



## Jean Lynette Rundle

August 24, 1958 - March 17, 2014

### JEAN LYNETTE RUNDLE

Jean Lynette Rundle, beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, mentor, and friend crossed over humbly March 17, 2014 in Kansas City, MO at the age of 55. The fallen world took her life, after suffering a battle with congestive heart failure for over 11 years. Jean was born the daughter of Janice Murphy (Higgins) on August 24, 1958 in Killeen, Texas. Her father, LeRoy Dyer of Middletown Connecticut and sweet mother Janice of Topeka, KS, survive. Jean grew up in Burlington Kansas and graduated from Emporia State, receiving a degree in Health Education in 1980. She moved to Manhattan, where she worked for the American Cancer Society and there met and married the love of her life, Lynn Rundle and together they shared 31 years, 8 months and 21 days together this side of the veil. God blessed them with three thriving incredible children and one blessed granddaughter. Jean's greatest joy in life has been loving well her children. Their oldest daughter is Amy Lynn Fosha and her husband Fred of Boise, ID parents of Prairie Jean Fosha; a son, Jesse Blake Rundle of Washington D.C.; and Anna Christine Rundle of Kansas City. Jean invested her life well, loving Jesus and her family above all else. Jean's true legacy will only be revealed at wedding feast of the Lamb where her crown will be adorned with the shadow of thousands of lives whom she influenced for eternity. Her life giving spirit, her warm gentle way of listening and her gift of music were trademarks, uniquely given and humbly shared with all who knew her. She was a blessed friend, gifted musician and

pianist, blessing countless lives with her music at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Kansas City Urban Young Life, and Women Heart, in Kansas City. Jean and Lynn invested their lives in Whiting Kansas with the Jackson Heights family and in Manhattan Kansas for 18 years before moving to Kansas City in 2007. In 2011 Jean co-founded the organization Lead to Read KC in the Kansas City Metro. Lead to Read is a growing organization with over 300 volunteer Readers who read once/ week to grade school children in 10 classrooms in the urban core of KC Missouri and Kansas and one school in Manhattan. The vision of Lead to Read was born out of Jean's deep compassion for the homeless and the fatherless; the children who are often educated in the urban core. Please visit [www.leadtoreadkc.org](http://www.leadtoreadkc.org). In addition to Janice Murphy; her step-father, Bobby Lee Higgins whom raised her from an early age survives. Jean has three living brothers, James Higgins and his wife Valerie of Burlington, KS, Lee Dyer of Middletown, CT, Tom Dyer and his companion, Dianna Payne of Middletown, CT; Jean has four living sisters, Judy Hutson and her husband Ray, Kim Hatch and her husband Eric, Kathy Kopfman all of Burlington, KS and Sherry Dyer Simonson and her husband Eric of Slingerlands, NY. Jean was preceded in death by her Nannie and Papa Murphy. A visitation will be held on Friday, March 21, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at the Maple Hill Funeral Home, Kansas City, KS. Jean's friends are invited to share a meal and fellowship with the family starting at 5:00 which will be held at Colonial Presbyterian Church, located at 9500 Wornall Road KCMO 64114. A memorial and celebration of Jean's life will follow, starting at 7:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, Jean asks that memorial contributions be made to the Lead to Read-KC Fund; National Christian Foundation, 706 N. Lindenwood Drive, Olathe, KS 66062 or visit, [www.nationalchristian.com](http://www.nationalchristian.com). To share a memory, a story about Jean, or to offer a prayer, please visit Jean's memorial webpage at [www.maplehillfuneralhome.com](http://www.maplehillfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 21. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (CT)

Maple Hill Funeral Home  
3300 Shawnee Dr  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 831-3345  
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com  
<https://maplehillfuneralhome.com>

## Memorial Service

MAR 21. 7:00 PM (CT)

Colonial Presbyterian Church  
12501 W. 137th St.  
Overland Park, KS 66221

# Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Jean Lynette Rundle*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - March 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jean Lynette Rundle*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Jean Lynette Rundle*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Thank you all. Your memories of our sweet momma Jean will be looked upon in the years to come for comfort. We have had a gift of true love from mom that many only dream of. In the strength of God, we are hoping to carry on a piece of her gracious legacy. Thank you thank you.*



Amy Fosha - April 01, 2014 at 01:13 PM

MB

“ Dear Lynn and family,  
Our short association with Lynn in Young Life, Manhattan, Kansas was one that left a deep memory of what a beautiful Christian woman she was. THIS world needs many more like her and we think she did her upmost to have that happen. We are deeply moved by her life and by her passing to a MUCH MUCH better place!  
WE CARE!  
IT IS ALL ABOUT JESUS!  
Max and Sue Bayer

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**Max and Sue Bayer** - April 01, 2014 at 01:12 PM

FE

“ Dear Ones: Jean was a friend of my sister Precious Atchison. I saw her honor her with tv "Pay it Forward" for her Generational. Compassion ministry at a nursing home. Jean would play the piano for the residents too. She was such a giver.

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**Faith Eppler** - March 22, 2014 at 11:11 AM

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**Faith Eppler** - March 22, 2014 at 11:11 AM

EI

“ Thoughts are with your beautiful family I remember when you lived at Whiting - you have so many dear friends in our community who loved you and are praying for you. My deepest sympathy to you all.  
Esther ideker

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**Esther Ideker** - March 21, 2014 at 11:54 AM

WP

“ Lynn,

*We are out of state so it was so hard and so sad to hear of the passing of Jean. Brenda remembers Jean as the kind, sweet young girl in town in the short time they were in Macksville many years ago. We both remember you and Jean as an amazing Godly couple that inspired all you met. So many things we have a hard time understanding, but God chose to bring Jean home, and left special memories here for the rest of us.*

*May God comfort you and your family in this loss. We know Jean is with the Lord. You are all in our thoughts and prayers and we are sorry we can't be there this evening.*

*Warren, Brenda and Kaci Parker*

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**Warren, Brenda and Kaci Parker** - March 21, 2014 at 10:32 AM

LC

“ *Dear Lynn, I wanted to tell you how very sorry I am to hear about Jean. The two of you are a Godly couple and a beautiful example of living a life lead by The Lord. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God's comfort and peace be with you during this difficult time. In His Love, Lisa Coffey*

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**Lisa Coffey** - March 21, 2014 at 04:50 AM

BJ

“ Dear Rundle Family,  
I first met Jean when she and I started new jobs in the Manhattan area. Jean, her roommate Patti and I were good friends. I cherished having Jean as a wonderful Christian sister in the Lord. She always was so kind and gentle and soothed my heart with her piano medleys. . We had great times praying, cooking and exercising together. I know Jean has left a huge imprint of God's love on this world. May God comfort you and help you. Love, Becky (Williams) Jackson



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**Becky Jackson** - March 20, 2014 at 09:20 PM

SG

*My first thoughts of Jeans brings memories of her sweet smile. It was such a joy and blessing to have worked with her some years ago when employed for Even Start through USD383. She had such a warm and loving spirit. I remember her being a loving mother and devoted wife. It was apparent her family was very important to her. She will be remembered as a warm, sweet godly woman. I'm sure she was a blessing to all she encountered as she was to me. My prayer is that you will experience the love and comfort of our Lord during this time. May you also find comfort in the knowledge of her now being with her loving Heavenly Father.*

*Sandra Gill*

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**Sandra Gill** - March 24, 2014 at 10:06 PM



“ *To the Rundle Family,*

*My family and I send our heartfelt condolences for your loss. I am so fortunate and grateful to have been a part of your family for the last two years. I could see what a great mother and wife she has been to all of you, and so much more! I was amazed at how involved she was with her community and even more so with her impacting personality. Before I met and knew her, I had never seen anyone so giving and loving as she was. But I know her legacy still lives on in all of you and all those hearts and souls she has touched throughout her life and in all the greatly cherished memories of her. Everyone will be eternally grateful for all she has done. She will be sorely missed. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*With love and sorrow,*

*Amir Idrisi and Family*

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**Amir Idrisi** - March 20, 2014 at 08:06 PM

TA

“ To Lynn and the family:

*I want you to know that I appreciate all that Jean has meant to the urban core of Kansas City. Being a product of both the inner city myself and suburban KC, I appreciate that Lynn and Jean took the heart to help urban children learn how to read so that they could have productive lives. I will always cherish the interview with both of you and believe without a doubt that God is using both of you to show Black and Hispanic kids that there is more to life if they just give it a chance. Jean, we will always love you and I know you are looking down on all the kids in the schools that Lead To Read is impacting. Thanks for your love and same to you Lynn. Continuing praying for you and the family.*

*Tracy Allen*

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**Tracy Allen** - March 20, 2014 at 01:58 PM

BC

“ Lynn:

*Jean led a big life that touched so many people in positive ways. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*  
*Bob Clark*

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**Bob Clark** - March 20, 2014 at 11:51 AM

JT

“ Lynn my dear Dad your next door neighbor for years, loved your Jean--okay, and you--so much. My favorite tune and a Tommy Tupper favorite and Jean Rundle signature song, "What a Wonderful World" captures the spirit of them both. The world was truly more wonderful with her in it.

*Janet Tupper*

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**Janet Tupper** - March 20, 2014 at 11:00 AM

RN

“ Lynn, Amy and Fred, Jesse, and Anna...What a blessing it's been to know your family! There are few families that have impacted our lives more. In hearing about Jean's passing, our hearts were at once filled with deep sadness and incredible gratitude. I was at a student retreat (Summit) when I heard the news, and shared some about Jean's life to a small group of students. They were so blessed and asked if they could pray...it was a blessing to hear these students that never met Jean pray for you and to be blessed by her life even in her passing. We love you and are praying for you.  
~Robbie Nutter and family

Robbie Nutter - March 20, 2014 at 10:19 AM

KW

“ Thoughts of Jean and her family are gently wrapped in little prayers for heaven to smile on all of you, angels to watch over you & happiness to fill your hearts again. Jean was truly an angel walking on this earth. Memories of Jean and the kindness she gave to many heart sisters and the beautiful music she shared that was so wonderful will be remembered into eternity.  
Hugs & prayers,  
Kathy Williams  
WomenHeart of St. Charles County & St. Louis, MO

Kathy Williams - March 20, 2014 at 08:38 AM

IR

“ To the Rundle Family

Sorry for your loss. May your faith, love and memories sustain you. Jean will be missed.



Iris - March 19, 2014 at 11:04 PM

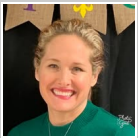
SS

“ Dear Anna,  
I've seen your name on HLAA events and knew you were living in KC. I am so sorry to hear about Jean, but glad to know you had time with her in recent years. I know she had a heart for Jesus and is now standing in His glorious presence. I am lifting you and your family up in prayer, that you would experience the peace that only Christ can give in a time like this and that you would take comfort in the assurance that you will see her again when we all stand in His presence!!

*Susie Stanfield*

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**Susie Stanfield** - March 19, 2014 at 08:39 PM



“ I met Jean at the first Lead to Read meeting. She was so kind and never forgot my name, never. She was so genuine, and that's hard to find in this world. I'm truly sad she's gone.  
With Sympathy,  
Annie Trotta

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**Annie Flagler Trotta** - March 19, 2014 at 07:02 PM

KK

“ Dear Lynn and family:

*I want to send my deepest and sincere sympathy for the loss of Jean. I was very saddened to see her obituary. I remember when I first met her when Lynn came to work at Kansas Farm Bureau. She had one of the kindest hearts of anyone I had met. She always had a smile and a kind word to offer. Her legacy will live on in the organization she co-founded ... Lead to Read KC. She was truly a wonderful lady who will be missed.*

*Korrina Kientz*

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**Korrina Kientz** - March 19, 2014 at 02:44 PM

PC

“ Phillip & Gina Cohen purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Jean Lynette Rundle.



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**Phillip & Gina Cohen** - March 19, 2014 at 01:58 PM

JH

“ Lynn and family,  
*We are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jean blessed the lives of many people and will always be remembered as a truly special lady.*  
*Ken and Judy Hughey and family*

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**Judy Hughey** - March 19, 2014 at 01:40 PM

 Deana  
Mason

“ *Heaven has even more music and love with Jean there. All our love and prayers, The Mason/Jackson family: Don, Deana, Joy and Robert, Reid, and Abbie*

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**Deana Mason** - March 19, 2014 at 12:34 PM

SA

“ *I remember how warm and welcoming Jean was to my family when our oldest daughter joined Anna's softball team. Her kind and gentle spirit touched many lives through her formal ministry and through everyday living. I pray for comfort and strength to her family and friends in the days ahead. - Suzy Auten*

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**Suzy Auten** - March 19, 2014 at 12:20 PM



“ *Bright and Beautiful Spray was purchased for the family of Jean Lynette Rundle.*



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March 19, 2014 at 12:13 PM

TW

“ *Dear Rundle Family,  
We knew Jean as a joyful and patient piano teacher and friend. On behalf of all of my family members whom she taught and mentored, thank you for sharing her life with us. Our world is a better place for the music that she brought, and even Heaven itself is improved by her presence there. Our prayers and deepest sympathies for you during this time. Thank you for sharing her with us.*

*God bless,  
Tim Weddle*

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**Tim Weddle** - March 19, 2014 at 11:05 AM



“ *I am so very sorry for the Rundle family's loss...and for the rest of us in this world who will miss her bright light. I know Jean is now well and full of joy, holding tight to her beloved Savior as she awaits her loved ones' arrival in glory. Until we meet again, Jean...Love to you and the entire Rundle family.*

*Barbara Hill*

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**Barbara Hill** - March 19, 2014 at 10:00 AM

SH

“ *Our hearts break for your loss of a wonderful women of God who touched so many lives especially yours. Love Scott and Pam Hadden*

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**Scott and Pam Hadden** - March 19, 2014 at 08:41 AM

TS

“ Dear Anna,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I am thinking of you and care very much. Please keep busy and I am praying for you and your family. She is probably reading to all the little children in heaven right now.*

*Terri Shirley*

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**Terri Shirley** - March 18, 2014 at 10:33 PM

MJ

“ *I am so sorry for your loss, but keep in mind that hte Bible says; "There is going to be a ressurection." Acts: 24:15. The Bible calls Jehovah God the creator and the source of life Acts: 17:24,25. The one who gave life is certainly capable of restorinf life to someone who had died, and he is egar to do it again. He hates death and view it as a enemy. 1 Cornth 15:26. please visit [jw.org](http://jw.org) and may you have peace and comfort.*

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**mjw** - March 18, 2014 at 09:16 PM

MM

“ *My condolences to the Rundle family. May it help you to know that sickness was not in God's plan, but Adam sinned so sin and death entered into the world. Yet because of God's love, he will cause sickness to be gone for at Isaiah 33:24 God says: No resident will say: "I am sick". So soon we want worry about losing our loved one to death because of sickness and death will be gone forever also. Please find some comfort from this, in your difficult days ahead.*

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**Mary Miller** - March 18, 2014 at 06:44 PM

CF

*Lynn and family, sending my love to you. For a year I lived in the apartment above Jean in an old house in Manhattan when we were single girls. She was so sweet and beautiful. One memory, she used to do a lot of traveling with her job. Before books on tape she would put a book on the steering wheel and read while she drove. That always amazed me but she successfully did it all the time. Amazing. Wishing you many happy memories. Cathy Shaughnessy Fosselman.*

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**cathy fosselman** - March 20, 2014 at 08:22 AM

AF

*I like that imagery Cathy. Thank you.*

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**Amy Fosha** - April 01, 2014 at 01:08 PM