



## Jerri Ann Rhodes

November 28, 1950 - October 21, 2014

Jerri Ann Rhodes went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, October 21, 2014, surrounded by her family. She was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Loretta and Ralph James. She met John "Jeff" Rhodes at Oklahoma State University and they married two years later on April 8, 1972.

Her life took a dramatic turn when a tornado hovered over the top of her and John's home in Tulsa in 1974. During that storm, both Jerri and John made a commitment to follow God's plan for their lives -- and so began a great adventure. John and Jerri's Christian walk began with a heart for young people and a passion for evangelism. Both volunteered to work with the youth group at their church and participated in sharing God's love with others at every opportunity.

Jerri and John began a family and entered the ministry, serving first in Baton Rouge, LA, Marshall, MO, Winterhaven, FL, and finally in San Antonio, TX. While John served as the minister in each of these locations, Jerri worked over 15 years in commercial insurance. In 1997, John and Jerri, along with their congregation, felt called to start an inner-city Christian school. Later that year, Family Faith Academy was founded. From 2004 - 2006, Jerri returned to college to complete her degree, a Bachelor's in History from The University of Texas at San Antonio. In 2008, Jerri and John, along with their children, opened Restore Education, an educational non-profit dedicated to reaching

at-risk youth in San Antonio.

Jerri loved volunteering at Restore Education, hiking in the mountains, traveling with her family, and attending local concerts. She laughed at everything and shared her joy with everyone she met. She never met a stranger she didn't like, and they didn't stay strangers for long! We are so grateful for the time we were able to share her laughter, her life, and her love.

While you are welcome to send flowers, we know that mom would love donations to be made in her honor to either of the following organizations:

Mission India [www.missionindia.org](http://www.missionindia.org),

Jesus Film [www.jesusfilm.org](http://www.jesusfilm.org), or

Faith Comes by Hearing [www.faithcomesbyhearing.com](http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com)