



**Edwards, Linda Jo**

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*By Messenger Staff*

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Linda Jo Edwards, 77, of Boyd, passed away peacefully on Oct. 31, 2025, after a brief illness. Born on Christmas Eve in Dallas, to Guy Edwards and Flora Deskin Edwards, Linda lived a life defined by her generous spirit and unwavering faith.

Linda had a remarkable gift for making everyone feel like a friend — she truly never met a stranger. Her warmth, kindness, and willingness to help anyone in need touched countless lives throughout her years in Texas and Connecticut, where she lived for 13 years in Stratford. She had a wanderlust spirit and loved to travel the backroads to visit family, cherishing every moment

spent with those she loved.

A devoted Christian, Linda was an active participant in her church community at Hilltop Assembly of God, where her faith guided her actions and inspired those around her. She approached life with an open heart and a helping hand, embodying the values she held dear.

Linda is survived by her three children: Billy Joe Wilson, Christine Wilson Melançon and her husband, Robert; Guy Edwards Cardwell and his wife, Beth; and her stepsons, Dwayne Cardwell and Willie Cardwell. She was a beloved grandmother to Alexandria Wilson, Donnie Mehrtens III, Madison Mehrtens, Tessa Mehrtens, Tori Melançon Worth, Julia Cardwell, Mariana Cardwell, Elizabeth Cardwell, Wyatt Cardwell, and Grayson Cardwell, and a cherished great-grandmother to Cameron Chauvin, Faythe Chauvin, Kenneth Wilson, Jachin Porche, Kennedy Neal, and Boaz Porche. She is also survived by her siblings, Carlene McKenzie and Guy Edwards. She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Joyce Jones.

Linda's legacy of compassion, generosity, and unconditional love will live on in the hearts of her family and all who knew her. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Hilltop Assembly of God, 1670 E State Hwy 114, Boyd, TX 76023.