



Ms. Darendra Hardy

July 28, 1944 - January 26, 2018

Memorial services for Darendra Hardy, 73, of Henderson, will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 2PM in the chapel of Crawford - A. Crim Funeral Home. Ms. Hardy passed away on January 26 in Henderson.

She was born on July 28, 1944 to the late Mr. John W. Hardy and Mary Lou (Lindsey) Hardy. She loved art, and was an artist as well, and after graduating with an Art History degree from Stephen F. Austin State University, she taught Art History in Waco. Ms. Hardy also served as President of Continental Airlines Flight Attendant's Association for over 20 years. Later in life, she had a second career as an executive legal professional in Dallas. Above all, she had a deep love for her family, cooking, gardening, fishing, and horseback riding.

Preceding Ms. Hardy in death were her father, John W. Hardy of Henderson; and her brother, Henry Lee Hardy of Henderson.

Survivors include her mother; Mary Lou Hardy of Henderson; brother, Lance Hardy of Dallas; sister, Lynne Hardy of Dallas; nephew, Lance Michael Hardy of Norman, Oklahoma; niece, Kimberly Calamaros of Granger, Indiana; great-nephew, Liam Calamaros of Granger, Indiana; great-niece, Erika Calamaros of Granger, Indiana; one aunt, as well as many other cousins, friends, and loved ones.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Angel Care Hospice, 702 Fairpark Dr. Suite 102, Henderson, TX 75654.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.crawfordacrim.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 31. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Darendra Hardy*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 29, 2018 at 05:53 PM

JD

A beautiful tribute to a beautiful southern bell . ❤️🌸

judy dodd - January 30, 2018 at 01:48 PM

EG

This wonderful tribute brought back so many memories of my beautiful cousin. 💕💕

elaine gauntt - January 30, 2018 at 07:09 PM

NN

I remember Darendra from her years at Continental. She was a smart & determined woman. May she Rest in Peace.

Nancy Newell - February 27, 2018 at 12:39 AM

LP

Date FA is an icon to me. I was with Continental when she was the head of the Union of Flight Attendants. What an incredible role model. She knew how to educate us on our rights. I am so sad. RIP.

Lynda Parkhurst - February 28, 2018 at 12:26 PM

AF

I knew Darendia in my early years at Continental Airlines. She worked so hard for the rights of her fellow f/a's. An amazing woman. Prayers for Darendia and her family.

AF - February 28, 2018 at 01:42 PM

LB

Darendia is responsible for my own awakening and understanding of our rights as workers and as humans. She could bring a room to a respectful and attentive silence just with her presence. She had a brilliance that left us all in awe. And, a droll sense of humor as well. I consider myself lucky to have worked with her on union business and treasure those lessons learned by her ethical example.

Linda Buch

Linda Buch - February 28, 2018 at 02:46 PM



Peggy Charczuk

I knew her as the head of my flight attendant union. Her unwavering ethics and determined desire to fight for our rights gained her the respect of our work group.

Peggy Charczuk - February 28, 2018 at 04:05 PM

LP

I flew my first trip out of Dallas Love Field in 1972 with Darendia. I was in awe of her with her perfect hair, nails, sly humor and commanding presence. A few years we became chocolate cake eating and coffee drinking friends after she fought hard to get me my job back after having been fired. We shared horse stories, union stories and her steel trap of a mind never failed to amaze me. She changed my life, made me laugh and taught me the importance of doing the right thing when no one was watching. All of us who were lucky to have shared time and space with her will miss her... always.

Laurie Painter - February 28, 2018 at 04:26 PM

JR

Darendia, will never be forgotten. She taught us all so much about human rights and unions. The signature red lipstick and the dry wit will never be forgotten. She touched a lot of souls. Her presence will be a light in heaven.

Joan Reid - February 28, 2018 at 04:27 PM

SH

Darenda was a strikingly beautiful Southern Belle. Poised and polished, she had a quick keen mind, and sense of right. She initiated the union campaign that brought parity and protections to the Air Micronesia flight attendants based on Guam, working for Continental Airlines. This bold, unprecedented move secured the careers and lifestyles of many hundreds of workers in the Western Pacific. I was proud to work with Darenda to accomplish this. And so much more. She was a legend.

Suzanne Hendricks - February 28, 2018 at 06:12 PM

LP

I flew one of my first trips as a flight attendant with Darenda in 1972. Between her sly wit, perfect southern charm and grooming and brilliant mind, I was more than a little in awe. Five years later after having lost my job, Darenda fought hard to get me back to work. During that process, we talked about everything from horses to union business. She could make me laugh and taught me to do the right thing when no one was watching. She changed my life and will always be missed by those of us lucky enough to share time and space with her.

Laurie Painter - February 28, 2018 at 06:17 PM

MC

I first met Darenda in 1987 when I was a f/a union rep at Continental Airlines. We were negotiating with CO management after bankruptcy and I remember her staring them down and we abruptly left the table. I was so stunned by her presence I remember just sitting there when the committee grabbed my arm to leave! I remember being intimidated by her stature and knowledge, but she and Carla taught me so much. Rest In Peace and thank you for what you did for all continental f/a's.

mike cianci - February 28, 2018 at 10:45 PM

DC

Darenda was the smartest person that I have ever met. She was a brilliant negotiator and the "god mother" of the independent airline labor movement. Whether they know it or not flight attendants today owe her a debt of gratitude for laying the groundwork for their work and safety rules

I was 22 years old when I met her and she taught me and countless others about the rights of workers and how to stand up for those rights. I think about her often and still use what I learned from her in my civil rights law practice.

It always amazed me how Continental management underestimate her skills as a negotiator. It was likely because she was a woman and beautiful, and had that great southern accent. She would use that to her advantage and we always ended up with the best contract in the industry when the negotiations were over, even though at the time we were a small bargaining unit.

Most of all though I think I always appreciated her insight. She had a way of leading that made you want to follow. I lost touch with her over the years. That is my loss. My condolences to her family.

Donnie Cox

Donnie Cox - March 01, 2018 at 01:29 PM

LM

I worked with Darenda at a downtown Dallas law firm. She was a very smart and sophisticated lady. My deepest condolences to her family.

Lucy Moreno - August 28, 2018 at 07:08 PM

TR

I just saw Darenda's obituary while searching for her online. We worked together in a coalition, in our separate capacities as presidents of our FA unions. Mine was Pacific Southwest Airlines. She was brilliant, brave and a fierce advocate for her members and for organized labor. Her passing was a great loss! You are remembered and loved, Darenda!

Tracy - February 09, 2023 at 06:57 PM

MA

“ I am so very sorry to see I have missed my opportunity to reconnect with Darendia. Like so many others, working and spending time with her changed my life. Her good looks and impeccable grooming belied her true grit. She was incredibly smart and had nerves of steel.

I met her in 1972 and worked side by side with her on the ground breaking Continental Flight Attendant agreement signed in 1975. It truly changed the industry and has been referenced in books about the airlines, Title 7 and the women's movement. Leave it to an East Texan, daughter of a lawyer to shine a light on all of this.

For Darendia's family, I can only imagine your loss. She was extraordinary in so many ways and those of us who had the privilege of knowing her consider ourselves lucky.

Please accept my condolences, though they are very late. I remembered her upcoming birthday and was hoping to reconnect.

Marilyn Archer

Marilyn Archer - July 20, 2019 at 08:07 PM

RI

“ Darendia was a wonderful lady. I had the privilege of working with her at a law firm in downtown Dallas. I was very young and she took me under her wing and she taught me so much. She was beautiful and kind and 20 years later I have not forgotten the impact she made in my life. Rest In Peace beautiful lady.

Ronda Ingram - July 24, 2018 at 11:48 PM

LS

“ Lynn Stehle lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darenda Hardy



lynn stehle - March 04, 2018 at 01:08 AM

LM

“ Linda Irwin- Merrill lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darenda Hardy



Linda Irwin- Merrill - March 03, 2018 at 04:22 PM

SH

“ Darenda was a legend.
Her concern changed the world for many hundreds of Continental Air Micronesia flight attendants. She boldly took on the task of drawing these non-represented ladies under the Union Umbrella. She knew it was the right thing to do. I was honored to assist in this career saving endeavor.
This was only a small part of this accomplished woman’s legacy.
Those who understand are grateful.

Suzanne Hendricks - March 01, 2018 at 10:13 AM

KT

“ Darenda Hardy inspired me to be a good and respectful union representative to our flight attendants. Ken Thompson

Ken Thompson - February 28, 2018 at 11:29 PM

KA

“ I send my condolences to Ms. Darendas family. A person many admired and respected. I met her back in the 70's while she lead the union for Continental Airlines. A beautiful roll model. Loved her southern humor and quick wit.

In sympathy Katrina J-Kieninger

Katrina - February 28, 2018 at 09:23 PM

TJ

RIP Darendas. You were a lovely lady & a courageous one. Many sympathies to the Hardy family.

Tedde Johnson - March 18, 2018 at 10:58 AM

TS

“ I remember Darendas from Continental Airlines. She was very impressive and articulate lady. She spoke softly but what a presence she had, She brought dignity and respect to the Flight Attendant profession.

I am very sorry to hear she is gone and my thoughts are with her family.

Terri Sharpe

Terri Sharpe - February 28, 2018 at 06:45 PM

NN

My condolences for Darendas family. I worked with her at Continental! She truly helped the flight attendants in their quest to sign a contract that was equivalent to industry standards! Rest In Peace Darendas!

Nancy Newell - May 14, 2020 at 02:42 PM

LH

“ I never met Darendas, but she was a force of nature in alliance with her flight attendant sisters in helping us forge ahead in the industry. RIP Darendas, & condolences to her family & friends!

Lydia Hilbert - February 28, 2018 at 02:22 PM

LD

“ So saddened to hear for Darendas passing. I met her back in the 60's when I was dating her brother Henry. I was in awe of her. They were both so beautiful and sweet. She was an awesome young lady.. I didn't meet Lance and Lynn until they came to WR but they were both equally beautiful. Prayers for them and all her family . Rest in Peace my friend.

Linda Holmes - Drew - February 24, 2018 at 11:18 PM

JS

“ I remember how gorgeous DARENDA was in high school. That beautiful white blonde hair. She was smart and BEAUTIFUL. I want to express my deepest sympathy for LANCE, LYNNE, MRS. HARDY and the rest of the family. My prayers will be for all of you. Johnnie DINWIDDIE

Johnnie R. DINWIDDIE Smith - February 20, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ Michael Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darendas Hardy



Michael Fitzgerald - February 13, 2018 at 04:31 PM

DL

“ *Debbie Reaves Lake lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darenda Hardy*



Debbie Reaves Lake - February 13, 2018 at 02:18 PM

BF

“ *Becky Furr lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darenda Hardy*



Becky Furr - February 07, 2018 at 12:24 AM

MB

“ *I was so sorry to hear of the loss of Darenda. She and I first met when we were both freshmen and new to Gaston High School. We became friends right away and shared much time together. She was so pretty and very sure of her goals in life which included finishing high school quickly and going on to college. I was not surprised when she met those goals. I am so happy she had such a full life. I remember so well the night Darenda invited me to spend the night at her beautiful home during that freshman year. The next morning she suggested we go horseback riding. I had never ridden a horse before, but she said she would help me. Things went well until Darenda urged her horse into a gallop. Well, my horse decided to gallop too, and I was having a difficult time staying on the horse. Thankfully, Darenda came back and reined my horse. Darenda was so smart and fun. I pray for the comfort of those who love her.*

Margaret (Huff) Bee

Margaret Bee - February 04, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ *Such a beautiful Lady.....We were classmates many years ago.*

Charlotte Tarrant Stevenson



Charlotte Tarrant Stevenson - January 30, 2018 at 08:54 PM

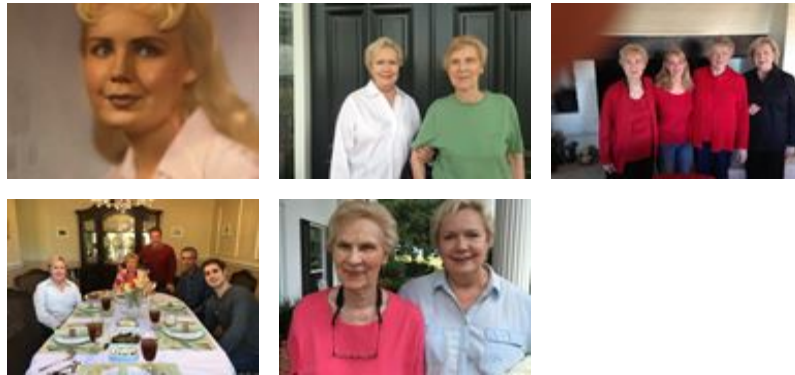


God Bless you my friend.....So...So sad to hear of your passing you were a true gift to Continental Airlines and the flight attendants.....Rest in peace my sweet friend. Judy blair

Judy Blair - March 01, 2018 at 06:34 PM



“ *35 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 29, 2018 at 04:35 PM



“ *Larry Lindsey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darenda Hardy*



Larry Lindsey - January 29, 2018 at 12:22 PM

DS

“ *Debbie Stuart sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Darenda Hardy*



Debbie Stuart - January 29, 2018 at 09:51 AM

ES

“ *Elwanda Hunt Sheridan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darenda Hardy*



Elwanda Hunt Sheridan - January 28, 2018 at 01:43 PM

DG

“ *Damiane And Jose Guzman lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darenda Hardy*



Damiane and Jose Guzman - January 28, 2018 at 10:12 AM

RH

“ *Ray Hunt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darenda Hardy*



Ray Hunt - January 28, 2018 at 02:25 AM

TR

“ *Tristen Ryan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darenda Hardy*



Tristen Ryan - January 27, 2018 at 03:19 PM

SH

“ *Sonny & Jenny Hardy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darenda Hardy*



Sonny & Jenny Hardy - January 27, 2018 at 02:17 PM

NA

“ *Darenda's love of horses was so relevant back in the '50's when she taught me how to ride. She was beautiful on her horse. She and her mother, my aunt, also introduced me to fried eggs!!!! Such fun, those days, years....! Darenda was so proud and strong! She loved her family.*

Nancy - January 27, 2018 at 01:36 PM

JW

“ *Darenda was in our dinner group that helped me celebrate my 21st. Birthday.
A classmate and friend, she was a beautiful, talented and wonderful young lady.
Heaven has received another Angel!*

Joe White - January 27, 2018 at 09:29 AM

TL

“ *Thereasa Lacy sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Darenda Hardy*



Thereasa Lacy - January 27, 2018 at 08:14 AM

DF

“ *Diane Flanagan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darenda Hardy*



Diane Flanagan - January 26, 2018 at 11:51 PM

AL

“ *A.L. Layne lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darenda Hardy*



A.L. Layne - January 26, 2018 at 11:11 PM

LA

“ *Linda Hardy Abbott lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darenda Hardy*



Linda Hardy Abbott - January 26, 2018 at 10:39 PM

DP

“ *Doug And Tammi Pannell lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darend Hardy*



Doug and Tammi Pannell - January 26, 2018 at 09:02 PM

KH

“ *Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darend Hardy*



Kurt Hunt - January 26, 2018 at 06:53 PM

RS

“ *Ruth Strickland lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darend Hardy*



Ruth Strickland - January 26, 2018 at 06:46 PM

BP

“ *Brenda Pirtle lit a candle in memory of Ms. Darend Hardy*



Brenda Pirtle - January 26, 2018 at 05:51 PM