



Lisa Jo (Baker) Carswell

May 17, 1968 - August 11, 2025

Lisa Jo (Baker) Carswell; 57 years, 2 months, 25 days; of Madisonville; passed away on Monday; August 11, 2025 in Madisonville. Funeral services are scheduled for 10AM on Friday; August 15, 2025 at Day Funeral Home with the burial to follow at Park Cemetery. The visitation is scheduled to begin at 9AM prior to the service. Joel Douget and Loyd Paul Harper will officiate.

Lisa was born on May 17, 1968 in Madisonville to Donald Wayne Baker and Bettye Jo (Haston) Baker. She graduated from Madisonville High School in 1987 and most recently was employed by Durham Transportation.

Lisa's life was marked by love and resilience. Lisa loved her sons and was extremely proud of them. Being a mom, and later a grandmother, meant the world to her. While married to John Carswell, she poured her heart into raising Colby and Coleton, all while helping John with bookkeeping for his business. When John passed, Lisa faced an unimaginable loss, yet she bravely moved forward, relocating with her two young boys to Madisonville. In the years that followed, her family continued to grow with the blessings of Cash, Caymen, and later Ike.

Her path took her to the Waco area for a time. She eventually returned to her hometown of Madisonville. There, the Lord surrounded her with many God-fearing friends who became a source of strength, comfort, and encouragement. She found her spiritual home at Midway Church of Christ, where she worshiped with a passionate heart and deep reverence for her Savior. Lisa's faith deepened at this time.

Her pride soared when she became a bus driver for Durham Bus Services. After a year as a bus monitor—an achievement she held close to her heart, she became a bus driver. Her love for those children was boundless; she cherished each one, vowing to protect and nurture them as if they were her own. Her work was not just a job—it was a ministry, a calling to serve with compassion and dedication.

Lisa's heart was pure gold—although she fought battles amongst her, it came to light that her love knew no bounds. She attended a women's Bible study weekly, forming bonds with those who loved her and whom she loved in return. In her renewed faith, Lisa found direction and hope, transforming her life into a testimony of God's grace.

Through countless storms and relentless hardships, she discovered her true purpose.

Nothing in this world mattered more to her than sharing the love of Jesus with others. She focused on looking ahead and not behind her. Daily, she lifted her sons and grandchildren in prayer, praying for their salvation. Her life was a testament to a heart completely surrendered to the Lord—full of love, hope, and unwavering faith. Her greatest passion was sharing the love of Jesus, telling everyone she met about His amazing grace.

Lisa was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John Victor Carswell; her siblings, Donald Craig Baker and Dennis Lane Fox; and her niece, Stacy Lynn Fox.

Lisa is survived by her sons, Colby Raspberry and his wife Jolyn, Coleton Carswell and his wife Brooklyn, Cash Forrest, Caymen Forrest, and Isaiah Lee Clade Benningfield; her grandchildren, Kendal and Braelyn Raspberry and Slate and Crew Carswell; her brothers, Russell Fox and his wife Connie and Phillip Fox and his wife Carroll; and many uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and countless dear friends.

Serving as pallbearers are: Heath Baker, Tanner Baker, Clint Manning, Ken Starr, Bynum Starr, and John Starr. Serving as honorary pallbearers are: Clint Wakefield, Clyde Parker, Jim Fraley, Tim Fraley and her sons, Colby, Coleton, Cash, Caymen, and Isaiah.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to The Midway Church of Christ.

Cemetery Details

Park Cemetery

Madisonville, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 15. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Day Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Day Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lisa Jo (Baker) Carswell



Day Funeral Home - August 18, 2025 at 01:15 PM

MG

“ Ms. Lisa was the sweetest lady and best bus driver to my little girl. She always treated her so good and I will never forget easter of 2024 when she showed up to my house with an Easter basket that she made for her. She was truly an angel and will be dearly missed.

Montera B. Goffney - August 14, 2025 at 03:55 PM

BP

“ I have known Lisa for such along time. She has always been kind, sweet and caring for and about others. It has only been a few months back and I saw her at Buc-ees, and the first thing she said to me was that she had been baptized that Sunday. She was so filled with joy it covered her soul and showed in her spirit. She was a beautiful person.

Brenda McLain Petersen - August 14, 2025 at 02:56 PM

MF

“ You were a good friend my dear. RIP Lisa Jo.

Mary Futrell - August 14, 2025 at 01:50 PM

RF

“ What a wonderful write up of Lisa Jo’s life long journey. My sister would love it! A special memory of mine, even as a young child Lisa Jo could stand her own ground in any argument. She was raised with four brothers that made her as tough as a booth. Many a times one of us would be pulling her in a little red wagon behind a bicycle on a sandy dirt road in the Brushy community. Even as a small child she didn’t have to get tough to hang with her brothers she was tough! Those that knew her knew how tough she was. Little did we know that that toughness would be key for the road she would have in front of her. A hard headed mule didn’t have anything on her, I can say that because I loved her so much!!!
Thank God for her friends though life that help lead her to my Lord and Savior. I truly will miss her until the day we will be united again!

Russell D. Fox - August 13, 2025 at 06:13 PM

LB

I grew up wanting and needing to be tough like Lisa, she never got left behind or told she couldn’t because she was a girl and on a country farm with 22 grandkids running a muck and trying to survive Sunday afternoons in a hot watermelon field or a dark hay barn dodging Bbs she never left me behind either. If I wasn’t getting piggyback rides over the field of sticker burrs I was on her heels like her shadow. When she wasn’t talking up for me she was teaching me how to correctly use china berries in a sling shot and how to dodge horse apples. I looked up to her so much but never told her. I think she always knew I needed help of some kind, my mouth got me into trouble more often than not. She kept me from getting the bet and I kept her laughing while we hid in the rows of watermelons eating until we couldn’t she would tell me to show my mom and dad respect or she would get me next time she saw me, haha! I would cry all the way home cause I wanted her to come with me....I miss you and love you Lisa. Til I see you again ❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️ Lexi

Lexi Baker - August 15, 2025 at 04:55 AM

JP

“ Thank you for being my friend and for all the crazy side quests you took me on. Madisonville will miss you, I will miss you.
I love you Sister.
Joddie

Joddie Pamer - August 13, 2025 at 05:42 PM