



Yvonda Sue Reed

May 27, 1958 - July 24, 2017

Yvonda Sue (Slay) Reed was born on May 27, 1958 in Lindsay, Oklahoma to Willis Doyle Slay and Ella Mae (Long) Slay. After graduating from Lindsay High School, Yvonda went on to attend at the Mid-America Technology Center where she studied to be a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). She later graduated with her LPN license and left Lindsay to begin working at the Pauls Valley Hospital and the Grady Memorial Hospital.

In 1979, Yvonda made her way back to Lindsay and began working at the Lindsay Municipal Hospital. With her love for helping people growing she returned to school around 1980 to become a Basic Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). During this time she found two new loves; her future husband Chris and Emergency Medical Services (EMS). In the summer of the same year she became Lindsay's first female EMS Director. During her tenure as Director the EMS program grew and the personnel expanded their education. On June 27, 1981 Yvonda married the love of her life Robert Chris Reed at the Erin Springs Baptist Church.

She continued her education gaining her intermediate licenses and then in 1987 she added another first to the EMS program by becoming Lindsay's first Paramedic. With the call volume increasing and causing personnel to be pulled from other departments too frequently, in 1985, Yvonda used her persistence and knowledge of hospital administration to take the little EMS

program into a separate and full-time department.

In the early 1990's she became a board member of the Oklahoma Emergency Medical Technician Association and was later elected their President in 1993. All the while she continued to make improvements to the Lindsay EMS until 1996, when she was appointed to be the Assistant Hospital Administrator at Lindsay Municipal Hospital. EMS was still her favorite department until she left the Hospital in 1997 to begin working part-time for the McClain County EMS located in Blanchard, Oklahoma.

In 1999, she received the news from her cardiologist that she would no longer be able to be a paramedic due to heart complications, so she left the McClain County EMS.

Yvonda loved to be involved in as much as she could. She was a member of various civic organizations in Lindsay. Her pride and joy was in the Lindsay EMS and making it the service we know today.

Her granddaughters were her #1. She was a softball fan but she was especially fond of basketball. You could always count on her to be cheering rather it was the local high school team, the Sooners, Cowgirls, or the OKC Thunder. She enjoyed spending time outdoors tanning by a swimming pool and riding the Harley with Chris.

Yvonda is survived by her husband, Chris Reed of Lindsay, Oklahoma, her daughters, Bridget Dawn Waddell and her husband Jake Waddell of Little Axe and Jennifer Nicole Thomas and her husband Matt Thomas of Lindsay, her brothers, Buddy Slay and his wife Diane of Lindsay, Floyd Slay of Lindsay, Boyd Slay and his wife Sheila of Lindsay, her sisters Pat Martin of Lindsay, and Lois Sumpter and her husband Johnny of Norman, and her granddaughters Greenlee Rhae and Shiloh Mae Waddell.

She is preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, Enoch Slay.

Yvonda is still remembered not only in the Lindsay EMS department, but throughout the state. The Oklahoma Emergency Medical Technician Association is remembering her by dedicating this year's annual Medic Update Conference to her.

In lieu of flowers the family is requesting that donations be made to Boydston Funeral Home.

Funeral Services for Yvonda will be Thursday July 27, 2017 beginning at 10:30 A.M. at the First Baptist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Interment will be following the service at Erin Springs Cemetery in Erin Springs, Oklahoma. Services are under the direction of Scott Wilbourn with Boydston Funeral Home in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at www.boydstonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

JY

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all the Reed family. May you all feel Gods arms around you

John and Madonna Yandell - July 27, 2017 at 10:15 PM

CC

“ You will be truly missed

Carl and Stacy comanche - July 27, 2017 at 02:52 PM

DH

“ We just don't know why this happens to such a good person. I know she will be missed terribly. Prayers to the family.

Donna (Sanders) Hoyt - July 27, 2017 at 01:51 PM

RA

“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping your family in our prayers.

Russell and Karen Adkins - July 26, 2017 at 06:05 PM

FB

“ Yvonda was a beautiful soul. I admired and looked up to her. The medical field and her family have lost a hero. Our prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Frances Bunch - July 26, 2017 at 01:32 PM

PW

“ I worked with Yvonda at Lindsay Manor Nursing Home. I enjoyed chatting with her daily. I continued to see her around town after I retired from nursing, and I always enjoyed visiting with her. I am praying for God's grace and mercy to guide and sustain you as you bear this incredible loss.

Patty Wiersema - July 26, 2017 at 11:46 AM

LS

“ Chris, we will all miss your lovely wife, and are so grateful for her dedication to help anyone she could. Such a kind and loving person. Praying for you and yours.

Larry & Denise Slack - July 25, 2017 at 11:02 AM

WC

“ I am so sorry Pat to hear about your sister.

Wanda Castoe - July 24, 2017 at 05:54 PM

RH

“ Chris so sorry for your loss. She will be missed but never forgotten.

Randy and Kay Hugo - July 24, 2017 at 01:44 PM

SA

“ Rest in Peace sweet lady....

Susan Anderson - July 24, 2017 at 01:38 PM

TL

“ largent@pldi.net

Tina Largent - July 24, 2017 at 01:23 PM