



Linda Lansdale Savercool

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LINDA LANSDALE-SAVERCOOL 1947 ~ 2016 Sweet, gentle, kind, loving, selfless, patient, nurturing; these are just some of the words to describe our beautiful Linda. Born in 1947 to David and Lois Tow in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Linda was the eldest sibling of three children. Her siblings are Brad and Mark. Soon after her birth, her family moved to Southern California and then in 1957 they moved to Tehama County. There, she attended Gerber Elementary and Red Bluff High School. Linda finished her senior year in Huntington Beach and then returned to her country roots in Tehama County and attended Shasta College where she received her license as a Registered Nurse. Her first position was at Tehama County Hospital as a floor nurse and during her 44-year career, she was an ER nurse, walk-in clinic nurse, hospice nurse, and finished her career doing the job she felt the most passion for; working as a home health care case manager for the underprivileged and disabled. Soon after getting her first nursing job, Linda bought a run-down house and 10 acres along a creek in El Camino and slowly brought the property back to life. She strongly believed in being self-sufficient and living off the land and, with very little help, turned her 10 acres into a working farm. In 1973, she married Michael Lansdale and together they had two boys (Nolan and Nathan) and one girl (Elisha). Seeking a simpler life, Linda and her family moved to Shingletown in 1981 and lived in a very dilapidated cabin on one acre of land; however, she loved that little place nestled in the woods, the friendly mountain church community, canning fruits and vegetable from her garden, and making

her own clothing. After trying for several years to live in the mountains while working in the city, Linda and her husband decided to move closer to her parents in Tehama County. They bought an old ranch in Gerber in 1986 and over the period of many years she and her family turned it into beautiful and welcoming setting for friends and family. In 1990 her first husband passed away and after a long mourning period she married Raymond Savercool, another long-time local of Tehama County. Besides her love of restoring old homes, Linda found a lot of joy in volunteering her time at the El Camino Methodist Church. She did a variety of things, including teaching Sunday school, helping with pancake feeds and ice cream socials, hosting Bible study groups and working with the youth group. One especially popular event she held for the youth was the annual Hobo Party where she and her family would dress up as underprivileged people who traveled the trains, cook up a huge pot of stew in the barn and take the kids for rides around her ranch. Linda was also a steadfast advocate for peace and for several years, she and other members in the community faithfully stood on the corner of Main Street and Antelope protesting the Iraq War. Besides her church and community activities, she loved exercise (especially Zumba!), going to yard sales, dancing, camping, gardening, decorating her home and spending time with friends and family. Linda's sense of humor and love of life brought joy to everyone around her. The warm memories she leaves behind will live on in the hearts of those blessed to know her. Linda is survived by her mother Lois, her brother Mark and her three children: Nolan, Elisha and Nathan. A memorial will be held for her at El Camino United Methodist Church on September 10th at 11:00 AM. The address is 8345 State Highway 99 West, Gerber, CA 96035. A potluck will be held afterwards so please feel free to bring a dish. Donations in to honor Linda can be made to El Camino Methodist Church. If you have any questions, please call Nolan at (530) 727-7505.