



Rita Garrett

May 11, 1946 - March 31, 2026

Ms. Rita Collins Garrett, departed this earthly realm on Tuesday evening, March 31, 2026 embraced by the love of her family. Born on May 11, 1946, in Talladega, Alabama, she was a cherished daughter of Earl and Bessie Headen Collins. As a young soul, she embraced her faith and united with Mt. Canaan Baptist Church, laying the foundation of her compassionate spirit.

Ms. Garrett was a proud graduate of Westside High School in Talladega, where she forged lifelong friendships and memories that resonated throughout her journey. With a firm dedication, she served as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia, where her gentle nature and nurturing heart touched the lives of countless patients and families.

A lover of life's simple joys, Rita found comfort by the tranquil riverbanks, where she would sit with her fishing rod in hand, surrounded by the serenity of nature. Gardening was her passion; she nurtured her flowers with love, watching them bloom as a reflection of her own vibrant spirit.

As we gather to honor and celebrate her remarkable life, we reflect upon the legacy of love and strength she leaves behind. Ms. Rita Collins Garrett is reunited in eternal peace with her beloved parents Earl and Bessie Collins and her dear brother, Frederick Earl Collins.

In loving memory, she is survived by her three sons, David Craig Collins, Anthony Boynton Collins, and Michael Leon (January) Collins; her daughter, Kimberly Collins; her sister, Carol C. Garrett; her precious grandchildren, Kevin Lamar Collins, Ervin Young, Quadavian Collins, Davandria Garrett, Markez Collins, Shantez Collins, Justin Jackson, and Whitney Olivia Collins; and her beloved nieces and nephews, Gregory Carl Collins, Teresa (Nehemiah) Bryant, Amy Garrett, and Cindy G. (Bruntavious) Wyckoff; along with nine great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends who will forever cherish her memory.

May her memory be a guiding light, and her legacy inspire us to cherish each moment, just as she did.

Cemetery Details

Midway Memory Gardens

27950 SR - 21 N
Talladega, AL 35160

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 6. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AP

“ *ANDREA PARKER lit a candle in memory of Rita Garrett*



ANDREA PARKER - April 07 at 01:08 AM



“ *Gwennette Duncan lit a candle in memory of Rita Garrett*



Gwennette Duncan - April 05 at 10:24 AM

FB

“ *Condolences to all of her family, (especially Kevin, one of my former students). Mrs. Rita was one of the sweetest, most generous supportive parents that a teacher could ever ask for. Even after I retired we would stop and talk whenever we saw each other. Praying for the family. 🙏*



Fannie (Hall) Barnes - April 04 at 05:26 PM

BC

Sorry for your loss. A lovely lady and spirit I am happy we crossed paths. Rest in peace my friend .

Brenda Cook - April 05 at 03:43 PM

BC

Gone but not forgotten

Brenda Cook - April 05 at 03:44 PM

LF

“ Lakeya Jefferson & Betty Lee’s Famiy purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rita Garrett.



Lakeya Jefferson & Betty Lee’s Famiy - April 04 at 10:50 AM

LF

“ Lakeya Jefferson & Betty Lee’s Famiy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Garrett.

Lakeya Jefferson & Betty Lee’s Famiy - April 04 at 10:50 AM

LA

“ Praying for the family ms. Rita was a very sweet lady she was a very good friend and everything I'm gonna miss you friend



Larry Armbrester - April 04 at 10:15 AM

LP

“ Lori Pope lit a candle in memory of Rita Garrett



lori Pope - April 04 at 10:06 AM



“ *I so love this woman!! Wasn't a time if she seen me she didn't speak and hug me....prayers for her family*



Tracey Bates - April 03 at 03:38 PM

AP

“ *ANDREA PARKER lit a candle in memory of Rita Garrett*



ANDREA PARKER - April 03 at 07:27 AM

JH

“ *Jackie Williams Hall lit a candle in memory of Rita Garrett*



Jackie Williams Hall - April 03 at 12:07 AM

JH

Prayers and Condolences to the family!!! 🙏💔😭🌹

Jackie Williams Hall - April 03 at 12:08 AM

CA

“ *Sincere condolences to the Collins-Garrett family. Sending prayers for strength and comfort during this difficult time.*

Carolynrowls@gmail.com - April 02 at 07:54 PM

MH

“ *Michelle Hammonds lit a candle in memory of Rita Garrett*



Michelle Hammonds - April 02 at 10:07 AM



“ *Gwennette Duncan lit a candle in memory of Rita Garrett*



Gwennette Duncan - April 02 at 09:51 AM

DD

“ *Deborah Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Rita Garrett*



Deborah Dickerson - April 01 at 11:17 PM

CJ

“ *Carlos Moon Jones lit a candle in memory of Rita Garrett*



Carlos Moon Jones - April 01 at 11:05 PM

TG

“ *Tonya Garrett lit a candle in memory of Rita Garrett*



Tonya Garrett - April 01 at 10:06 PM

BH

“ *Barbara Harmon lit a candle in memory of Rita Garrett*



Barbara Harmon - April 01 at 09:01 PM

AH

“ *Deepest condolences to the Collin Garrett family Rita will be always in the hearts of those who loved her.*

Alonzo and Shernevelyne Draper Hill 🌸🙏🙏



Alonzo and Shernevelyne Draper Hill - April 01 at 08:33 PM