



Sonja Gayle Richardson

October 31, 1947 - August 2, 2025

Sonja Gayle Ballenger Richardson, 77, of Elgin, passed away on August 2, 2025.

Born October 31, 1947, in San Saba, Texas, Sonja was the beloved daughter of Robert "Bob" Ballenger and Aline (Capps) Ballenger. She was raised in Lometa and graduated from Lometa High School in 1966. Sonja went on to attend and graduate from Berean Bible College in Dallas, where she deepened her faith and commitment to ministry.

A devoted servant of the Lord, Sonja dedicated part of her life to missionary work in Jamaica, teaching children about God's love. Her unwavering faith in Jesus Christ remained her anchor through many health challenges, and her life was a testimony to grace and resilience.

On October 3, 1970, Sonja married the love of her life, Wesley Richardson, in a church ceremony in Lometa. Together, they shared 55 wonderful years filled with love, laughter, and the joyful companionship of their cherished "fur babies."

Sonja treasured her extended family-grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and lifelong friends-who brought joy and comfort throughout her life. She especially loved doting on her nieces and nephews, always offering them kindness, warmth, and a bit of spoiling.

Sonja was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Aline Ballenger. She leaves behind a loving legacy and is survived by her husband, Wesley Richardson; her sister, Cheryl Murphy, and husband Don; nephews Jared

Murphy and Logan Murphy; nieces Shelly Murphy, Sherri Richardson, and Tara Richardson; great-nephew Noah Murphy and great-niece Amelia Murphy. Her memory will forever be cherished by all who knew and loved her.

Cemetery Details

Senterfitt Cemetery

4746 County Road 1436
Lometa, TX 76853

Previous Events

Family Visitation

AUG 9. 1:00 PM (cst)

Heritage Funeral Home
401 N Key Ave
Lampasas, TX 76550

Chapel Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Gayle & I met before we were teens in the little rock church in Lometa, Texas. My first memory of her is sitting at the piano and playing and singing a song, with her pretty red/blond hair shining. She was the sweetest, most thoughtful person anyone could wish for. We lost touch through the years and finally reconnected on FB a few years ago. I'm so glad we did. Enjoyed all her thoughts, prayers and messages. Just today realizing we won't be communicating down here any more. Even though she had a multitude of medical problems, she didn't really speak about them a lot. She always wanted to know how You were doing. Love you, Gayle. I know you're having a wonderful time up there. Till we meet again.

Shirley Gustin - August 11, 2025 at 02:33 PM

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“ Sonja was a sweet kind person that was loved by all . She has had a lot of medical problems thru her life.we will all miss her. She is with God now and no longer in pain .May God wrap his arms around you and comfort you. Kay and Marlon

Karen Halliburton - August 09, 2025 at 10:32 AM