



Jackie Souza Richards

July 20, 1948 - September 1, 2018

Jacquelyn Souza Richards, daughter, mother, Nanny and friend to everyone she met, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018 surrounded by family and friends. She was 70.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home in Corsicana. Burial will follow in Pattison Cemetery in Emhouse. Visitation will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Griffin-Roughton.

Jackie lived life to the fullest every single day. Her outgoing personality was infectious and could lift your spirits with just a kind word or a smile and the tilt of her head.

She loved sports from watching her grandchildren play to her rabid devotion to the Texas Rangers and Dallas Mavericks. Although she never played much organized sports, she was an expert sports referee, and always offered to help officiate basketball games or umpire baseball games from the stands.

Family was the center of her universe. Her greatest joy was to spend time with her grandchildren, who she spoiled without apology. She loved to watch them play, whether it was with toy action figures on her living room floor or her granddaughter smacking home runs in a softball game.

Jackie was born July 20, 1948 in Malakoff to Velma Grace and Edward Souza and graduated from Malakoff High School in 1965. She was a cheerleader who always bled Black and Gold for the Malakoff Tigers. She attended Henderson County Junior College, where she was a member of the HCJC Cardettes drill team that performed in the 1966 Junior Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California. In the words of her mom, Jackie majored in "Subology," at HCJC, for the many hours she spent in the Student Union Building playing cards and socializing with other HCJC students.

She lived most of her adult life in Kerens and Corsicana. She was a caregiver for many years in the nursing home and medical care field, where she knew more about the patients than their own doctors. Jackie never met a stranger and could carry on a conversation with the company CEO or the janitor and never skip a beat.

Three beautiful daughters and sons-in-law (Julie and Darrell Waller of Mildred, Malissa and Bobby Shults and Jennifer and Ryan Ellis of Corsicana) and one son (Clayton Richards of Corsicana) called her mom, and she was Nanny to Clay, Keith, Callie, Bryce, Jacob, Kaegen, and Sutton, who she loved to the moon and back.

Jill Souza Davis of Malakoff, big sister, lifelong best friend and often partner in various shenanigans, will carry on her unwavering quest to help the Rangers win the World Series. Chip Souza (Kim) of Bella Vista, Ark., her brother and sister-in-law, will continue to bring humor and fun to family functions, just as she would.

She is welcomed home by her parents, numerous close family members and husband John Richards, who she is no doubt covering with kisses and overjoyed that they are reunited again.

Cemetery Details

Pattison Cemetery

6800 NWCR 1140
Corsicana, TX 75110

Previous Events

Family Visitation

SEP 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana
1530 N. 45th Street
Corsicana, TX 75110
(903) 874-4774
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Celebration of Life

SEP 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Jackie Souza Richards



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - September 03, 2018 at 10:57 PM



“ Jackie Souza Richards

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ Sweet Jackie- oh how I wish I could have seen you just one more time! You were such a dear friend and substitute mama. It was you who talked me through some of the toughest times in my life. I'm so glad that our paths crossed and we became friends. I will miss you so much but I know you will never know sickness or heartache again. Fly high with the angels and enjoy eternity with Jesus!!! Until we meet again....



Stacy Morales - September 06, 2018 at 09:01 PM

BC

“ *Billy Jack & Amy Crocker lit a candle in memory of Jackie Souza Richards*



Billy Jack & Amy Crocker - September 05, 2018 at 03:22 PM



“ *Charlotte Dianne lit a candle in memory of Jackie Souza Richards*



Charlotte Dianne - September 05, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Saundra Robinson lit a candle in memory of Jackie Souza Richards*



Saundra Robinson - September 04, 2018 at 05:14 PM

SR

“ *Jackie was so wonderful to my aunt and my mother when they were in the nursing home. She was always so helpful to me, so their needs could be met. I will always be grateful to her. I am so sorry for the loss of this wonderful lady. I am praying for comfort for her family.*

Saundra Robinson - September 04, 2018 at 05:06 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jackie Souza Richards.*



September 04, 2018 at 03:49 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Jackie Souza Richards.*



September 04, 2018 at 03:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jackie Souza Richards.*



September 04, 2018 at 02:03 PM



“ *Jackie was the best cheerleader, referee and debater Mildred ever had! We are going to miss her voice in the future. It's already been quiet! We will miss and loved her! Sheila Richards*

sheila richards - September 04, 2018 at 01:47 PM

YV

“ *I always enjoyed working the concession stands with your mom at the Mildred games. I know you will miss her so much. We are praying for you and your family. Much love, David and Yvonne Vinson*

Yvonne Vinson - September 04, 2018 at 10:23 AM

KL

“ *So saddened by the loss of sweet Jackie. Her smile and cackling laughter lit up all rooms. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. My prayers go out to the family and friends during this time and the days to come.*



Katie Brown Lusk - September 04, 2018 at 08:42 AM

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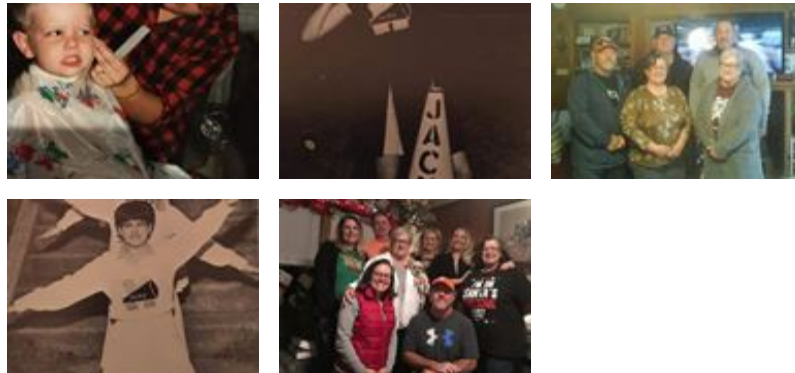
“ *Morgana Horton Terry lit a candle in memory of Jackie Souza Richards*



Morgana Horton Terry - September 04, 2018 at 08:05 AM



“ 41 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - September 03, 2018 at 09:43 PM



“ Jackie's family & friends - So very sorry to hear about your dear sweet loved one to all. Knew her several years ago when she worked at the nursing home & she kept in touch with my mother-in-law, LaVerne Fullerton. She will be greatly missed by all that loved her dearly. Our thoughts & prayers are with each of you in this very difficult time & days ahead. God Bless All & take care of each other, like Jackie did.

*LaVerne Fullerton &
Lana Fullerton*

Lana Fullerton - September 03, 2018 at 08:22 PM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear of her passing. My prayers to her family, whom she loved dearly. She is now reunited with the love of her life "Big John" !

Venisa Tacker - September 03, 2018 at 07:54 PM

DL

So very sorry to hear about Jackies passing. She was a sweetheart. Worked with her many years ago. She was such a treasure. My prayers are with the family.

Debbie Lake - September 04, 2018 at 11:17 AM

VT

“ *Venisa Tacker lit a candle in memory of Jackie Souza Richards*



Venisa Tacker - September 03, 2018 at 07:50 PM

Kim Souza

“ *Jackie was loved. She never made an enemy finding friends everywhere she went. I will miss her dearly at family functions because her sweet smile and laughter could fill up the room. I take solace in knowing she's reunited with the love of her life. We shared many laughs and some tears because that's what family is about. There's a hole in my heart that won't mend anytime soon. RIP sweet Jacks I will always cherish the times we shared over the past 36 years.*



Kim Souza - September 03, 2018 at 01:14 PM

TG

“ Oh Jackie, all the sports events we have got to spend time together the last 10 years. The long and late night phone conversations just lifting each other up. I will dearly miss you. LOVE YOU LADY and BIG JOHN will be forever together again !!!!!

And continued prayers for your family.

Tina Greene - September 03, 2018 at 09:18 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jackie Souza Richards.



September 02, 2018 at 11:56 PM