



## Merlene Loving

August 18, 1934 - March 13, 2024

Funeral services for Merlene Loving will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale. Brother Ira Lynn officiating. The ceremony will be followed by interment at Lindale City Cemetery.

Merlene Loving, affectionately called “Mo” by many who were dear to her, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Born Aug 18, 1934, in Flomot, Texas, to William Armstrong and Merle (Pyron) Riddle, Mo spent the vast majority of her lifetime in Lindale. A dedicated member of the South Main Church of Christ, Mo also contributed to her community through the Lindale Garden Club and the Red Hat Society. After an impressive 50-year career as the Office Manager at Tyler Packing Company, Merlene retired. Following this, Mo became an elite level garage-sale shopper, often accompanied by her cherished sister.

Merlene’s predeceased family members include her son, Gregory Hugh Loving; daughter, Lori Kay Loving; brothers, Kenneth Riddle and Johnny Austin; and sister, Jimmie Neely. Survivors include her husband of 71 years, Edsel M. Loving; sisters Willene Bartley of Lindale, Carole Patman and her husband Donald of Waxahachie, Linda Austin Sanders and her husband Roger of Idabel, Oklahoma; grandchildren Michael Loving, Matthew G. Loving and his wife Maren, Brooksie and her husband Dalton Giglio, and Marshall Purvis; great-grandchildren Skye, Finn, and Maisy Pearl; along with numerous other beloved family members and friends.

The family will welcome visitors from 6-8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

# Cemetery Details

## Lindale City Cemetery

702 West South Street  
Lindale, TX 75771

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home  
206 West South Street  
Lindale, TX 75771  
(903) 882-3141  
jeff@crdfh.com

## Chapel Service

MAR 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home  
206 West South Street  
Lindale, TX 75771  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Merlene Loving



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - March 17, 2024 at 11:17 PM

RL

“ Randle, Deesa, Angie, Pam and Jay Loving planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merlene Loving.

Randle, Deesa, Angie, Pam and Jay Loving - March 19, 2024 at 11:44 PM

RL

“ Randle, Deesa, Angie, Pam and Jay Loving purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Merlene Loving.



Randle, Deesa, Angie, Pam and Jay Loving - March 19, 2024 at 11:44 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Merlene Loving.*



March 19, 2024 at 11:17 PM



“ *Angie Loving, Brittany & Bruce Valentine planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merlene Loving.*

**Angie Loving, Brittany & Bruce Valentine** - March 19, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merlene Loving.*



March 19, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ *Caitlin, Cody, Kyler, and Presley Martin purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Merlene Loving.*



**Caitlin, Cody, Kyler, and Presley Martin** - March 19, 2024 at 02:39 PM

RE

“ Robert & Janet Eaton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merlene Loving.

Robert & Janet Eaton - March 18, 2024 at 12:39 PM

RE

“ Robert & Janet Eaton purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Merlene Loving.



Robert & Janet Eaton - March 18, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home - March 17, 2024 at 11:09 PM

JE

“ Jamie Pantalion and Jessica Eaton purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Merlene Loving.



Jamie Pantalion and Jessica Eaton - March 17, 2024 at 04:51 PM

TF

“ The Bobby Loving Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merlene Loving.

The Bobby Loving Family - March 15, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Merlene Loving.



March 15, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Merlene Loving.



March 15, 2024 at 02:26 PM

DS

“ Dave and Maxine Sanders planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merlene "Mo" Loving.

Dave and Maxine Sanders - March 15, 2024 at 02:26 PM



“ *Lajuanda Morrow lit a candle in memory of Merlene Loving*



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**Lajuanda Morrow** - March 15, 2024 at 12:11 PM

DN

“ *Denise Norris-Mallory lit a candle in memory of Merlene Loving*



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**Denise Norris-Mallory** - March 15, 2024 at 09:21 AM

AB

“ *Merlene and Edsel have been a part of my life since I was 12 years olds when I moved into the neighborhood where they lived. The Lovings always treated me like a family member. I love them. She was such a kind, sweet and absolutely beautiful person inside and out. She had a smile that she gave to everyone all the time. When her two children were born, I was at the Loving home to welcome them. She was a great Mom, wife and friend. May this wonderful lady rest in peace.*

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**Annie Bell Baldwin** - March 15, 2024 at 08:29 AM

KD

“ Karen Damon lit a candle in memory of Merlene Loving



Karen Damon - March 14, 2024 at 09:31 PM

KD

“ Karen Damon lit a candle in memory of Merlene Loving



Karen Damon - March 14, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Merlene Loving.



March 14, 2024 at 01:21 PM

FT

“ From Aunt Pam and Uncle Tom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Merlene Loving.

From Aunt Pam and Uncle Tom - March 14, 2024 at 01:21 PM

LW

“ *Linda Willis lit a candle in memory of Merlene Loving*



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**Linda Willis** - March 14, 2024 at 11:55 AM

GS

“ *Gloria Smith lit a candle in memory of Merlene Loving*



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**Gloria A Smith** - March 14, 2024 at 10:50 AM