



Linda Jernigan

April 8, 1943 - April 11, 2025

Linda Louise (Dorough) Jernigan, age 82, of Cedar Falls, died Friday, April 11, 2025, at NewAldaya Lifescapes in Cedar Falls.

She was born April 8, 1943, in Tyler, Texas, the daughter of Paul and Helen (Harris) Dorough. Linda graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Tyler. She then attended North Texas St University and graduated in 1965 with a BA in French, along with a Texas state teaching certificate. She married Malcolm Lathon Jernigan on July 24, 1965, at Marvin Methodist Church in Tyler, TX. She taught French and English at Garland HS in Garland, TX, and San Marcos HS in San Marcos, TX. Her husband Lathon was a music professor and was hired to teach music at the University of Northern Iowa, which brought them to Iowa in the early 1970's. She later earned a master's degree in College Student Personnel Services from UNI. In 1982 she began a 30+ year career in working with the admission of international students attending the University of Northern Iowa. She loved her job because she was able to facilitate the intricate admission process from these students and because it provided her the chance to meet people from all over the world.

Linda had a great love for her husband, two daughters, and their children. She truly loved bringing a wide variety of pets into the family for all to enjoy, especially the love of horses and the joy of horseback riding.

She is survived by two daughters, Lisa Banks of Fort Worth, TX, and Lesley (Dave Hatcher) Jernigan of Cedar Falls; two grandsons, Donavon (Sein) Banks of Fort Worth, TX, and Sawyer Howe of Cedar Falls; and a sister, Paula (David) Dorrough-Kahler of Dallas, TX.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Malcolm Lathon Jernigan.

A gathering of friends and family will be held from 4-6pm on May 1, 2025, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls. Inurnment will be at a later date in Goldthwaite, TX.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

MAY 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
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Tribute Wall



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Alessandro Galvis - April 19, 2025 at 02:35 AM

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“ So sorry to say goodbye to my friend, Linda, who welcomed me to Cedar Falls, both of us exported from other states for the UNI connection. Our kids were in play group together from preschool and we Moms stayed in touch as our kids became parents of young ones.

Ann Barry - April 18, 2025 at 06:27 AM



Linda Jernigan, was an amazing human being. She was the greatest American person I have ever met. She was elegant, precise and funny. She interacted a lot with me during my time at the Admissions office. I remember one time she told me about a horse she had purchased for her home. She was rather camera shy, so when I heard about this sad news, I went immediately and looked for pictures of her, and I found none! none! but you know what? I remember her a thousand times. Her smile, jokes comments are in several parts of my heart! When I was working at the International Admissions Office at UNI, she treated me with respect, and mentored me like the best mentor ever! Linda, you were heck of a educator! I made a thousand mistakes while I got used to my job at the Admissions Office, but with Linda I learned about precision, respect and oh how can I forget? how much Linda would talk about her husband and her children! We love you Linda. Always in our hearts! May The Lord Bless You in Heaven Too as he blessed you here on earth! People like you are really hard to find. Thank you for all your teachings and hard work! I miss you and I love you!

Alessandro Galvis - April 19, 2025 at 01:13 AM