



Linda Jo La Force Guzman

September 4, 1953 - January 5, 2018

Linda Jo La Force Guzman was called home to be with the Lord on January 5, 2018 at the age of 64. She was born on September 4, 1953 in San Antonio, TX. She is reunited in heaven with her parents Bill and Maria La Force. She is loved and will be greatly missed by her husband of 43 years, Rene A. Guzman and their four-legged Grand Champion Collies Mac and Molly. She is also survived by her Sister Erika (Carl C.) Rains, Brother, Billy La Force, Sisters in Law, Arabella G. Garcia and Irene Guzman, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and dear friends. She will live forever in the hearts of all of her family and friends.

Linda retired as Band Director in the Rio Grande Valley after 32 years of serving the children in both the Junior High and High School levels. After her retirement and relocation to San Antonio, her love of music kept her very active by providing private music lessons to the children of San Antonio and the surrounding areas. She touched the lives of thousands of students throughout her career and remained in close contact with many of them through the power of the Internet. Additionally, she practiced her craft by being a member of the Heart Of Texas Concert Band.

She is preceded in death by her Sister Rosemarie (Loli) Borghasi, Niece, Cathy Goodwin, Great Niece, Lindsay Rains, Father In Law, Jesus Guzman, Mother In Law, Marina Laurel Guzman, and Brothers In Law, Jesse Guzman

and Baldemar Garcia.

Visitation will be Tuesday, January 9, 2018 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. with a Prayer Service to begin at 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make donations to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 9. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Prayer Service

JAN 9. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ To my band teacher from 6,7,8th grade in Graham & Mercedes Jr High. I was the first black bird selected in our class but was almost 1st chair cornet for our Christmas concert. I stop band in high school so I never got to meet Mr Guzman. But I still remember how to play the C scale after all this years. I really did enjoy your classes. I missed not being in the band in high school. You taught me more than music. You were one of the kindest teacher I ever had. You were genuinely concerned for us and wanted us to succeed. I wish I would have known you lived in San Antonio. I would have love to tell you in person what a wonderful experience I had knowing you back then. The world is a little dimmer since you left. God bless you. Jesus M

Jesus Mateos - November 08, 2024 at 12:53 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Linda Jo La Force Guzman.*



January 09, 2018 at 08:50 AM

LY

“ when i first arrived in the Rio Grande Valley in 1982, and became a member of the Brownsville Band Directors Staff, i immediately got to know two dear people, Rene and Linda Guzman...always ready to listen, and offer advice, and help out...Mercedes and the Valley are greater for what they brought throughout their long careers. Linda- what a class act. :)

Lewis Yeargan, Brownsville (retired)

Lewis Yeargan - January 08, 2018 at 09:46 PM

SP

“ I first met Linda when I worked as an assistant director in Mercedes for three years. I had just graduated from Pan Am and remember being told that band directing was a man's field and there we were-- Linda, me, and Rene. Thank you, Linda, for all the hard work you poured into the band program in Mercedes. Your achievement is evident in the number of successful directors who were once in your junior high band. Rene, I can't begin to express how sad I feel about Linda's passing. Take comfort in knowing that her legacy continues in all the lives she touched. May God embrace you, Mac, and Molly as you go through this difficult time. ---Sharon Pena-Wright (Mercedes, TX)



Sharon Pena-Wright - January 08, 2018 at 09:43 PM



Melinda Sanchez

So sorry to hear about Mrs. Guzman's passing. My condolences to Mr. Guzman and their family.
Melinda Sanchez

Melinda Sanchez - January 10, 2018 at 09:16 AM

LG

“ When I was attending Del Mar College in Corpus Christi in 1973 Linda was at that time dating Rene her future husband. We used to car pool together to Eagle Pass on the weekends where Rene was a band director at Eagle Pass High School. She was a beautiful and wonderful person. She has helped Rene and i recently at musical productions at STAGE in Bulverde, Texas where Rene and Linda had moved to since their retirement. I am so sorry to hear this news. We Love You Rene, Lisa and Lou Garza

Lou Garza - January 08, 2018 at 01:42 PM

AP

“ Mrs. Guzman was a wonderful teacher and person who affected my life and the lives of my friends in a positive way. All of us were lucky to have been taught by her.

Andy Panozzo - January 08, 2018 at 12:02 PM

RF

“ Prayers and hugs Mr.Guzman. so many great memories with you and Linda. Mercedes band booster years were the best thanks to you all. Love you. May she Rip.

Rosie Gomez Flores - January 08, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Linda Jo La Force Guzman.



January 07, 2018 at 10:41 PM

RZ

“ Rene, on behalf of the RGV Hall of Fame, we would like to express our sincere sorrow and condolences on the passing of a dear friend and colleague. She took great pride in the work she did as a band director and as a committee member and chair for the Hall of Fame. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Rio Grande Valley Band Director's Hall of Fame Committee

Rolando Zapata - January 07, 2018 at 08:48 PM

RG

“ Rene—Robert and I were heartbroken to learn of Linda's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rest In Peace, Linda. Robert and Valorie Garza

robert and valorie garza - January 07, 2018 at 05:36 PM

 Marcie Pemberton

“ I'm sincerely saddened to hear of Mrs. G's passing. May you find comfort & shalom, Mr. Guzman. And may her memory be a continual blessing to you.

Marcie Pemberton - January 06, 2018 at 11:57 PM

RF

“ My deepest condolences to Mr. Guzman and family. Made my band years a great experience. Thanks for teaching me...and I owe a part of my appreciation for music to such a talented music teacher! May she rest in peace.

Ruby Mejia Finner - January 06, 2018 at 11:29 PM



“ My heart has been aching since the moment I read the post regarding Mrs. G's passing. There are so many memories of her that come to mind, but one of my favorite is the time we got together to go watch *Twiligh Eclipse*. We had already seen it a few times, but that didn't stop us from going again. I absolutely loved that she was such a fan and that we connected over that. My deepest condolences go out to Mr. G and all those who knew and loved Mrs. G. Rest In Peace, my dead friend.

Candice Garza - January 06, 2018 at 08:50 PM



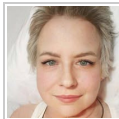
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Candice Garza - January 06, 2018 at 08:52 PM

EC

My condolences go out to all the lives that were enriched through knowing Linda. Rene and Linda were always very encouraging of my efforts as a young band director and I know that Linda had a profound influence on the success of many. Deepest heartfelt condolences to Rene and family.

Ernie Cantu - January 06, 2018 at 10:36 PM



May Linda's soul, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Deepest condolences to Rene. May her memory always be a blessing to you.

Louise Niro - January 07, 2018 at 12:08 AM

MS

My heart is saddened and yet smiling with wonderful memories of our youth, and now with knowing of the fulfillment of Linda's and yours life purpose through a continual pursuit of excellence through music. By your love and support of each other, and by sharing your passion for music with so many young hearts, Linda and you have greatly honored God by excelling in the talents He gave you both. I am honored to have known Linda for a small moment in time, but the memories from forty-five years ago come back like they were yesterday and I can smile a little through shared tears. I am truly honored to have been in Linda's presence.

*May you feel the embrace of God's love,
Mary Self*

mary self - January 08, 2018 at 10:31 AM

SR

On behalf of The Heart of Texas Concert Band, we are saddened at the sudden loss of Linda Jo LaForce Guzman. May God give comfort to Rene and all of the many family and friends who mourn her loss. Rest in peace, Linda.

Sudie Rogers - January 09, 2018 at 09:55 AM