



## Tonda Lee Pratt

November 11, 1947 - February 17, 2007

Tonda Lee Pratt died on Saturday, February 17, 2007, in San Antonio, Texas. She was the daughter of Joan Fuller Wittkamper and Ferrill Wittkamper and was born on November 11, 1947, in Elwood, Indiana. She attended Curtisville Elementary School and was graduated from Wendell Willkie High School in Elwood, Indiana. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana and a Master of Science degree from Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana. She met her future husband while attending the Graduate School at Butler University. She was an elementary school teacher in Indianapolis before she moved to San Antonio where she was an elementary school teacher and school counselor for 30 years in the North East ISD. Tonda was also a Licensed Profession Counselor in Texas. For many years she coordinated the community volunteers program where she was school counselor at Northwood Elementary School. Tonda was a member of Alamo Heights Christian Church where she served as deacon, elder, and Sunday school teacher. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Gerald B. Pratt; daughter, Emily Pratt of Santa Monica, California; son, Jarvis Pratt of Lubbock, Texas; parents, Joan and Ferrill Wittkamper of Elwood, Indiana; brother, Duane Wittkamper and wife, Debbie, of Kingwood, Texas; sister Debra Leathers and husband, Jeffrey, of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and brother-in-law, Jim Fulkerson of Kirklin, Indiana. Tonda was preceded in death by her older sister, Karen Fulkerson. Tonda was an eight year survivor of ovarian cancer. The family extends their sincere thanks to Dr. Fred Massey

and staff for their devotion in managing Tonda's care throughout her years as a cancer survivor; Dr. Gary West and staff of the Methodist Cancer Center for managing Tonda's numerous sessions of radiation therapy; Dr. Frank Fichlel, her neurosurgeon; Dr. Chaula Rana for her care in managing Tonda's many sessions of physical rehabilitation; the entire staff at VistaCare for their compassionate care during Tonda's last three months. The family thanks all of our friends who supported Tonda with love and prayers throughout her years as a cancer survivor. Tonda's family will remember her as a listening, sharing, loving, helping person who demonstrated genuine concern for the people around her. Emily and Jarvis said it in "She was a good mom."

### Services

Visitation will be from 5:00 - 8:00 PM on Friday, February 23, 2007 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 4301 Cherry Ridge. A memorial service will be at Alamo Heights Christian Church, 6435 N. New Braunfels in San Antonio at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 24, 2007, with the Reverend Bruce Williamson and the Reverend Nancy McDougall officiating. At a later date, Tonda's ashes will be spread on a favorite childhood play area on the family farm near Elwood, Indiana. On Saturday afternoon, February 24, 2007, family and friends are invited to a time of extended visiting and sharing at the home of Tonda and Gerald from around 1:30 PM until sundown. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial gift to Alamo Ovarian Cancer Alliance, PO Box 18097, San Antonio, TX 78218-0097 or Alamo Heights Christian Church, 6435 N. New Braunfels, San Antonio, TX 78209 or an organization of your choice.

# Tribute Wall

RO

“ We were Ronda and Tonda, school mates at Curtisville Elementary. She was one of my favorite classmates. You have my deepest sympathy.

Ronda O'banion - February 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Dear Pratt family, My thoughts and prayers are with you. God will provide the strenght to guide you and be with you. Tonda was an amazing and beautiful woman. I will always remember our conversations and the the guidance and wisdom she taught me. God Bl

Marie Herbeck - February 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Tonda was a good friend to me when I lived in San Antonio and worked at Northwoods Elementary School. I will remember Tonda and her loved ones in my prayers.

Dr. Veronica Hilyard - February 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ To the beloved family of Tonda, I am so saddened by the death of this great lady. I had the privilege of working with her at Northwood as consultant. She was very committed to children and was so delightful to work with. I saw her at a retirement four

Lynn Lavelle - February 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ To our good friends Ferrill and Joan Wittkamper. Just wanted to let you know our thoughts and prayers are with you and Tonda's family at this time. If there is anything we can do please let us know.

*Bob and Charlene Connors*

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**Robert Connors** - February 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ To my dear Wittkamper family  
I am so Sorry to hear of Tonda's passing and since you are so far away, I wanted to let you all know that my thoughts and heart are with you! I talked to Ferrill on the phone when Karen died and I'm sorry that I couldn't ma

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**Cindy Poynter Myers** - February 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I knew Tonda and Karen when we all went to school in Curtisville. I am sorry to hear of Tonda's passing. Karen kept me updated on her sister's health before her own passing, and spoke lovingly of Tonda, as she did all her family. My prayers are with you a

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**Lindra Hiatt Pickard** - February 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Dear Joann, Ferrill, and Duane, I just read about Tonda on the Panther Den website, and I want to express my sincere sympathy to you and your families. There are no words to take away the pain of loss, but the memories of joyous times shared seem to help

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**Carol Yarling Craig** - February 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We would like to express our sincere sorrow at the loss of Tonda. Mrs. Pratt was the counselor at Northwood Elem. during the years our children attended school. She was so wonderful to our family. Her warm smile and kind words will always warm our hear

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**Jim and Michelle Boyd and Family** - February 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ I was so saddened to read about Tonda's passing. She put up a long hard fight against cancer. Even though her death was more or less expected, it doesn't make it easier to lose a loved one, especially someone as young and as vibrant as Tonda. My sincere

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**Marguerite Holmes** - February 21, 2007 at 12:00 AM