



## Sharon Lynn Trainer

November 27, 1946 - January 21, 2019

Sharon Lynn Trainer, nee Bumpass, passed away on Monday, January 21, 2019 in Houston, Texas.

Sharon is preceded in death by father Vernon Bumpass, stepfather Duane Cleere, and niece Valerie Higgins Smith.

Sharon is survived by mother, Estelle Bumpass Cleere, sister Reta Higgins and husband Stanley, sister Vicki Trujillo and husband Tim, son Ryan Trainer and wife Rachel, son Derek Trainer and wife Dorothy, and grandchildren Cameron Trainer and Andrew and Colton Herdt. She is also survived by her other nieces and nephews and many good friends.

Sharon was born in Dallas, Texas and grew up in the nearby city of Irving. She attended Irving High School, where she was a member of the majorette dance team and played clarinet in the marching band. After graduation, she attended Texas Technological College, now Texas Tech University, in Lubbock, where she majored in home economics.

Sharon completed three years at Texas Tech but never got her degree. She married and had children before she could finish. Although she stated later in life that she regretted not finishing school, she also stated that she wouldn't change things for the world, because she loved her children and

grandchildren too much.

Sharon was an accomplished dance instructor and taught lessons in the late 1980s and early 90s at Marilyn's Dance Club in west Houston. She specialized in swing and whip dancing, competing and winning awards in regional and statewide dance competitions.

She also had deep interest and a keen eye for detail in art, fashion, and design. She demonstrated her attention to detail in everything she did, from the outfits she wore (and made her sons wear) to the ceramics she so beautifully painted. Everyone who saw Sharon's ceramics would comment about how precisely detailed they were and how nothing in retail stores compared.

Even with her notable talents, Sharon is best remembered for her love of family, concern for others, and determination never to give up. She always held onto hope, and counted on it in tough times. Her belief in hope was evidenced by her love of Christmas, the greatest story of hope, and the thousands of Christmas ornaments and decorations she stored in boxes her entire adult life.

A visitation/wake will take place at Joseph J. Earthman Generations Funeral Home on Thursday, January 24, 2019 from 5 to 8 p.m. All family and friends are invited to attend.

A small graveside service for close family and friends will take place at Glenwood Cemetery on Friday, January 25, 2019 at 10 a.m. Burial will follow.