



Rita Richmond

January 15, 1955 - January 1, 2014

Rita G. Richmond of Waldron, Arkansas passed from this life, Wednesday, January 1, 2014 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Rita was born January 15, 1955 to V.F. Nowlin and Kathryn (Ary) Nowlin in Poteau, Oklahoma.

Rita was 58 years, 11 months and 17 days old. Rita was a member of Waldron Church of Christ in Waldron, Arkansas.

Rita worked for a long time at Katherine's Diner in Heavener. When Rita met and married her love, her husband of 35 years, Lanny Richmond, she knew they would spend much of their time doing what they both loved and that was playing and listening to music. Lanny was involved in the band and she was right beside him, supporting his every move. In the last few years, she loved to be involved with the "Show Room" and she ran the concession stand. She was instrumental in keeping everyone informed of the activities scheduled for the weekend at the Show Room. Whether it was birthday celebrations to who the entertainment for the weekend was, Rita was on top of it. Not only did Rita love and support her husband, she was also extremely involved with her four boys and their families. She enjoyed playing with her grandchildren and going to the sporting events they were involved in. Nanna was most proud of each of her family members and the time spent with them is to be treasured always.

Rita is survived by her husband, Lanny Richmond of the home, four sons:

Jackie Richmond and wife Amber, Victor Richmond, Joe Richmond and wife Beverly, Landon (Boogie) Richmond II all of Waldron, Arkansas. Nanna will forever be missed by her seven grandchildren: Emily, Jessica, Hunter, Whitney, Molly, Landon III and Chloe. Rita is also survived by her mother, Kathryn Ary Nowlin and two sisters, Shelly and husband Jon of Edmond, Oklahoma and Shannon and husband Larry of Summerfield, Oklahoma. Rita will be missed by all that knew her and the many whose lives were impacted by her including nieces, nephews, a large extended family, friends and many loved ones.

Rita is preceded in death by her father, V.F. Nowlin and one daughter Chandra Richmond.

Rita's life celebration will be at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, January 4, 2013 at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Randy Gray officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Waldron, Arkansas. Arrangements are being entrusted to the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas.

Rita's pallbearers will be Jackie Richmond, Victor Richmond, Joe Richmond, Landon (Boogie) Richmond II, Hunter Richmond and Paul LeBleu. Honorary pallbearers will be Scotty King and Moe Shores.

Rita's visitation will be Friday, January 3, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Heritage Memorial Funeral Home in Waldron, Arkansas where Rita's family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Heritage Memorial Funeral Home
1879 West 6th Street
Waldron, AR 72958
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info@heritagememorialfh.com

Family Will Receive Friends

JAN 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life

JAN 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

WR

“ Whitney Richmond sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita Richmond



Whitney Richmond - September 18, 2015 at 07:54 PM

WR

Heres a Angel because you LOVED them! *kisses*

Whitney Richmond - September 18, 2015 at 07:56 PM

WR

“ Oh my gosh. Nanna I miss you soo much!!:(I know your happy up there in heaven with your dad and daughter but I miss you soo much down here!! :(I Love You sooo much!! *hugs and kisses*
-Whitney Jo



Whitney Richmond - September 18, 2015 at 07:12 PM

ND

“ Lanny and Family, I only learned of Rita passing recently. I loved Rita so much, She was always a good friend to me. I know she is walking with Jesus now. But along with you I still miss her and wish she were here.

We drove to Las Vegas several years ago I was driving and got a ticket not 20 minutes after we left Fort Smith, I will never forget Rita said, "Well, looks like God just saved us from an accident down the road". That positive attitude has stuck with me and now when I am delayed at getting someplace on time, I remember God is saving me from some tragedy now the road. Love you Rita.
God Bless you all!

Nancy Davis - December 29, 2014 at 11:44 PM

GH

“ Lanny
I have just learned of Rita's passing. Please know that our prayers and thoughts are with all the family in this time of loss. So sorry we didn't know anything until today and our hearts are broken.
Love and prayers
Gene and Maggie Haugh

Gene Haugh - January 09, 2014 at 03:08 PM

LD

“ Linda (Angel) Davis lit a candle in memory of Rita Richmond



Linda (Angel) Davis - January 04, 2014 at 04:04 PM

BR

Thank you Linda

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:41 PM

BL

“ *Rita was a fine Lady, she always had something nice to say when she met you, she will surely be missed. My sympathy goes out to the Family.*

Bill Luttrell - January 03, 2014 at 09:43 PM

BR

Thank you Bill.

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:27 PM

JH

“ *Jamie&lorene HALE*



JAMES HALE - January 03, 2014 at 06:25 PM

BG

“ *If people that knew Rita are like me, there are bunches of great memories of Rita. When I would come to visit Leon and Brunetta and Rita found out I would be coming, she always put in an order for some of my homemade brownies and if I didn't bring any, I would have to make some for her. If things didn't concern her, she didn't get involved but she always had time to listen to your problems. The Showroom was her joy and she made sure you had a good time. We will certainly miss you, Rita. It is a sad time on Richmond Road.*

Ben Goff - January 03, 2014 at 03:00 PM

BR

Thank you Ben. We love and miss you

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 07:36 PM

CP

“ I taught Rita how to drive a forklift when we worked at Southern Steel & Wire. She was so tickled that someone took the time to teach her and she was a very good student. My heart is heavy hearing that is she is gone. Prayers are with you Lanny and the whole Richmond family.



Chris Patterson - January 03, 2014 at 11:49 AM

BR

Thank you Chris. Nita Jones told me that story.

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 07:37 PM

RA

“ Racquel lit a candle in memory of Rita Richmond



Racquel - January 03, 2014 at 11:15 AM

RA

“ My heart aches for you all. I pray that God bring you much comfort and support and peace. Rita was a Wonder Woman, able to do many things and do them well no matter what role she was in. She always was smiling laughing and not once did I hear her complain about anything. I like so many others were blessed to have known her. Rest In Peace Mrs. Rita.

Racquel - January 03, 2014 at 11:11 AM

BR

Thank you Racquel

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 07:39 PM

CH

“ *A Very Sweet Lady. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.
Steve and Cassaundra Holmes*

Cassaundra Holmes - January 03, 2014 at 10:01 AM

BR

Thank you Sandra and Steve.

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:41 PM

KK

“ *Rita was a sweet woman, when we visited the Showroom she would have that smile, greet you and treat with a warm welcome. she always loved the kids. she would compliment my grandkids, Lexee and Karmen. She will be missed, Bless the family and deeply sorry for your loss.*

Keith Kesterson - January 03, 2014 at 09:52 AM

AM

“ *So sorry to hear about Rita's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

Amy McEntire - January 03, 2014 at 08:33 AM

Ameda
Nowlin

“ Rita will forever be in the memories of all who loved and knew her and all those whose heart and lives she has touched over the years...myself included. May God grant Rita a special seat in Heaven where she can be forever watching over and a guiding light to her grand-children as she was so often in her life. She was a wonderful light and source of support for each of them, may she continue to be from above.



My heartfelt Condolences to Lanny and the entire family for their tragic and unexpected loss. Prayers of Peace, Strength, and Serenity to help everyone through the difficult and trying days ahead. God Bless. -Ameda Nowlin & Family

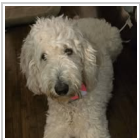
Ameda Nowlin - January 03, 2014 at 06:41 AM

DD

“ Dawn And Danny lit a candle in memory of Rita Richmond



Dawn and Danny - January 03, 2014 at 05:38 AM



“ Nita Jones lit a candle in memory of Rita Richmond



Nita Jones - January 03, 2014 at 01:57 AM

BR

Thank you Nita, we love you

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:28 PM

KB

“ *There is honestly a lot of great things to say about Rita Richmond. She has been a dear friend of my family for going on 5 years before the Showroom came to be. I remember we first learned about Lanny Richmond by my dad's friend that played in a band in Magazine. He was always telling us to come and see Lanny at a cafe called The Rock. Since that very night we saw him and his band perform, we developed a friendship with Lanny then his family. My dad has been long friends with many of Lanny Richmond's kin before we met Lanny himself. Rita Richmond has become a great friend and we helped each other out whenever they needed help we always told them to let us know if there was anything we could do. My parents and I sure wish we could have known her longer. She had a big heart treated friends as much as family as her own family. I have never known of a more nicer person then Rita Richmond. The Showroom will never be the same without her always greeted people with a smile and cared about people. Anyone who had the joy of knowing such a great lady became blessed because she was such an angel.*

Kimberly Barnard - January 02, 2014 at 08:46 PM

BR

Thank you Kim. We love and appreciate you and your family

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 07:41 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your loss Rita will be greatly missed by all that knew her she was a loving and friendly person to all that met her or grew up around her lanny you and the families are in our prayer and thoughts Janet , Kenneth, Jeremy and Nathan hunt

Janet Heaton Hunt - January 02, 2014 at 08:05 PM

BR

Thank you Janet

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:28 PM

DW

“ Thoughts and prayers to all the Richmond family. Kevin, Kolten, Darci, and I have known most of you for many years and consider you family. Rita was a very special lady with a smile on her face and kind words every time we saw her. She will be missed greatly.

With Love,

Kevin, Dana, Kolten, and Darci Wright



Dana Wright - January 02, 2014 at 07:45 PM

BR

We love you guys

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:31 PM

TC

“ *Lanny and family, I am so sorry for the grief you are feeling.....
My thoughts and prayers are with you all !*



Teresa Houston Culpepper - January 02, 2014 at 05:56 PM

BR

Thank you Teresa

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:40 PM

MS

“ *In loving memory. The Stevens Family*

Mark and Melinda Stevens - January 02, 2014 at 05:53 PM

BR

We love and miss you guys

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:33 PM

RP

“ *Roberta Passmoer lit a candle in memory of Rita Richmond*



Roberta passmoer - January 02, 2014 at 05:18 PM

BR

Thank you Sister, love ya

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:34 PM

CB

“ Lanny,

So sorry to hear about your wife. You and your family are in my thoughts.

Cheryl Zimmer Berkshire - January 02, 2014 at 05:13 PM

DP

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the Richmond family. Rita was a wonderful, thoughtful lady and will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She made us feel like we found our home in Waldron. She was never too busy to chat with us. God has a special place for her in heaven.*



Dwight & Mary Poole

Dwight Poole - January 02, 2014 at 03:16 PM

BR

We love you Dwight & Mary

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 07:43 PM

TA

“ My dearest Rita, what an Angel you are....and now you have your wings. What an honor it is to have gotten to know you and your family. I feel it was God's wish that we got to talk to each other on the eve of you entering Heaven. I will miss your warm smile and gentleness when meeting up at the Showroom or passing each other at Walmart or the grocery store in town from time to time. I still look back at our conversations we had on facebook regarding situations we had in common....you, if no one else, could always comfort me when I was feeling sad or depressed, so Thank You for just being you! HEAVEN HAS GOT TO BE *SPARKLING* .
.....KENDEL AND I WANT TO LET LANNY AND THE REST OF FAMILY KNOW THAT THEY ALL ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS TIME.....KENDEL AND TERESA ASHLOCK

TERESA ASHLOCK - January 02, 2014 at 03:15 PM

BR

Thank you. We love you guys

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:43 PM

TK

“ TERESA & KENDEL lit a candle in memory of Rita Richmond



TERESA & KENDEL - January 02, 2014 at 02:55 PM

TA

MAY YOUR LIGHT ALWAYS SHINE!!

TERESA ASHLOCK - January 02, 2014 at 03:17 PM

BR

Thank you Teresa and Kendal.

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:39 PM

SR

“ *My goodness, Rita. I still can't believe this. You were my go-to person whenever I needed advice or godly wisdom with an issue I was facing and you always had the right things to say. I'm going to miss that beautiful face of yours, as well as, that smirk you would get when you shook your head in disbelief over the silliest things. You always knew how to brighten a person's day, no matter what they were going through. I loved sitting listening to you tell stories and tell how proud you were of your family; especially your grandchildren, your "little blessings" as you called them. You are a very special person who has made a tremendous impact on every single person that was fortunate enough to know you. I love you Rita. Heaven is rejoicing with your arrival this week.*

Scotty Rogers - January 02, 2014 at 01:49 PM

BR

We love and miss you at The Showroom

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:34 PM

GS

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Ria's passing. Thinking of all the family at this sad time.*

Gary & Sherry Sanders

Gary & Sherry Sanders - January 02, 2014 at 10:21 AM

AB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rita's passing. Thinking of all the family at this sad time.

Ann Bingham - January 02, 2014 at 09:31 AM

BR

Thank you Ann

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:35 PM

JH

“ we are so sorry for you guys loss love all you guys

julie house - January 02, 2014 at 09:00 AM

SJ

“ We are so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We love you Emily!

Steven, Kristy, Emily & Jace - January 02, 2014 at 07:53 AM

SM

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Sheila Millard - January 01, 2014 at 10:37 PM

BR

I love this pic

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 07:45 PM

EC

“ I'm so blessed that I got the chance to know you, through Em. She's blessed with the best grandma, & angel. There's so many things I wish you could be here to see Emily accomplish in the future, but I know you will have the best seat at every event. See you soon!
Love you!

Erin Curtis - January 01, 2014 at 09:55 PM

BR

Thank you Erin

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita Richmond.



January 01, 2014 at 08:31 PM

JR

“ So Sorry! May God Bless and Watch over the Family, Rita was a wonderful woman and will be missed by so many. Our prayers and thoughts are with Lanny and the rest of the Family!



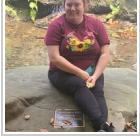
James and Lottie Richmond

James and Lottie Richmond - January 01, 2014 at 08:12 PM

BR

We love you guys!!!!

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 07:48 PM



“ *Rita, it never failed to see a smile on your face, im glad i got the chance to meet you and it makes me sad that my son will not get that chance but i know you are above watching over everyone.*

Amber Rogers - January 01, 2014 at 07:21 PM

BR

Love ya Amber

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 07:48 PM



“ *Rita, I didn't know you very well. But every time I went to the Showroom, you greeted me with a hug and always made me feel welcome. You snuck your way into my heart and I grieve for u. I considered you my grandma. I know you're looking down at us and telling us to dance in your memory. I love you.*

Nikki Davis - January 01, 2014 at 07:12 PM

BR

Thank you Nikki

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:36 PM



“ *Rita, you will be missed... You helped my wife (Amber Nicole) and myself with our wedding at the Showroom. You always had a smile for everyone. Years go by and never realize how close you was until they are gone... Heaven shines a little brighter tonight...
Don Rogers Jr.*

Don Rogers Jr. - January 01, 2014 at 07:11 PM

BR

Thank you Don. We miss you guys

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 07:49 PM

 Tracy
Ratliff


“ *Rita..you were such a beautiful and caring woman who put the needs of everyone before yourself. Your presence in this life will greatly be missed. Thank you for all your kindness and our wonderful conversations. I love you and know that your sharing love with the Lord and his angels.*

Tracy Ratliff - January 01, 2014 at 07:07 PM

BR

Thank you Sister, love ya

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:36 PM

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Tracy Ratliff - January 01, 2014 at 07:07 PM

AH


“ *wish I could have been around you more. You've always been Cousin Rita. sure going to miss you but guess Heaven needed another angel. Now your with your little girl. God Bless you my friend. Love you, cousin Ann*

Ann House - January 01, 2014 at 06:47 PM

BR

We love you Ann

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:37 PM

 Brauna Richmond King

“ *You were not JUST my Aunt Rita. You were my Rita Gaylene. My heart is breaking and I can't help these tears, but I KNOW you are in heaven and that you would want me to be my ding-A-ling self no matter what. I am going to miss your laugh and that cocked headed smirk of yours Rita Gaylene. The Showroom Music Theater will NEVER be the same! I am going to miss you dearly. Until we laugh and dance again, I Love you, Brauna Rose*

Brauna Richmond-King - January 01, 2014 at 06:26 PM

KB

Rita, you have been such a big influence in the lives of my parents and me. There are no words to say how much you will be missed. You have always been an angel on Earth but now you will be an angel in heaven. We will all love and miss you. We appreciated everything you did for us and allowing us to celebrate the joys of Lanny Richmond's music with the Richmond family. We have become like a part of your family. We all know you will be busy in heaven preparing the way for your family and friends to join you soon enough. Rita, we all love you very dearly and will miss you everyday.

Kimberly Barnard - January 01, 2014 at 07:18 PM

BR

Thank You Kim.

Brauna Richmond - January 05, 2014 at 08:37 PM