



Mrs. Linda Raycelia Hale Garnett

September 24, 1942 - April 20, 2018

Ms. Linda Raycelia Hale Garnett, 75, passed away Friday, April 20, 2018, at her daughter's home in Oxford. There will be a celebration of life gathering held at a later date. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

Linda was born in Mobile, AL. She obtained a Master's degree in Forestry from Mississippi State University and worked for the Forestry Department at Mississippi State University. She had a lifelong love of horses that began at the age of 13 that remained throughout her life. Linda was also a talented musician and songwriter. Her music touched and inspired many.

Linda leaves behind her daughter, Terri Jane (David Massey) Wright of Oxford; her husband, Fredrick Garnett of Starkville, MS; and her sister, Barbara Louise Dolan of Vicksburg, MS.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Milburn Ray Hale and Louise Taylor Hale.

Donations and memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made in honor of Ms. Linda Raycelia Hale Garnett to Mississippi Horses (569 North Old Canton Road, Madison, MS 39110).

Online condolences may be left on the Tribute Wall at
www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

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“ I had the honor and pleasure of playing music and making a record with Linda years back. I learned so much from her and was amazed by her songwriting. I have much respect for her as she would ALWAYS tell it to me straight. Good or bad. The biggest thing I can say was that I trusted her. She was never about herself but about the people and the project we were working on. A great friend to both my wife Debbie and myself. Although I haven't seen her much in recent years I will truly miss her. Perhaps I will get to play music with you again someday. Godspeed Linda!

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“ *Linda Raycelia Hale Wright Garnett. Quite a handful of identifiers, but Linda was quite a "handful". She would be the first to agree. To attempt to describe her essence would be like trying to explain the qualities of sunlight; you can use pretty words, but unless you've experienced it, words fall short.*

Linda was my best friend for the last twenty-five years. One couldn't ask for a better friend. We shared many things, both good and bad, including each other's children (she loved mine, but wouldn't hesitate to set them straight if needed & vice-versa). She was fiercely loyal, the first to "show up with a shovel - no questions asked" in a crisis. She was also not opposed to kicking your backside if you needed it. She was seriously funny and droll and had a poets knack for turning a phrase (check out some of the lyrics in her songs). She had an enormous capacity for kindness, empathy and love. Linda was a daughter, sister, wife, mother, horsewoman, songwriter/songstress, poet, philosopher, and armchair political pundit - the list could go on. Linda was also beautiful, inside as well as out!

Music brought us together to begin with. We made some pretty awesome music together if I do say so!! Making music is almost like making children (I said "almost"), the music remains long after we are gone. Without a doubt, Terri Jane was always her proudest achievement, but music ran a close second. With that, Linda leaves a rich legacy.

I have no other words to convey the sense of loss those of us Linda leaves behind feel, for me, the world is a little bit colder and darker without her. I also know that she wouldn't like that. Music brought us together and for me will remain a connection to Linda. So, "Ray-Ray" - I hope you are out there riding around and making music with Elvis & Hank, George and John, Patsy, Tom, Glenn, David, Michael, Roy, Greg and all the other greats that have left us. Maybe y'all can save a slot for a harmony singer someday.

Love forever,

Lyssa Lee
(Melyssa Dobbs Rodriguez)

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