

Elsmere, Linda Faye (Hardee)

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Our beloved Momma, Nana, best friend, aunt and sister, Linda Faye Elsmere passed from this world into the arms of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Thursday, Sept. 16, 2021, in Decatur.

Linda was born Nov. 5, 1947, in Decatur to Leona Irene Hardee (Raley) and Joe Burl Hardee. She married Edward Elsmere Feb. 1, 1989, in Fort Worth. They were together until her passing.

A homegoing celebration will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, at the First Baptist Church of Alvord.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents; her grandparents; and an infant son, Adam.

Linda had a rough exterior but was the most selfless individual you would ever meet. She never met a wayward kid or homeless dog that she did not try to take in and give a better life. She always said, "Being a mom and a nana was the greatest blessing of her life."

Those left behind to cherish her memories are her husband of 32 years Edward Elsmere; her children, Jamie Baird and husband, Jason, of Alvord, Jennifer Rather of Bridgeport, Meredith Elsmere of Denton and Heath Elsmere of Portage, Ind., her grandchildren, Selma Dunn, Tyler Baird, Emilee Dunn, Ronyn Brady, Jaycen Brown, Aubrey, Boston and Camden Baird and Madi, Curt and Macey Espinoza; brothers Larry Hardee and wife, Ruthann, and Vernon Hardee and wife, Karen, all of Alvord; as well as five nephews; numerous cousins; and many special friends and loved ones.

"For I know the plans I have for you" — this is the Lord's declaration — "plans for your welfare, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11