



Linda Gayle Berkenbile Rhyne Snipes

February 18, 1947 - December 13, 2018

Linda Gayle Berkenbile Rhyne Snipes, R.N. born Feb. 18, 1947 in Vinita, OK to Glen and Lucy Berkenbile, died peacefully on Dec. 13, 2018 at the Porta Caeli House in Tulsa, OK.

Linda graduated from Fort Gibson High School in 1965, attended 2 years at Northeastern State University, then received a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Bacone College in 1969.

Her career as a Registered Nurse spanned 37-years and included 21 years in Federal service, caring for U.S. military veterans at the VA Medical Center in Muskogee, OK.

After retiring, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, tending to "The Secret Garden" that her late husband built for her, working on the family's genealogy, and reading a new novel almost every day.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father, and by her husband and soul-mate, David Snipes, with whom she was very much looking forward to seeing again in the after-life.

She is survived by her son Ken Rhyne, his wife Sherry and their two children – Kenny and Kris – all of Tulsa; her son Kel Rhyne, his wife Crystal and their

two children – Logan and Lindsey – all of Ft. Gibson; her brother Rick Berkenbile, his wife Judy and their son Mike Berkenbile, his wife Becky and their children and grandchildren and many friends.

Linda was extremely thankful to receive the love and prayers of her family, friends and neighbors throughout her year-long battle with cancer. We will be honoring her wishes to be cremated so her ashes will join David's in "The Secret Garden", and to have no viewing or memorial service.

Tribute Wall



“ *Linda Gayle Berkenbile Rhyne Snipes*

January 29, 2023 at 12:59 PM



“ *At this moment I'm very heavy hearted as I have just found out through this obituary that Linda has passed away. She was a wonderful woman and my father was extremely fortunate to have met her, and soon after, have her as his wife. They had a one in a million relationship, one to truly admire and smile at. I can almost hear him clearly saying today, "I love you Linnybaby., and her smiling back at him and replying, oh David."*

Sadly, time and distance seems to have had its way, keeping us from connecting as much as we should have. I'll continue to dearly miss her and my father, and reminisce on the great times we once had. A special lady!❤️

Rhonda - December 14, 2019 at 01:47 PM



“ *Linda Stevens lit a candle in memory of Linda Gayle Berkenbile Rhyne Snipes*



Linda Stevens - March 18, 2019 at 04:09 AM



“ *Linda had a beautiful sweet smile on her face*

shirley vogt - March 02, 2019 at 12:27 AM

RT

“ A beautiful picture of a beautiful woman inside and outside. Sorry for your loss and the loss of another sweet classmate. We have the assurance that God granted her last wish to be free of pain and to join her loved ones who had gone on before her. May God comfort you in the days ahead.

Rita Railey Taylor-Church - December 19, 2018 at 08:53 PM

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“ We all grew up out here together. One day when we were down at her house playing, her mother walked thru the living room and said, "Linda Gayle! Get in there and make your bed." Well, Linda ran outside and climbed a tree (she was a big time tomboy) and my sister went in to make her bed. Mrs. Berkenbile walked into the room and asked my sister why she was making the bed, that she had told Linda Gayle to make it. My sister said, "But I AM Linda Gayle!" Little did we all know that both girls had the same name. I always admired her for her ability to do anything she set her mind to...like....taking care of all the outside work, or building a back porch, her knowledge of nursing. So many things. I will miss her as a neighbor, friend, and customer. When my customers get their hair wet, they start talking!!! And she was so knowledgeable. Of course, what's said in the beauty shop, stays in the shop!! My prayers of comfort are with you, Kel and Ken. God Bless.

Sue Mapleshorpe - December 17, 2018 at 07:53 PM

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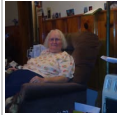
My prayers and thoughts are with the family during their time of grief. She will always be in your memories and in your hearts.

Linda Stevens - March 18, 2019 at 04:15 AM

PK

“ I am very sorry to hear of Linda's passing. She will surely be missed by all. She was a very loyal customer of ours for many years and her sweet presence is missed. God be with you as you say goodbye in this life!

Patsy Keith - December 15, 2018 at 09:57 AM



I'm sorry to hear of Linda's death. We had been friends for years. She is free of her pain. God be with all of you.

Carolyn Anderson - December 16, 2018 at 04:37 PM

JB

“ Beautiful picture of Linda.

Judy Berkenbile - December 15, 2018 at 01:32 AM