



## Cynthia Lea Rieger

May 8, 1957 - November 19, 2020

Cynthia "Cindy" Lea Rieger, 63, of Lubbock, passed away November 19, 2020.

She was born to the late Harley "Pat" and Gwendolyn Patterson on May 8, 1957 in Fort Rucker, Alabama. Cindy graduated from Slaton High School in 1975, and from Texas Tech University in 1982.

Cindy married Steve Rieger on November 21, 2008 in Lubbock. They were married 12 years prior to Steve's death in 2011.

Cindy is survived by her daughters, Alicia Broughton, and husband, Barry and Briana Massey, and husband Kade; her grandchildren Mason, Conner and Ella McDonald, Kaden and Ellie Massey, and Caleb Broughton. She was preceded in death by her brother, Don, on November 14, 1981.

Cindy's biggest legacy will be her passion for teaching. She was an English teacher at Richard Milburn Academy for over 20 years. During that time, she made a huge impact in the lives of so many students. Her house is still filled with memories of all of those students. The impact they had on her is greater than they knew.

She will best be remembered for her contagious smile and laugh. She loved

fiercely and wildly, in her own unique way, and always put the needs of others before her own. Her love of reading and the arts was passed down to both of her daughters, each excelling in school, and graduating from LCU. Briana was inspired to follow in Cindy's footsteps, also becoming an English teacher. She enjoyed being a grandma, and was looking forward to the extra time retirement would give her with her grandchildren. She was eager to help foster the love of music and the arts that she passed down to them, and it added a new spark to her life.

Memorial Service will be held at Sanders Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday November 24, 2020 at 10am. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to The South Plains SPCA.

# Cemetery Details

## Miller Crematory

202 Avenue Q  
Lubbock, TX 79415

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

NOV **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Sanders Memorial Chapel  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401

# Tribute Wall



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Cynthia Lea Rieger



Sanders Funeral Home - November 24, 2020 at 09:57 AM

YH

*Thank you for the virtual opportunity to attend.*

Yvonne Hernandez - November 24, 2020 at 11:51 AM

JD

*Mrs. Rieger i miss you so much Its just not comprehending in my head you are gone.. you were the best you helped me with so much stuff you were like a mom to me.. you made me feel safe and secure and i will hold you in my heart forever and always... i wish i would have had more time with you.. i love you Mrs.Rieger - J'lan Dent*

Jlan Dent - November 24, 2020 at 03:23 PM

BR

*I was so blessed to have worked with Mrs. Reiger while at RMA. We became great friends when COVID-19 had us all working remote. She was a true teacher/friend with such an amazing smile. You will truly be missed.*

Betty Reyes - November 27, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ Sanders Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Cynthia Lea Rieger



Sanders Funeral Home - November 23, 2020 at 07:21 PM

YH

Thank you for such a perfect tribute.

Yvonne Hernandez - November 24, 2020 at 11:13 AM

AH

“ I have no words to express how deeply saddened I am by your passing. I am so grateful that we were able to catch up over the phone a couple of weeks ago... I love you Mrs. Reiger! And I will forever miss you.



Amber Hill - November 26, 2020 at 03:07 PM

JF

“ Mrs. Reiger was my best friend she was more than a teacher to me from student council to English she always had a smile on her face and positive energy she made sure I knew I could graduate and be successful she loved us and will never be forgotten I will miss you always

Juanita Farias - November 25, 2020 at 01:56 AM

KH

“*Mrs. Rieger was my favorite teacher out of all. She was always so understanding, compassionate, creative, fun, sweet yet tough. She pushed me to finish high school and continues to be on my heart 17 years later. I love you, Mrs. Rieger. Thank you for all you did. My condolences to the family. RIP.*

*Love,  
Kristan Hardin-Griffith*

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**Kristan Hardin-Griffith** - November 24, 2020 at 11:51 AM

SG

“*I know that Cindy Rieger will always be remembered by students as a teacher who encouraged them, listened to them, and believed in their potential. I will always think of her as a caring, sincere, and passionate soul who loved her profession and the people she served. Cindy will be missed in our lives, but will remain in our hearts. I know she has found peace, and would bestow the same on those that grieve her now. I pray for God's blessings and healing mercy on her family at this time of sadness.*

*Starlette J. Gill*

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**Starlette J Gill** - November 24, 2020 at 12:34 AM

JF

*I couldn't have said this better Mrs. Gill*

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**Juanita Farias** - November 24, 2020 at 01:11 PM



“ 71 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Sanders Funeral Home - November 23, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Cynthia Lea Rieger.



November 23, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Erik J. Galindo - November 22, 2020 at 03:15 PM

EG

“ Mrs. Rieger was my first mentor as an educator and I always wished I could make the kind of impact that she has made. Her love and lessons will forever live on, as her disciples spread the knowledge she implanted in our hearts and minds. Rest in power My Master. I love you.

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**Erik J. Galindo** - November 22, 2020 at 02:49 PM

TM

“ She was the best teacher I ever had and pushed me to make good grades and always told me that I would graduate and become somebody and always kept a smile on her face RIP ❤️

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**tierra mitchell** - November 21, 2020 at 07:58 PM

TR

“ Mrs Rieger helped me a lot in school and with listing my boyfriend! She was always my go to person whenever she would always tell me go into her room and we'd sit there for awhile taking, laughing or hiding from work. Mrs Rieger loved all her students no matter their back ground and that's how she was one the best teachers at RMA!

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**Trinity** - November 21, 2020 at 06:09 PM

TI

“ I sure did give mrs.reiger a hard timd my freshman an junior year but i no matter what she showed me love and helped me. I loved an adored her so much. I never got to say goodbye, but ill see you later beautiful. 💙🕊️ god gods you now. Now an forever!

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**tina** - November 21, 2020 at 01:11 PM

YH

“ *The 3 years I was part of the RMA staff were wonderful. Mrs. Rieger was always so helpful. She was always so loving . God knew where we needed this beautiful Saint. I will miss popping in on you at RMA.*



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**Yvonne Hernandez** - November 21, 2020 at 12:29 PM

JL

“ *I will miss u always thank u for listening to my problems in and outside of school i love u please hug my sister for me*

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**Jerie lewis** - November 21, 2020 at 12:29 PM

YF

“ *Your RMA Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Cynthia Lea Rieger.*



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**Your RMA Family** - November 21, 2020 at 12:10 PM

AJ

“ Mrs.Reiger was such a wonderful woman. From the first day I started at RMA she was so good to me. No matter what I needed, if she had it, she would give it. She would stay late to help me, she would offer me rides, she would give me advice, she was a shoulder to cry on for me, she even offered to buy me lunch one day cause I told her my payday was a few days away still. 😞 Her soul was pure and she was just the sweetest little lady. She pushed me to graduate even when I wanted to give up, but I did it, all thanks to her for not giving up on me. Rest In Peace and Love Mrs.Reiger, until we meet again ❤️



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**Alissa Johnson** - November 21, 2020 at 11:46 AM

DH

“ Forever grateful for her love and support. She was more than a teacher, she was a shoulder to cry on and always gave the best advice. When my son was born she said “ I don’t hold babies that small” I made her hold him and she just loved on him, even when he peed on her 😂 If anyone was born to be a teacher and change lives, it was Mrs.Rieger💕

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**Danielle Hughes** - November 21, 2020 at 11:13 AM

BR

“ What I remember most was how caring she was. She didn't care how late you turned in work she would still count it. She went out of her way for students to be able to catch up and turn work in and get their grade up. She had this nature about her that just drew people in. She was like our mom, helping us and guiding us. I remember how I would often threaten other kids if they messed with my teacher 🤔 and she would always tell me “now Bryanna calm. Down it's okay I'm okay” and I was like no ma'am nobody is gonna mess with my teacher!! Even when I didn't have her class some years me and my friends, after the bell would ring and school would let out for the day, we would go to her class just to talk to her, to see how she was, to see how her day went. And I would ask her if students gave her trouble and to give me a whole freaking list! She was just the best teacher I've had in throughout all the years I went to school. And I will never forget her wise words she told me whenever I was having a difficult time. And our long talks. She will be forever cherished and remembered. Love you always!



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**Bryanna Rangel** - November 21, 2020 at 10:58 AM

HC

“ Mrs. Rieger had such an impact on everyones lives. She loved everyone, even those who made her cry. She tried her hardest to help everyone even if they made her cry at school, she still tried. When all the other teachers gave up she was there, the light at the end of my tunnel, with open arms and that big smile of hers. I always knew I'd turn out okay, and honestly I wouldn't ne half the woman I am today without her. Sending much love and prayers to the family, you are all in everyones hearts.



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**Holly clark** - November 21, 2020 at 10:56 AM

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**Erik J. Galindo** - November 22, 2020 at 02:48 PM