



## Mrs. Linda Hesser McMillian

September 16, 1945 - December 29, 2018

Linda Hesser McMillian passed away Saturday, December 29 surrounded by her loving family. Born September 16, 1945, the oldest daughter of Carleton and Elizabeth "Liz" Hesser, Linda grew up in Gillett where she raised her three boys, taught dance class, hunted, barrel-raced horses and was involved in the kids' school activities.

Linda is survived by her devoted husband of 20 years (together more than 36 years), Jerry McMillian; three adoring sons, John Sollars, Bart (Kim) Sollars and Slade (Sara) Sollars; grandchildren Paige (Tyler), Karly, Briar, McCoy, Ryan, John, Parker and Jarret and five great-grandchildren; brother Charles (Kim) Hesser, sister Carla (Rusty) Hestir, brother Don Hesser (Mike); sister-in-law Linda Shireman Hesser, brother-in-law Bennie (Gayla) McMillian and numerous nieces and nephews. Linda also leaves behind her cherished babies, Sammie, Maggie and Katie.

Linda was adventurous and loved to travel, whether it was on a Harley with Jerry, snow skiing in Colorado and Jackson Hole, girl trips to Cabo, RV trips to a Nascar race or annual trips to New Orleans with her boys and their families, Linda was always "ready, set, go!"

Her boys describe her as the most selfless person they know. Jerry loved her more than life itself. Linda was kind-hearted, supportive, forgiving and above all, generous. She was a loyal friend to many and she was fiercely protective and proud of her boys. She loved to feed the foxes and deer in her yard, but only after she prepared chicken dinner for her babies...every day. Linda had a

quiet, steadiness about her that made us all feel safe and secure. If she was having a bad day or didn't feel well, we never knew. She was unwavering in her appreciation of every single day. She loved to visit, no matter when, where or with whom. She was genuinely interested in getting to know you. Her spirit was like a shining star, lighting up every room she walked in. Over the years, Linda welcomed countless friends and family members into her and Jerry's home. Anyone that needed a helping hand or a comfy place to land was greeted with a big smile and hug, including many of the four-legged variety. The family would like to express their gratitude to all of Linda's caregivers at UAMS and Arkansas Hospice. But more than anything, the love and devotion of her daughter-in-law, Kim was seen and felt by all of us. Her willingness and insistence to stay with Linda at the hospital day and night the last couple of months allowed Jerry, the boys and the rest of the family to focus on just being with Linda. We're all grateful for her care of our amazing wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend.

A celebration of Linda's life will be Saturday, January 5 at the Methodist Church in Gillett, AR at ?????? Boots and jeans are encouraged. The family requests that memorials be made to: Humane Society of Pulaski County, 14600 Colonel Glenn Rd, Little Rock, AR 72210.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Gillett United Methodist Church  
3rd St  
Gillett, AR 72055  
(870) 548-2574

# Tribute Wall

AC

“ Generous ,cheerful, friendly and kind are words that I think of as I reflect on the classmate experiences we shared in the Gillett school system. We met in first grade where she sat across a narrow aisle from me. When coloring time came Linda would share from her large box of crayons, colors I did not have in my small box. Generous, unselfish. For the eleven years of school that we shared I remember Linda remained the same cheerful friendly person. From the coments I hear and read it seems that she lived all of her life that way. Linda will be missed by the GHS Class of '63.

Thoughtfully,  
Alfred Coose

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**Alfred Coose** - January 05, 2019 at 12:58 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Linda Hesser McMillian.



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January 04, 2019 at 02:25 PM

NW

“ Linda was one of the best people I knew. She will be terribly missed. My condolences go out to the family.

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**Nancy Wallace** - January 03, 2019 at 04:07 PM

GH

“ It is so terribly sad when it is your children's friends that are taken from you so suddenly. Linda will be sorely missed by our family.

*Gene & Shirley Holloway  
Marcy and Greg  
Gillett*

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**Gene Holloway** - January 02, 2019 at 04:24 PM

TH

“ Tommy and Karen Harvey purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mrs. Linda Hesser McMillian.



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**Tommy and Karen Harvey** - January 02, 2019 at 01:56 PM

MF

“ Linda was such a sweet, beautiful lady. Always happy to see you and fun to be around. I know Jerry will be lost without her, but know that she is no longer suffering. Rest in Peace sweet lady.

*Marlene Fisher-Adkison  
Texarkana, Arkansas*

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**Marlene Fisher-Adkison** - January 02, 2019 at 11:48 AM

GF

“ I only had the honor of knowing Ms.Linda. But I will forever be grateful to have known her. She seemed to "Live Life to the Fullest". Prayers to all the family. Know in your heart that we will see her again.



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**Gwen Fletcher** - January 01, 2019 at 09:51 PM

LH

“ Linda was kind-hearted and loving with a beautiful, infectious smile! She made me feel very loved. I will miss her and keep her in my heart forever. A beautiful soul gone too soon.

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**Linda Shireman Hesser** - January 01, 2019 at 04:15 PM

KW

“ Aunt Linda loved hard and she loved Heath and I with her all, i will miss her smile, her laughter but most importantly her love..... We shared so many precious memories that i will cherish forever, i saw places i would have never seen if it had not been for Aunt Linda and her adventures with her girls, soo many fun times, so many to state but know if you knew Aunt Linda, you are blessed, always and forever in our hearts❤️, we love you beyond words. Love, Heath and Kristie

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**kristie Williams** - January 01, 2019 at 04:00 PM

MR

“ My deepest sympathy to the McMillan family, Charles, Don Keith, and Carla on the loss of Linda. She will be missed by the many people who knew her.

*Respectfully,*

*Mark and Debbie Roberts  
Texarkana, Tx*

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**Mark Roberts** - December 31, 2018 at 05:47 PM