



Elizabeth Ann "Liz" Lijstrand

December 2, 2024

McALLEN – Elizabeth Ann “Liz” Lijstrand, 65, passed away on Monday, December 2, 2024, at McAllen Medical Center after a courageous battle with cancer. Liz passed peacefully, closely attended by family and friends who remained with her during her final days and hours.

Born on January 1, 1959, in Houston, Texas, to Charles Edward and Alma Eletha (Deggs) Lijstrand, she graduated from Edinburg High School and went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in music from Pan American University. During her lifelong career as a piano teacher, Liz’s students went on to win local, state and national awards. As a member with the Magic Valley Music Teachers Association, she held a number of positions, including organizing the annual spring recital and the fall all-girls and all-boys recitals. She was also the McAllen chairman for the National Federation of Music Teachers auditions in the Rio Grande Valley. Liz sang with the Valley Symphony Choral for over 20 years.

Liz was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She served as music chairman, organist, choir director, pianist in the Primary organization (children’s), and taught in the Young Women’s organization (teens).

Liz had a passion for dogs which led her into training and competing at dog shows.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert Wayne Brunson (Kathy Harms).

Survivors include her siblings, James (Melinda Brann) Brunson of Midlothian, Texas; Charles Alan Liljestrand (D'Anne Iliff) of Lindale, Texas; Lisa Kay Liljestrand Silas (Bradley Silas), of St. Augustine, Florida; and 11 nieces and nephews and numerous grandnieces and grandnephews. She is also survived by numerous friends within her church and music families.

Elizabeth will be loved and remembered by family and friends that she always fought the good fight and did her best in what was placed before her. She will be missed, but family and friends find peace knowing she is now free from pain and has been greeted by her Savior, Jesus Christ, and is now reunited with family members who passed before her.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 7, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the McAllen Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located at 300 W. Trenton Rd. She will be interred at a later date.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

McAllen Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
300 W. Trenton Rd.
McAllen, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family Members,
I am so sorry to learn of Liz's passing. She has been a part of my life since the late 70's, when my companion and I were able to share the missionary lessons with her. I have long admired her steadfast faithfulness to the gospel. She came to visit me in Arizona back in the 1990's, and I loved taking her to the Mesa Temple. I remember how excited she was for the Dallas Temple to be built, and her great joy when the McAllen Temple was announced. I relished our conversations through the years. She is a precious person to me, and I will miss her very much.
I send my sincere condolences for your loss, and hope that you will feel all the Lord's comfort you need.
Sincerely,
Toni Newman, nee Toni McArthur

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