



Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek

October 7, 1950 - January 1, 2019

Memorial services for Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek, 68, of Lexington, Texas are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at the First Christian Church in Lexington with Rev. David Fischer and Rev. Ryan Brower officiating. Everyone is invited to join the Kolacek family for a luncheon and reception immediately following the service.

Lorena Leigh (Rackley) Kolacek was born on October 7, 1950 in Corpus Christi, Texas to John B. Rackley and Lorena (Green) Rackley. She married Max Kolacek on December 21, 1974 in Portland, Texas. Leigh taught school for 41 years, starting out as a teacher and basketball coach in Cotulla before moving to Lexington. She taught at Lexington Elementary School from 1980 until retiring in 2014. While teaching at Lexington, she was instrumental in developing the annual Veterans Day program. She was an active and faithful member of the First Christian Church in Lexington where she had served in several capacities and held various offices. She also did charity and fundraising work for St. Jude Children's Hospital and was a supporter of the Lexington 4-H program. Leigh enjoyed cooking and spending time with her grandchildren.

Leigh passed away the evening of Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at her home in Lexington following a hard fought battle against cancer for the past four years.

Leigh is survived by her husband, Max Kolacek of Lexington; her mother, Lorena Rackley of Lexington; four children, Bonnie J. Kolacek of Eagle Lake, Carl Kolacek of Lexington, John Kolacek of Lexington and Stacie Kolacek of Shawnee, OK; five grandchildren, Avery Kolacek of Lexington, Izabella Kolacek of Giddings, Savannah Schlehuber of Harbor Springs, MI, Kaitlyn Stafford of Daytona Beach, FL and Natalee Norton of Shawnee, OK; three sisters, Mollie Walker & her husband, Randy of Columbus, Elaine Adams & her husband, Rusty of Fredericksburg and Jenny Tumey & her husband, Terry of San Marcos; two brothers, Ray Rackley & his wife, Becky of Odem and Wade Rackley of Lexington.

Memorials may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital, the Shriner's Children's Hospital, the First Christian Church in Lexington, or to the charity of one's choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Christian Church
8870 North Highway 77
Lexington, TX 78947

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Lynette and Phillip Brown purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek.*



Lynette and Phillip Brown - January 11, 2019 at 10:21 AM

SB

“ *Stephanie and Damon Brandley purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek.*



Stephanie and Damon Brandley - January 09, 2019 at 11:17 PM

SB

“ *Steve and Allison Baker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek.*



Steve and Allison Baker - January 09, 2019 at 03:34 PM

CJ

“ *Cindy Jackson lit a candle in memory of Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek*

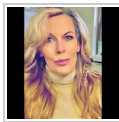


Cindy Jackson - January 05, 2019 at 10:19 AM

JM

“ When Leigh and Sonny moved to Lexington I had the distinct pleasure of being entrusted with the care of their youngest child, John, who was barely a month old when Leigh had to report to school for the fall semester. We have been friends ever since. The family became solid fixtures in our church and community and the athleticism continued - we played volleyball, softball and everything in between - even mowing the church yard as a group on several occasions, there were push mowers, weed eaters and riding lawnmowers everywhere! If the Kolacek's were involved, you were having fun, even when you were working! VBS was always unique and fun at First Christian, too, Leigh and her family participated in everything. And were good at all of it. We also enjoyed many picnics, hayrides, and other gatherings down through the years. Leigh was a wonderful cook and was always so generous with her talents. Both of my children had her for their 4th grade teacher and have special memories of those years, too. David and I are sad to see you go, but we know how tired you were becoming. I am so glad we were blessed with your friendship. Our love and prayers for Sonny, Stacie, Carl, Bonnie, and John. And our dear Lorena, and Leigh's sisters and brothers and grandchildren and all the precious extended family. We love each and everyone of you.
Jeanie & David Mundine

Jeanie & David Mundine - January 04, 2019 at 10:02 PM



Bless you Jeanie, Jessica Starr and Johnny Pate....There isn't a single youth group or Sunday School or VBS or "towels on the head, beadsheet Angel, Johnny-Pate as Baby Jesus with your Dad as Santa-Christmas" that isn't dear in my memory! You and your Family have been a tremendous Blessing to our Family and I know that I can speak for all of Us in expressing our Gratitude for your Love. ❤️ Stacie Kolacek

Stacie Kolacek - January 10, 2019 at 09:47 PM

MJ

“ *Michelle Johnson lit a candle in memory of Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek*



Michelle Johnson - January 04, 2019 at 09:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek.*



January 04, 2019 at 04:59 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek.*



January 04, 2019 at 09:35 AM

DS

“ *Dawn Stefek lit a candle in memory of Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek*



Dawn Stefek - January 03, 2019 at 04:39 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek.



January 03, 2019 at 03:45 PM



“ Donna, Bill, Ginny, Don, and Jon Blevins purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek.



Donna, Bill, Ginny, Don, and Jon Blevins - January 02, 2019 at 11:58 PM

DB

“ I remember all of the Rackleys were athletes. Leigh was no exception. Leigh was in the same grade as my sister a Ginny. We lived on Crosby street back then and we lived just a few houses away from this wonderful family. I think Leigh was the oldest. I have not seen Leigh since high school but I firmly remember her being so sweet to us younger neighborhood kids. The Rackeys were raised in a house of love and support. Her parents were just the best. I had lost my Mom when I was in second grade but running around with Ray back then and being around his brothers and sisters it did not take me long to see what a real family looked like. Rays Dad spent so many years with his boys, all of us thst was on his baseball team. Mr. Racket just loved choaching baseball and he pushed us hard to be A special team. Leigh will certainly be missed but for we're left behind will not forget Leigh and what a sweet and caring person she was. God bless you Leigh and please give your Dad a hug for us. Gods blessings, Don

Don Blevins - January 02, 2019 at 11:44 PM

GC

“ Gloria Clark lit a candle in memory of Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek



Gloria Clark - January 02, 2019 at 11:30 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek.



January 02, 2019 at 09:06 PM

GB

“ Leigh lived across from me on Crosby street in Portland. We spent many summer nights whistling at cars driving by and hiding where they couldn't see us. She was a wonderful friend in school and we had so much fun playing sports together.

Ginny Blevins Bergmann - January 02, 2019 at 06:15 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek.



January 02, 2019 at 06:09 PM



“ Sonny,
So sorry to hear of your loss. Hugs and Prayers for you and your family.
Phyllis Richey Varnon

Phyllis Varnon - January 02, 2019 at 12:24 PM

TO

“ The ATS team at ATS Shawnee, OK. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek.



The ATS team at ATS Shawnee, OK. - January 02, 2019 at 12:08 PM

AF

“ *Aretha Flores lit a candle in memory of Lorena "Leigh" Kolacek*



Aretha Flores - January 02, 2019 at 10:48 AM