



Linda Sue Graviss

January 30, 1961 - May 13, 2023

Linda Sue Morris Graviss passed into the arms of our Lord on Saturday May 13, 2023.

Linda was born on January 30, 1961, the second of five children, to Mabel “Dolly” Morris and Glen Edward Morris. As a youth, growing up on a farm in French Lick, Linda excelled both as a track star and FFA participant. In 1979 she graduated from French Lick High School. She then earned a Medical Laboratory Technician certification (ASCP) in 1981, and Medical Technologist (ASCP) degree in 1985 along with her Bachelors of Science, all from Indiana State University (ISU).

Following her graduation from ISU, Linda moved to San Antonio where she took a job in the Pathology Department at Methodist Hospital, San Antonio. It was there that she met a young bacteriologist, Edward Graviss, who would later become her husband. In 1988 she married Ed, and moved to Houston, Texas where she worked for 10 years as a Laboratory Technologist at St. Luke’s Hospital. In 1998, she joined the MD Anderson Cancer Center family where she would remain for the next 25 years, rising to the level of Director of Infection Control in 2019.

During her work career she raised three children, Sarah, Katie, and Daniel. She was actively involved in her churches (Sacred Heart in Manvel and St. Laurence in Sugar Land) and many of her children's school organizations. She was an active member in the Association of Professional in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) and the Hey Lollies Square Dance Club. Linda had an infectious smile that lit up the room and huge heart. She loved nature and traveling to Indiana to visit her family and to see the fall leaves in all their glory. She was known by her family as the "baby whisperer" because of the immediate bond she had with every baby she held. She so loved family, swimming in her pool with friends and family, and her Astros. Linda taught us all how to live life to its fullest.

She is survived by her husband of 35 years Dr. Edward Graviss; Children – Sarah Graviss, Katherine Graviss, and Daniel Graviss; her mother, Dolly Morris; sisters- Denise (John) Ollestad, Valerie (Paul) Hensley, Karen (Tony) Kastigar, and her brother, Michael (Jill) Morris, and her sisters-in-laws, Marilou (David) Welp, Ginny (Jim) Boehm, Helen (Phil) Tschoepe, and brothers-in-law, Dennis (Laura) Graviss, Larry (Maureen) Graviss, Tom (Leigh) Graviss, and Richard Macha. In addition to numerous aunts, nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, she had many wonderful friends.

A visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m., with a recitation of the Holy Rosary at 9:30 a.m., followed by the celebration of Mass at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, May 22, 2023 at St. Laurence Catholic Church, 3100 Sweetwater Boulevard in Sugar Land, Texas. A reception will follow the Mass in the Church Hall.

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Linda and Ed were both dear colleagues/friends of mine. Ed and I worked on an AIDS Helpline at the School of Public Health in the late 1980's and i got to meet his incredible wife Linda then. After graduating from SPH I was working in Thoracic Surgery when I ran into Linda on campus. We shared stories about our kids and I would always ask her how Ed was doing. She was so proud of her kids and Ed with his TB work/epidemiology skills. During COVID, Linda and i ended up in the same division together, Chief Quality Office. I will truly miss Linda and my deepest sympathies to Ed and her beloved children. You will truly be missed my dear friend.

Kelly Merriman - June 05, 2023 at 05:14 PM

PK

“ I worked with Linda for a year in Infection Control as a Practitioner and then for over 5 years afterward in Patient Safety. In any situation, I could always count on her help, advice and leadership. Even in the toughest of situations, she was always positive and had a smile. Every time I saw her, she always greeted me with a smile and a warm welcome. I will miss her deeply, and I am thankful for all the time I spent with her, all that she taught me and for all that she did for MD Anderson and it's patients. Many times I was heading home past 5pm and she was still there working, not even close to being able to go home. I know she would want all of us to continue on to do the work that she cared so deeply for. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Patrick S King - May 22, 2023 at 08:19 PM

RC

“ Roy Chemaly lit a candle Linda is deeply missed at work. She was our anchor at MD Anderson. Her deep fund of knowledge and her unwavering attitude and common sense got through many headwinds and storms throughout the years. She leaves behind long lasting memories and unforgettable legacy that we will cherish for many years to come. All our prayers go out for her family, friends and colleagues. May her soul Rest In Peace.



Roy Chemaly - May 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ LaTrisha lit a candle It was a true blessing to know and have Linda in my life. I will miss her laughter and her guidance. My prayers go out to her family, friends, and colleagues.



LaTrisha - May 22, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ I am deeply saddened of the news of Linda's passing. We were good friends in high school and for some time after graduation until both moving to different areas. We had reconnected on Facebook and had some nice chats. She was a wonderful person and full of fun and love. I am so sorry for the family's loss. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. Her laughter was contagious!

Carla Newlin - May 19, 2023 at 08:39 PM

NJ

“ Q: How did you meet Linda?

A: I met Linda during my first months as a educator at MD Anderson. I told her of my desire to be become a Infection Preventionist and she was very welcoming and helpful with the questions I had. Linda was a very kind woman and my thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

Nekeisha Johnson - May 19, 2023 at 01:30 PM

KN

“ I am honored and blessed to have known Linda. She taught me so much about infection control and communication. She was an awesome boss, a patient teacher, a knowledgeable Infection Preventionist and a supported friend. She touched so many lives for the good. Thank you Linda for everything!! You will be missed.

Kim Nguyen - May 19, 2023 at 09:30 AM

AR

“ I went to school with Linda and she was always sweet and kind to everyone. One time a long time ago when we were in elementary school she wanted to help a chipmunk that was hurt in the road and he wasn't very thankful and bit her. I'm thankful after all these years we were able to catch up on Facebook. Sending my love and prayers to all her family ❤️🙏

Angie Land Ragains - May 18, 2023 at 08:47 PM

HM

“ I had the pleasure of Linda being my boss for over 7 years. She was an amazing leader and was so very knowledgeable. My favorite memory was showing up to work on my very first day, and due to an HR error, Linda and the team didn't know I was coming. Her facial expression was priceless and we would always laugh about that. I will miss learning from her and her work ethic and her putting up with my very goofy personality. I will forever remember her calling me "missy." We love and will miss you Linda!

Hilary McMurry - May 18, 2023 at 11:26 AM

KH

“ Linda was such a wonderful person. I learned to Square Dance when she and Ed were Class Coordinators. She was always so nice and will be greatly missed.

Sending my heartfelt condolences to Ed.

Kimberly Hogue - May 18, 2023 at 08:21 AM

JY

“ I had the pleasure to work with Linda for several years at MD Anderson. She never failed to show her devotion to her job and to help whenever she was able.

Joseph Yarsa - May 17, 2023 at 05:09 PM