

# LINDA SPURLOCK PARK



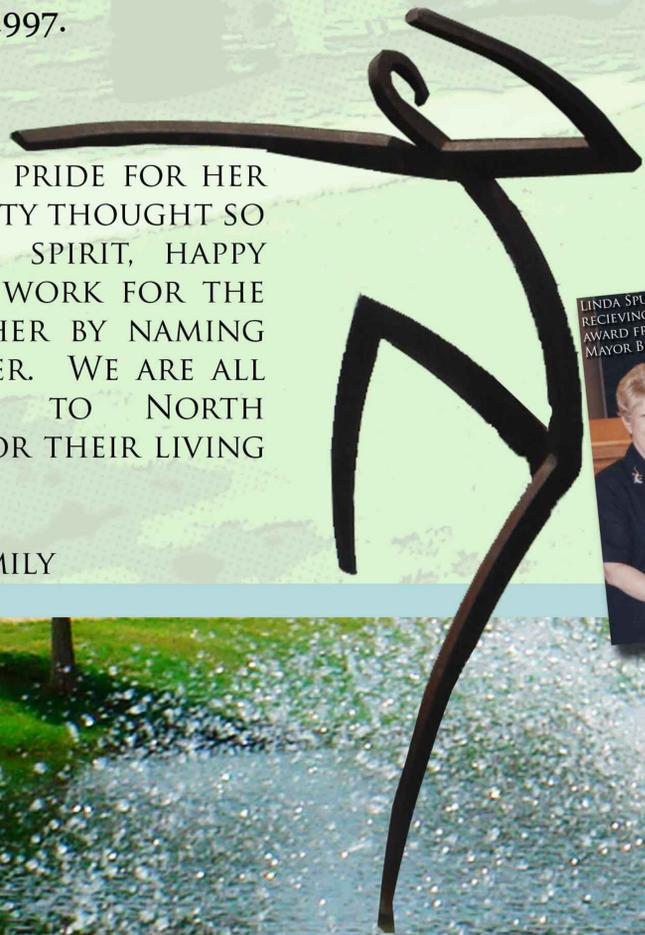
Linda Spurlock's love of the outdoors and her belief that it was important to bring a community together, led her to serve on the City of North Richland Hills City Council. Her strong belief in the beautification of North Richland Hills was a direct reflection of her life. Ms. Spurlock's other source of pride was her two children, Joe Clarence Marlin Spurlock III, and Allison Spurlock Morrison. Her career included working as an election consultant, an equestrian instructor at YMCA Camp Carter and she taught in the Birdville School District. Ms. Spurlock taught English and coached 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls athletics at Richland Middle School from 1983 to 1988. Birdville School District employees said, "Linda loved the outdoors, was an outstanding teacher and really wanted to make the world a better place by bringing people together." This love of her community and the outdoors, led Ms. Spurlock to serve on the NRH City Council for ten years from 1987 to 1997.

During her council tenure, Ms. Spurlock was noted as keeping a watchful eye on fiscal matters and being an advocate for neighborhood parks, with as much green space as possible for the citizens of NRH to enjoy. Her accomplishments as a City Councilwoman included the formation of the North Richland Hills Beautification Commission in 1988. Ms. Spurlock believed that as NRH became more beautiful, it would be a better place to live. She is credited with being one of the first council members to voice concerns about city beautification projects, and she attempted to raise awareness on the importance of including planning for parks in city ventures.

The park was dedicated on December 15, 1997 and officially named "Linda Spurlock Park" on December 22, 1997 in honor of Linda's service and contributions to the City of North Richland Hills.

"IT IS A SOURCE OF PRIDE FOR HER FAMILY THAT THE CITY THOUGHT SO MUCH OF LINDA'S SPIRIT, HAPPY HEART, AND HARD WORK FOR THE CITY, TO HONOR HER BY NAMING THE PARK AFTER HER. WE ARE ALL DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO NORTH RICHLAND HILLS FOR THEIR LIVING TRIBUTE TO LINDA."

-THE SPURLOCK FAMILY



*Linda Spurlock*