



## Lela Tripp

March 4, 1953 - January 10, 2013

Lela Johnston Tripp of Springdale, AR passed away January 10, 2013 at Circle of Ufe Hospice. She was born March 4, 1953 in El Dorado, AR to Clyde and Billie Stringfellow Johnston.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by sisters Donna McLaughlin and Patricia McGaugh and husband Calvin of Springdale, AR, nephews Austin Doolin of St John, VI, Blake McLaughlin of Omaha, NE and Todd McLaughlin of Lowell, AR, nieces Angela Burke and Casey McLaughlin of Springdale, AR, three grand nieces and one grand nephew, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Lela was a 1975 graduate of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. She spent her career at Tyson Foods, where she held positions in Foodservice Sales and Information Systems. International Foodservice Manufacturers Association presented her the "Sparkplug Award" for having provided the ignition which sparked the successful completion of projects to further the

interest of IFMA and the IFMA President's Award for E-business efforts and appreciation of her significant contributions to the Foodservice Industry. The United States Department of Agriculture presented her a "Certificate of Appreciation" for contributions to mpXML that advanced the use of electronic commerce for the US Meat and Poultry Supply Team. She was a loving daughter and sister, a dear friend, colleague, mentor and leader in the food service industry and will be missed by many.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00PM, Monday, January 14, 2013, at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale, AR.

The family will hold a private burial at Campground Cemetery in Hampton, AR.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society, 1200 West Walnut Street, Rogers, AR 72756 and the LSU Veterinary School of Medicine, Skip Bertman Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lela Tripp*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Lela Tripp*

**John Vaillancourt** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Lela'a passing. I am glad that our paths crossed some years ago at Tyson Food. She was a brave & compassionate person.*

**Donna Easley** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM



“ *She was a dear friend in the '70's .She was funny,caring and very helpful!  
She will be greatly missed.*

**Evelyn Hovey Galibao** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM



“ *My most sincere and heartfelt condolences. I have fond memoriesof my time working with Lela and all the things she taught me. Even though it was some years ago and we lost touch, I still quote her frequently and think of her words of widsom often. She will be missed, but will live on in the legacy she passed along to the mentees she helped over the years.*

**Miranda Viney** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM

MH

“ I remember the first time I met Lela; Chuck, Derry, & I were living at the Chateau Apts in Fayetteville (1972) & we were introduced to 3 cute sisters, Lela, Donna, & Tricia. Lela was a friend who handled herself with class and a gracious host when Luann & I were in her house. I will miss her friendship & her smile.  
*Mike & Luann Horn*

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**Mike Horn** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM

SW

“ You are in my prayers today.

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**Shawn Wright** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM

RC

“ my prayers and thoughts are with Lela's family and friends during this difficult time

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**Ramona Carron** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM

MG

“ I am stunned to hear about Lela. I was on two food industry committees with Lela the last few years, and she was highly-respected and influential in the industry. When she spoke; people listened. My deepest condolences to her family. She will be missed.

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**Matthew Granlund** - May 29, 2013 at 05:01 PM

CK

“ *Lela and I met at a foodservice meeting over 16 years ago. We worked on many different initiatives and connected at countless industry events. I was always amazed at her wealth of knowledge and her brilliant ideas! She had a zest for life and I always looked forward to seeing her as we kept in touch over the years. She will be sadly missed as a voice in the industry and as a friend to many! My deepest sympathy for your loss.*

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**Carolyn Kauppinen** - January 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Trish, We are very sorry to hear of the loss of your sister. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Tina, Alvie & kids*

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January 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM