



## Holly Tolbert

January 14, 1947 - February 26, 2006

Holly Jean Erdmann Tolbert, 59, resident of Corsicana, Texas passed away Sunday, February 26, 2006 at Navarro Regional Hospital. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Wednesday March 1, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. with interment to follow at Hamilton-Beeman Cemetery. Holly was born on January 14, 1947 in Aberdeen, South Dakota, to Marvin (Tuffy) and Mildred Erdmann of Groton, South Dakota. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Tolbert, father Marvin Erdmann, brother Russell Erdmann, and sister Paula Breitkreutz. Holly's family, including her animals, were of highest importance in her life. Holly bravely fought and defeated lung cancer twice. She spent much of her time fighting for the right and lives of animals with the Navarro County Animals at Risk Foundation. Survivors, grateful for having loved her and sharing her life include her mother, Mildred Erdmann of Corsicana, Texas, sister Marsha McAlister of Corsicana, Texas, nephew Jeffery Boyte and his wife Stephanie of Irving, Texas, nieces, Tami Ward and her husband Steve of Omaha, Nebraska, Kalli Saland of Des Moines, Iowa, four great nieces, one great nephew, and countless friends who should be family. Step-sons Shawn and Stacy Tolbert, step-daughters Deneen, Melissa, and Paula and one granddaughter Korinne Tolbert.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Holly Tolbert*

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“ *To Holly a girl that I could giggle and cry with all at the same time .  
A person with a heart and love of animals as big as the state of  
Texas . A dear friend that gave her all to everyone all the time.I will  
miss you my dear friend but when my animals make me smile I will  
think of you .*

**Al & Sherry McKiver** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Holly.*

*What a joy to be able to know Holly. We will always remember her  
gift of making the best of the worst situations, bringing smiles and  
laughter to those around her. She had a true passion for life and  
seemed to live every moment to the fullest.*

*We will truly miss her.*

*Joe & Stacey Robinson*

**Joe & Stacey Robinson** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Holly was a new friend of mine that I was so proud to call my friend. She could always make me laugh no matter what the circumstance. I think that a lot of people in this world learned the art of compassion from Holly and the world is a better place for her having been here. I will miss her.*

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**Julie Evans Scow** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *To the Family.....*

*God bless you all as you morn the loss of your sister and daughter.*

*Our thoughts are with you.*

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**Duane Berreth** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Marsha and Mildred ... your family has been thru so much and this is so sad.*

*Just wanted you to know .. thinking of the many many years our families have known each other. Greg Saunders*

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**Greg Saunders** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *I love you, Aunt Holly. What will I miss about you? I will miss your wonderful laugh and sense of humor. I will miss how much you loved me and I will miss hearing that when I called you. Now you are in heaven with my mom and that is the best thing in the whole world to me! Smile down on us every now and then :)*

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**Tami Ward** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Mildred and Marsha  
Sorry to hear about the death of Holly.  
I remember her being funny.  
God bles you and all your family*

*Duane georgens*

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**Duane Georgens** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *I used to live on the other side of the alley in Groton. Holly was younger than me, but we did play together some as young girls. Her Mom, Mildred, and I became reacquainted in the 80's. I want to express my most sincere sympathies to Mildred and to Marsha as well as the rest of her family. Losing a daughter and a sister has to be huge loss to you. I am glad you were able to be there for her. I hope you find comfort in knowing that there are a lot of people back in the midwest who care for you all.  
Love, Marilyn*

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**Marilyn Sour Rundberg** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *Holly, so many fun and good memories working with you at the Cafe! Marsha and Mildred thinking of you in the days ahead.  
Looking forward to seeing you in Groton this summer. Maggie*

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**Maggie & Jack Oliver** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ I am so sorry for your loss of Holly. How you all worked together in this fight she had to live is an awesome testimony of the love you shared. No family could have done more. My heart is full of love and prayers for you all.

Penny

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**Penny VanKempen** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Dear Mildred and Marsha,  
I'm so sorry to hear of Holly's death. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Thanks for the many pleasant memories when we lived as neighbors. Holly was always so energetic and full of life...pretty hard to be in a bad mood when Holly was near!

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**Steve Dresbach** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Holly... You will be so missed!

You know that I've never been so good at goodbyes, even when it is just going home from visiting in Texas with you and Marsha. This one is so much harder to do!

Marsha, Millie, Jeff & Stephanie... I love you all, and am so fortunate to have met you and shared in Holly's life with you. You know that she is in heaven right now eating all the carrot cake she possibly can handle :)

Love ya,  
Lynn

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**Lynn Larsen** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Dear Mildred, Marsha, & families:

*Our hearts & love go out to you at this time at the loss of Holly, daughter & sister. You are in our prayers as you grieve Holly's death. She was such a vivacious, outgoing person who will be long remembered for those of us who grew up with her and knew her.*

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**Bill & Eileen Schuelke** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ Mildred & Marsha, my prayers and thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Holly was a good friend and we had many laughs together during our school years. She holds a special place in my heart. We know that she is in a better place now. God Bless!

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**Patty Tastad** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I have many memories of our high school days. Also, the many trips we made back and forth from Minneapolis to Groton after we had both moved away to the "Big City". I was looking forward to the possibility of seeing Holly at the Groton Centennial this summer. She fought a great fight and we know she is now at peace. Our prayers are now for her family as we know she has left a huge void in their lives. I will always remember her laugh.

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**Connie (Falk) Rose** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Just a note to let you know how sad I was to hear of Holly's death. She was a real fighter as her battle with cancer proves. Holly was a classmate of mine for the entire 12 years we attended Groton Schools. I will always remember her as a fun, vibrant person who brightened up the room when she walked in. She will be missed.

*With Sympathy,*

*Connie*

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**Connie Kolbo Cutler** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My favorite memories of Holly revolve around celebrating her birthday as a child. I remember going to the Erdmann house-- playing Bingo, eating hotdogs, etc. --just having a great time. Band from high school is also a memory that I have of Holly playing drums. Holly was always fun to be around.

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**Jane Mielke Hauck** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I am so glad to have known you. I enjoyed our talks. and your smiles, laughter. I will truly miss you in my heart. I liked how you stood up for what you believed in, and you were not afraid to speak up.  
Marsha, Mildred my prayers are with you always.  
Well done Holly!

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**LINDA HARDIN** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Dear Mildred & Marsha  
So sorry to hear of Holly's passing. I was looking forward to visiting with her this summer. I echo the tributes I read, they all say what I feel. I can still see Holly pounding on that bass drum, marching & sweating like crazy. Ah-h-h-h, those were the days.  
Our sympathy and prayers are with you all.  
Sincerely  
Gary & Linda

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Linda & Gary Thurston - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I remember Holly as a full of live, fun-loving , wonderful person. Always laughing - making others happy. A devoted sister, daughter; and I'm sure, wife. Mildred and Marsha, I love you both.  
Lee Schinkel and corey in Groton.  
See you at the 125th.

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lee schinkel - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Hol, I can't believe you left us. My heart is so heavy with missing you. I can't imagine how we'll get along without you. The many hours we shared during chemo and radiation is time that I will treasure for the rest of my life. The patience you had with me when I would rail against all that was happening. You fought the good fight and now you are at rest. Rest well and we will be together again. Watch over Mom and me and keep us on the right path. We'll take care of the babies. They miss you already. They just don't know where their Mom is. Don't forget, I heart you!

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Marsha - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Marsha, I am so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love, Donna

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**Jill Lange Cross** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Holly, you will be truly missed. Your humor and laughter we will always remember. National Night Out on Overlook Circle will never be the same. We still have Marsha and your mom and will cherish them. Thanks for all the laughs and good advise.

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**Bryan and Mandy Hodge** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ Marsha & Mildred -  
I am so sorry to hear that Holly has left us so soon!  
I am so glad I talked with her a couple of weeks ago. With Holly, no matter how much time had passed since we talked, it was like having just talked yesterday.  
She was one of a kind, unique person!  
I'm so glad to have been her friend!  
Love to you both,  
Nona

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**Nona** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Holly ALWAYS brought a smile to our face and now I can only imagine the smile on God's face meeting this beautiful angel! What a joy for them both! We will miss you!  
Our prayers are with you Marsha and Mom!

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**Lou Ann Armstrong** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Holly, its so hard to believe you are gone to be with the Father so soon. I know you are so happy and healthy now, but you will be sorely missed. I didn't know you very well, but Marsha has talked about you so much, I feel as if we are almost family. I know she loves you more than words can ever say, and that you were her very best friend. What a legacy for you to leave behind, the love of family, friends and furry friends! I doubt you ever met a stranger! I know God has a special place for you in heaven and many, many jeweled crowns for you to wear. I look forward to seeing you in heaven one day. God has blessed so many with your loving spirit and generous heart!

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**Betty Cruz** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Dear Marsh and Ms. Millie,

*There is not enough words to tell you how much Holly meant to us. She was the sister I never had, the sister Jim never had and the aunt Ken missed out on.*

*We loved her from day one, until she went to her heavenly home.*

*What a joy she will be to those that went before her.*

*The joy , love, and laughter she shared with all of us , will be remembered as time marches on. Our memories will now become treasures that we will forever hold dear.*

*Our prayers and blessings are with you now and forever.*

*Our love to you both*

*Jim, Judi, and Ken*

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**Jim, Judi, and Ken** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Hollie and I always laughed at poor Blackie's expense.....The last time I was in Corsicana, Hollie and I laughed until we cried in your driveway and you will have to call me to get the rest of the story. I love you, Marsha and my heart is with you and I'm praying for the entire family.....*

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**Larry & Paula Russell & family** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ *I will miss the presence Holly had. My sympathy to You in this sad time. Topper*

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**Topper** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ *To Marsha and family,*

*I'm so sorry for your loss. Holly was a great lady and will be dearly missed by all who knew her. We'll always be grateful for her help with introducing us to Pepper she is a wonderful dog!! Holly had a special love for all animals. May God bring peace to you and your family during this time of sorrow,*

*Love, Jennifer & Robert*

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**Jennifer & Robert Williams** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Mildred, Marsha my thoughts and prayers are with you. Part of me refuses to believe this. Holly was a good friend, but so much more than just a friend. We shared so many good times, so many memories. Holly always faced life with a smile on her face. No matter how she may have been hurting inside she could always make you feel better just by being with her. I enjoyed her energy, her sense of humor, her laughter and her smile. Holly was one of a kind.

*It's said that those we truly love never really leave us for they live on in every memory we have of them. I already miss her but I can never ever forget her. Holly was a "one in a million" friend. May God be with you now and in the days ahead.*

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**Connie Stauch** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Marsha & Jeff, I am so sorry about Holly. She was such a kind and generous person. I know she will be missed by many. Please let me know if I can do anything. You will all be in our prayers.

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**Brandy Jenkins** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ We did not know Holly directly; however, we knew of her through one of her great friends...and our great friend, Lynn Larsen of Sioux Falls, SD. Lynn always spoke of both Holly & Marcia as if they were her sisters. Holly was a wonderful person and we know she will be missed by so many. Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family and her friends.

*Take care,  
Kevin, Kathy & Morgan Tyler*

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**Kevin, Kathy & Morgan Tyler** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Marsha & Mildred, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Best of Luck & remember the good times.*

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**Clint Jacobson & Family** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Mildred and Marsha,  
I see from the Groton connection website that Holly passed away after I know a long struggle with cancer. Marjorie had told me of the prayer chain that had been going at the church in Groton. I have lots of good memories of Holly while we played drums in band together. I think we probably had a few hamburgers together also at the cafe. So sad to have a life end so young. You have my thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy. Dona*

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**Dona Clocksene Higgs** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *GOD BLESS YOU HOLLY. YOU WILL BE MISSED.*

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**steve green sr.** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RU

“ *Just wanted to let Hollys family know that I am thinking of them and keeping them in my prayers.  
It sounds like Holly lived a wonderful life helping to save animals and thats a good feeling.  
Its been many MANY years since I have seen Holly but do have wonderful memories of the times in Groton and will always remember Holly in that way.  
Rest in Peace Holly  
Rondi*

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**Rondi (Dresbach) Utne** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ *Mildard and Marsha. Very sorry to hear Holly has passed away. We had a lot of good times growing up. She was a good friend , you are in are prayes , Mary Jane*

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**Mary Jane [Johnson ] Jark** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *TO KNOW MY DEAR FRIEND WAS TO LOVE HER . OUR VISITS, TALKS AND EXCHANGES WILL BE MISSED FOREVER. MY LOVE AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO MARSHA, HOLLY'S MOM AND THE REST OF HER EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS. WE WILL ALL MISS OUR WONDERFUL GAL, SHE WAS ONE OF A KIND!.*

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**E. A. STEVENS, JR.** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Holly was such a vital part of our family's lives. Holly was so much more then a stepmother, she is Grandma Holly, she was always a great friend, a trusted confidant and a truely generous individual. I will be eternally grateful for having had her in my life, and for the unconditional love she never hesitated to show my children, myself and husband, not through blood relation, but by choice. Holly will live on in our hearts, thoughts and memories forever, never to be forgotten for the wonderful woman we were so privilaged to know. Holly was a blessing in my life, as well as anyone who was fotunate enough to have known her.*

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**Deneen Tolbert Smith** - February 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM