



Linda Joyce Wells

September 3, 1948 - September 3, 2013

Linda Joyce Wells, 65 of Ringgold, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, September 3, 2013. She was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late Joe & Lula Mae Deakins and had lived most of her life in the Chattanooga and North Georgia areas. She was of the Baptist faith and was employed with Whitfield County Department of Family & Children's Services for more than 20 years as a Services Secretary and enjoyed working with and helping Foster families. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother who will be greatly missed by all that knew her. She was also preceded in death by her niece Lynette Higgenbottom.

Survivors include her loving husband of more than 24 years, William "Bill" Wells; two daughters, Rhonda Lynn Scott and Kristi Renee Williams all of Ringgold, GA; sister, Wanda Briddelle of Mount Juliet, Tennessee; two granddaughters, Haley Nicole Scott and Kristin Faith Scott and one nephew, Paul Higgenbottom.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, September 6, 2013 in the Fort Oglethorpe Chapel with Bro. Herman Kepher officiating. Burial will be

private. The family will receive friends Thursday from 4-9 p.m. at the funeral home. Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, GA.

Tribute Wall

CH

“ Sweet Linda. I learned today, your birthday, of your passing. I always looked forward to seeing you every time you came in the office! It was such a blessing knowing you for 13 years! We always had such wonderful talks about our families. You always gave me a hug when you left the office with your special smile! You will surely be missed! My thoughts and prayers are with you Kristi and your family.

Crystal - Ringgold, GA - Friend/Dental Hygienist - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Happy Birthday, Mama!! The office had a nice breakfast for you today, we all miss you so much. People talked about how genuine your love was & how you positively impacted everyone who knew you. We all strive to be more like you, to carry on your legacy of love.

Kristi Williams - Ringgold , GA - Daughter - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ This comes to my list as one of the hardest things that I have had to do. Linda, Kristi and I became very close friends when I came to work at DFCS in 1999. I am an only child and I lost my mom in 2004 and my dad in 2007. When I lost my mom Linda was like a mother duck with her ducklings and took her wing to a stray duck at the side with no mother and took her in as hers also. There was never a break at work that I took without Linda unless she was not there. When I needed to have a "mama" talk she is who I went to. She made me mama's apple cake which I can say it tasted like she had made it many times before. She kept my husband in all the hot peppers and sauces that she and Wanda made. There was never a time that we were together that she did not speak of her family and how dearly I knew she loved them. Bill, Kristi, Rhonda, Wanda and all of the rest of the family please keep in mind that Linda's life thrived on all of you. Keep her in your hearts and as hard as it will be go forward. She would not want anything else. And always remember she touched everyone's life in some way that knew her. I will always love and remember her. Love and prayers to all of the family. We will all see her again sometime. Jennifer

Jennifer - Dalton, GA - Friend/Co-worker - September 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Kristie and Family, Anne and I send our deepest condolences and love. Linda was a beautiful lady inside and out. I will miss her sweet smile and kindness. Many happy memories of our time working together and our lunches at the Mexican restaurant. Kristie we send you a giant hug and lots of prayers to you. Remember and treasure every memory. Your Momma was very proud of you and your sister. Please get in touch when you can. Peace and Love to you all. Dennis and Anne Saxton and Family.

Dennis Saxton - Cincinnati, OH - Friend and former co-worker - September 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I'll always remember her smile. She was always good to me. We send our love to the girls Rhonda and Kristie. I know you will always remember her love for you all. god bless you all. my dad sends his condolences too Mitchell and Marketta Deakins. We may not be there physically but we are there in our hearts.

laurie higdon (Deakins) - dunlap, TN - cousin - September 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Your southern charm was always amazing to me. Thankfully that continues every time I see or talk with Kristi. You will be missed.

Ben Ernst - Saint Louis, MO - Family Friend - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Being a foster parent I have known Linda for the past 8 years. She was always willing to go that extra mile for me and I'll always remember the dedication she had to "our" kids. She worked so hard with the Secret Santa program and I know helped to put thousands of smiles on kids faces for many years at Christmas. She was more than someone I called for answers to my many questions, I considered her a friend and I will miss her and that sweet smile. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Angela Grant - Dalton, GA - Friend - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ We were not only sisters but "best" buds. Had a great day together and then the Lord took you home. God Bless Rhonda, Haley, Faith, Kristi, Brandon, Jordan and Bill. Love you guys.

Wanda Briddelle - Mount Juliet, TN - sister - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ Linda was such a help to me as a foster parent. She never minded me asking the same question two or three months in a row and was always gracious and helpful. And anytime I saw her at DFACS she would give me a big hug - that was special. I will miss her greatly. Her family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Doreen - GA - Friend and Foster parent - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“ Words don't seem enough to say how much you will be missed. Even though it has been a while since I saw you last, just knowing that you were there and a friend was always a comfort to me. I can not think of anyone that I have known that will be missed more than you will be. Such a wonderful person. I just wish that I had one more chance to tell you that. But I hope that somehow you know that we love you and miss you.....
Kristi, love you. Keep strong.

Virginia Stephenson - Dalton, GA - friend - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“*Lovely Linda, how can I begin to say how sorry I am about her passing! I loved her dearly and I had the pleasure of working with her from the first day she went to work at DFACS until I retired in 2007 and even after that we kept in touch. I must ditto the comments others have posted regarding her selflessness! She was such a wonderful person who loved her family dearly. Many times we shared moments that we enjoyed with our grandchildren! Whenever I went back to DFACS to visit, she always had a big hug for me and she always made me feel special as I am sure she did everyone she knew! She was about the hardest worker I have ever known. Her work ethic was superb! DFACS has lost a worker that won't ever be replaced! Rhonda and Kristi, please know you will continue to be in my prayers during these difficult ensuing days! May your memories of your Mom give you many hours of peace! Much love, Martha*

Martha Chastain - Dalton, GA - Friend - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“*Linda Wells was a awesome individual. She was the most selfless person I have ever known. She dedicated her life to serving and assisting others, always, putting her self last. She had a loving and kind heart and we will all miss her. Determination, dedication, honorable and loyalty describe her character traits. Such a strong, precious lady. Heaven just received another jewel. I love you, Linda.*

Suzanne Baggett - Dalton, GA - Friend/Co-worker - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“*Rhonda and family praying for you. Sorry for your loss. I will always remember Linda as a very sweet lady. It's been years but she always welcomed me in her home to visit in Dunlap.*

Cynthia Cunningham Hobbs - Dunlap, TN - friend - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Momma Linda will be missed, she always had a smile on her face no matter what was happening I have some great memories of her this world lost a very special lady I LOVE MOMMA LINDA

Billy Linviile - Dunlap, TN - Family Friend - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ At the passing of such a great lady the world grows still; her grace and kindness and caring a noble testament of her faith and her love. She served everyone willingly in the same humble spirit. Linda truly blessed us all with her godly example. God receive her and comfort her family, our prayers and kindest thoughts are with you all.

Aaron Moore - Cisco, GA - former co=worker, friend - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I was so sad to hear of Linda's passing. I came to know her when I was a mere 16 years old (40 years ago!), when I joined the family by marrying her nephew. Of all of the family, she was the one that made me feel the most wanted and loved. That beautiful, beautiful smile and those huge blue eyes would make anyone love her. She was as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside. Always the same, precious and loving, warm and gentle. I am so sorry to have lost track over the years. But Rhonda and Kristie, the angels are singing and rejoicing now that she is in heaven and in the arms of our Savior. Please be comforted by knowing that she loved and adored you both.

Prayers for you all and the lucky man that got to call her his wife these last years.

Debby

Debby Swanger - SODDY DAISY ,TN 37379-9025, TN - Family/friend - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Mama - you are my most precious friend. You mean everything to me. I don't know how I'll go on now without you. I do know that you are with all of us now, you live in our hearts. As long as we live we will miss you. Thank you for giving all of you to all of us for all your life.*

Kristi - Ringgold, GA - Daughter - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *This hurts me so much to post.. Nannie i know your in a better place i just want you to know you have been the most inspirational person in my life. & you will always be , rather that means physically or mentally. You looked so beautiful laying in that hospital bed.& i bet your looking and watching over me right now*

-Forever in my heart , your babygirl . Haley Scott

Haley Scott - ringgold, GA - grand mother - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Kristi,*

Your Mom was a wonderful friend to all. She was an amazing lady. There will be a void at work that no one will ever be able to fill. It was my pleasure to be able to be around a positive person!

Connie

Connie Long - Co-worker - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Nannie, i miss you more than you know. you have absolutely changed my life an the way i look at life. you have helped more than you know. i cant wait to see you again one day in heaven. so you can look at me with those beautiful ocean blue eyes. you are my hero nannie, my inspiration to live on an accomplish everything i take on just like you. an work hard an do my best no matter what. thank you for treating me like family, like i mattered, like i was worth something. you are amazing. i want you to be waiting on me when i come through those pearly white gates. i love you my beautiful amazing nannie !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! -Jordan Ebanks

Jordan Ebanks - ringgold, GA - grand mother - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Linda will be missed by so many people. She was a caring and giving person that always thought of others before she thought of herself. I loved you, my friend, and will miss that sweet smile..My prayers to all the family. Kristie, you especially are in my prayers. Ms Jo

Jo Long - Dalton - Co-worker and friend - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ I love you my Nannie you are the best!!!!!!!!!!!!!!we will meet again beautiful.you taught me to never give up with those serious eyes:) thank you for everything thanks for being my Nannie.love my linda!!!! love,FAITHY!!!!

Faith Scott - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AC

“*Kristi, I am so sorry for you and your families lose. My heart is broken for you, your mother was so genuine and compassionate. She was every ones friend, but your best friend. Your mom was an amazing woman, and was always proud of you. It was a pleasure to know her and work with her. The Lord has another angel today. Linda will be missed. My prayers are with you.*

Amanda Dyer - Dalton, GA - Co-Worker - September 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RD

“*I can't think of a day that she didn't give me a REASON to SMILE..THANK YOU FOR BEING MY BEST FRIEND.....Rhonda*

Rhonda Scott - ringgold, GA - daughter - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LH

“*This world lost a great lady yesterday. She will be missed.*

Lamar - Dalton, GA - lucky to have known her - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RW

“*Had the pleasure of working with such a sweet kind woman for 15 years. Always positive and smiling. I'm so glad I got to see her a couple of weeks ago. She always hugged me and was smiling. Whitfield Co DFCS will not be the same.*

Renee Price - Tunnel Hill, GA - Co worker - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VF

“*Truly a beautiful person. Always smiling and kind words to all. Linda will be missed immensely.*

Valarie Smith - Chatsworth, GA - Friend - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ Dear Kristie and Rhonda,
I am so very very sorry about your Mom...I loved her from the day I met her...I have a lot of fond memories of her from when I was a kid...She has and always will be my Aunt Linda....I'm so glad I got to see her @ your Dad's service..It meant a lot to me...

I love you both,

Gayla

GAYLA WILLIAMS - JASPER, TN - Neice - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ To Linda's Dear Family,
I worked with Linda for many years at DFCS. She was a genuine friend - always ready to help no matter what the need. A wonderful cook ever ready to share her delicious recipes, and a great organizer of fund raisers. She will live on in the memories of her family and friends. RIP Linda. May God give the family peace and comfort as friends join together in prayer.

Carol S Crow - Dalton, GA - former co worker - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TY

“ Linda and I worked, cried and laughed for many many years at DFCS. She was one of my heart sisters. She never said no---and help many people and children at DFCS. I have such good memories of us Secret Santa Ladies getting Christmas ready for our children and then traveling to conferences and our involvement in Georgia County Welfare Association. Linda always had a smile on her face. She loved her family dearly and was so proud of her girls and grand children.

Teresa Bredeson - DALTON, GA - Friend for many years - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Kristie, Rhonda and Bill,

I worked with Linda for a few years at whitfield county. She was always smiling. She was very sweet to me and kind!!! She will be terribly missed!!!!

Karen Gossage - chatsworth, GA - friend/ previous co worker - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ Linda was an amazing woman. She was freindly from my very first day at the office. She always let me know when there was fresh coffee in the pot and was one of the best cooks that I know. She had such a heart for others and did many things behind the scenes that others did not even know about. I will greatly miss her wave each morning as I come in to work while she is sitting in her car and her sweet smile every time she greeted you. She had great impact on each and every life that she came in contact with. Not to mention the little basket of chocolate in the office for passersby that needed that little pick me up. She will be forever remembered for her great compassion.

Faith Dill - Dalton, GA - Co-worker - September 04, 2013 at 12:00 AM