, 2022 at 08:12 AM



“ *I was saddened to hear about Lisa passing. She was the first girl I ever asked out on a date in high school. I was a shy and awkward teenager and she was beautiful, outgoing and popular. It took me a week to get my courage up to ask her out. I remember sitting on her Mother's porch at night talking with her and telling terrible jokes she always laughed at. She was such a special person she made me feel special just knowing her. My sincere condolences to Kenny and her family. I know she will be missed by all who knew her. Ricky Tate*

Ricky Tate - November 25, 2022 at 05:28 PM



“ *Friends of RHS Class of 74 purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Mary Lisa Penn.*



Friends of RHS Class of 74 - November 25, 2022 at 11:35 AM



“ Praying for Lisa's family and friends. She loved her girls and centered her world around each of them, their spouses and her grandchildren. I know the girls are devastated by the loss of such a special lady whom they were blessed to call her mom, but God called her home to prepare a room for them. So they will be reunited with Lisa, their Nanna, Maw and more, just like I will see my momma again. Keeping everyone in my thoughts and prayers. Much love to everyone ❤️

Sybil Dossler - November 23, 2022 at 03:11 PM

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“ Prayers for the family. I didnt know Lisa long but I knew she was a special lady



Donna Robinson - November 22, 2022 at 09:23 AM

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“ I had the honor of working with Lisa and I must say, she was genuinely kind and caring. My condolences go to her family at this difficult time.

Chasaty Rainer - November 22, 2022 at 07:58 AM



“ Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lisa Penn.



November 21, 2022 at 09:58 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mary Lisa Penn.



November 21, 2022 at 02:43 PM

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“ Prayers of comfort for the family. Lisa was an exceptional person. Rest easy Lisa.



Shannon Joiner - November 21, 2022 at 01:55 PM