



*Rita Jean Grady
Cannon*

April 8, 1941 - Nov. 15, 2024

Rita Jean Grady Cannon, 83, of Morganton, NC, passed away Friday, November 15, 2024.

Born on April 8, 1941 in Morganton, she was the daughter of the late Glenwood Grady and Marie Alma Grady.

Rita was a member of First Baptist Church in Morganton, and she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who will be greatly missed. She worked with children throughout her life: as an in-home daycare provider, substitute teacher, and after-school care teacher.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband, Carroll Cannon; daughter, Angie Buchanan (Al); sons, Andy Cannon and Michael Cannon (Lauren); grandchildren, Alex Buchanan (Kelly), Ashlyn Buchanan, Gavin Cannon (Amber), Megan Cannon (Chris Hathcock), Emma Cannon, Madison Hartman (Christian), and Sydnee Shoenfelt (Hunter); great-grandchildren, Dylan Hathcock, Charlotte Hartman, and Mark Hartman; sisters, Elaine Grady and Mary Grady; and niece, Sheri Folk (Mark).

In addition to her parents, Rita was preceded in death by a daughter, Jacqueline "Crystal" Longpre; and sister, Shirley Warlick.

Crystal Longpre, and sister, Shirley Walker.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m., Thursday, November 21, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A celebration of Rita's life will follow at 2 p.m. in the Colonial Chapel of the funeral home with Dr. Thomas A. Bland, Jr. and Pastor Mark Folk officiating.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



So very sorry for your family's loss. Will be praying for comfort for the whole family.

–Wendy May

Rita Jean was my dearest friend during the many years we spent at Zion Memorial Church. One of my fondest memories is the night we had a revival at Zion and, as young teenagers, we walked the aisle, knelt at the altar and gave our heart to Jesus. I pray that our merciful God will shower her precious family with His peace and that their grief will be lessened in knowing that she is with her Lord and Savior!

–Martha Ann Whetstone



–Anonymous

I will miss Rita greatly. She was a beautiful person whom I loved very much. Rita and her two sisters Mary and Elaine were like sister to me. I will have Angie, Micheal Andy and Carroll and family in our thoughts and prayers. I will miss u so

much Rita. Love to all the family. Donna and Keith

–Donna S. McRee