



Iwana Ann Burks Long

May 17, 2011

Iwana Ann Burk Long of Lindale left this earthly world to be with her Lord on May 17, 2011. Iwana was born in Mexia on September 6, the youngest of six children

born to Mathew W. and Emma Davenport Burk. Graveside services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Saturday, May 21, 2011, at Rusk County Memorial Gardens in Henderson under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale and with the Rev. Ron Byrd officiating.

Iwana grew up in Joinerville, graduating from Gaston High School. She was also a graduate of Tyler Jr. College and Stephen F. Austin State University. She attended McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana. While a student

at TJC, Iwana was Apache Princess, leading both the band and the Apache Belles. She also sang with an emsemble called "Four Beaus and a Belle."

During this same time, she represented the city of Tyler as Miss Tyler in the 1949 and 1950 Miss Texas pageants. At McNeese State, she was head majorette. It was at SFA that she met the man who would capture her heart. She and "her John" shared 53 years of marriage until death took him in 2005. Her career path lead her to the education field. A gifted reading teacher, Iwana

spent 27 years in a first grade classroom at Lindale Primary School. She was

also a past president of the Smith County Chapter of Texas State Teachers Association.

She was a member of University Christian Church, and served as a deacon at First Christian Church in Mineola.

Iwana is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Lawrence Burk, Howard Burk, and Adrian Burk; and a sister, Opal Brown.

She is survived by her loving daughters and son-in-law, Melinda White, Killeen;

Molly and Jerry Bacon, Lindale; grandchildren, John White and Alyssa, College

Station; Michael and Launa Bacon, Palestine; Dylan Bacon, Lindale; Kerri White,

Corpus Christi; Kathryn White, Killeen; Whitney Bacon, Lindale; and Amy Bacon,

Palestine; two great-grandchildren, Mackenzie Calloway and Avery Bacon, Palestine; sisters-in-law Mary Burk, New London; Ann Cother, North Little Rock,

Ar; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dr. Houston and Julia Long, Grand Saline; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be John White, Michael Bacon, Dylan Bacon, Jerry Bacon, and

Jimmy Brown.

The family will receive friends Friday, May 20, 2011, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family would also like to thank the loving, caring staff of Trinity Mother Frances MICU for all their help and support during this most difficult time.

You will be deeply missed, Momma. Give Daddy our love.

Tribute Wall



“ *Iwana Ann Burks Long*

October 05, 2023 at 02:48 AM



“ *Iwana Ann Burks Long*

October 05, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ *Melinda and Molly,*

So sorry to hear of your Mom’s passing. We have the comfort of knowing that she is in Heaven with Jesus. My prayers and thoughts are with you.

Beverly##imported-begin##*Beverly Garrett Melvin*##imported-end##

May 25, 2011 at 10:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Long was not only my first grade teacher but my favorite teacher. She was then my son’s first grade teacher. And our neighbor for a few years. I just loved her! She was a very special lady who treated all of her students like her own. I know Melinda, Molly and the rest of the family will miss her terribly. May God place His healing hand on each of you during your time of loss.*##imported-begin##*Lisa Kennedy Crowe*##imported-end##

May 21, 2011 at 08:08 AM



“ I’m so very sorry, saw it in the paper. I know she had lost her quality of life, she’s now with your Dad, happy, smiling, at peace and healed. My prayers and thoughts are with you for your loss. ##imported-begin##Mary Carole Ebert##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 08:36 PM



“ Molly, I am vey sorry about your mom’s passing. I know this is a difficult time you and your family. My thought and prayers continue to be with you all. You are an amazing person and I am proud to call you my friend. Love you, Lysa ##imported-begin##Lysa Parks##imported-end##

May 19, 2011 at 08:37 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your mother’s passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and have been all week. I think Lee said it best - you are her wonderful legacy. Love, Paige ##imported-begin##Paige Wilt##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 03:38 PM



“ I was sad to hear of your mom’s passing, but glad to celebrate her life and healing. She had to be an amazing woman. Just look at you! Love Always, Lee ##imported-begin##Lee Stringer##imported-end##

May 18, 2011 at 03:11 PM



“ I was so sorry to read of Iwana’s passing in this morning’s paper. I hope to see you all if possible. Please keep in touch. God’s comfort and love to you during this difficult time....Love, Cyndi
Cyndi Long Walker

May 18, 2011 at 08:53 AM