



Rita J. Garrett

October 14, 1958 - January 20, 2019

Rita Jane (Drake) Garrett...was born October 14, 1958. She left us to join her heavenly circle on January 20, 2019 at the age of 60 years.

She was born in Bowling Green, Kentucky to the late Donnell Drake and Phoebe (Halcomb) Hurt. She leaves behind her brother William Edward Drake who reside in Hampton, Virginia. Rita had other siblings that God called before her who was the late; Donnie Earl Drake aka: "Monk", Ceceilia Ann Vaughn, and Wilma Jean Mahone. Rita also leaves behind an amazing husband Dante' Garrett, a loving daughter Charmaine (Drake) Horsley of Richmond, Virginia and three beautiful stepchildren; Kendrick and Kenya Lattimore of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and Timothy Maddox of Dublin, Georgia.

Rita had five grandkids; DeMonte' and Emmanuel Horsley, Xavion Drake that resides in Richmond, Virginia. Malaya and Makel Lattimore of Bowling Green, Kentucky. She also leaves a host of nieces and nephews. In-laws, Andre and Patricia and their daughter Brittany Garrett.

At the age of thirteen Rita and her late mother Phoebe moved to Washington, DC. She graduated from Dunbar High School in 1976. After completion of graduation she worked at The Department of Transportation until 1978. She also worked for the Consumer Protection Office until 1982. While working between the two jobs she met her husband Dante' Garrett.

In 1982 she moved back to Bowling Green, Kentucky. She landed numerous jobs with her last one at Scholar House Childcare. Rita and Dante' decided to

join as one and married on December 31st, 1988 by Rev. Earl Jackson. Rita was a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church before God called her home.

Rita was a loving women that had a heart of an angel. She always gave even when she didn't have to give. She would put others first before putting herself first, and loved to entertain people. Rita was a very outspoken person that many didn't know how to take her. She never cared of what people thought of her and those that knew her would say the same. She was an opinionated person that would voice her opinion whether you liked it or not, but when you asked she would give her honest opinion and didn't care whether you liked it or not. If she wasn't shopping or doing for others she was at her favorite place. Everyone knew if you couldn't find her at home you can rest a sure she was at "Bingo". Everyone knew she loved BINGO, because it was a place she could go and relax to enjoy her "Me Time". Oh yes let's not forget her second favorite thing she loved to do, and that was buying her clothes. Rita has so many clothes she could open a store. She could dress her butt off if she wanted to.

Rita had a love for kids. She was known to many as "Miss Rita".

When it came to her kids she had a talent of singing but never joined anyone's choir. Rita had an amazing voice and would sing her butt off in her own home. Rita touched many souls throughout her life on Earth. We know that GOD has called another wonderful angel. She will be missed by many especially all those who she carried close to her heart.

Sincerely,

-Your friends at Burnam and Son

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1209 Fairview Avenue
Bowling Green, KY 42103

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mount Zion Baptist Church - Bowling Green
175 Graham Drive
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Funeral Service

JAN 28. 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM (CT)

Mount Zion Baptist Church - Bowling Green
175 Graham Drive
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Tribute Wall



“ *Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Burnam & Son Mortuary, Inc. - January 27, 2019 at 10:24 AM



“ *LeKeeshia Price sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



LeKeeshia Price - January 30, 2019 at 10:19 PM



“ *Traci Mathews lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Traci Mathews - January 30, 2019 at 01:50 AM

MF

“ Continued prayers for the family



Marqueta Franklin - January 29, 2019 at 09:29 PM

DB

“ Rita was a very special person in my life, we grew up together on Mcdivitt ct, a cross the street we stayed at each other houses, I loved them like family, Ms Phoebe, Monk, and Weavan, then as we grew up she moved away, when she came back it was just like she never left we found each other again and rekindled our friendship, and it continued until the Lord called her home, u will be very much so missed Rita , fly high with the Angel's will never forget you💔

Donna McFadden Bell - January 29, 2019 at 09:26 PM



“ Vonda Yocum sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita J. Garrett



Vonda Yocum - January 29, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ Vonda Yocum lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett



Vonda Yocum - January 29, 2019 at 08:54 PM



“ *Tynisha Johnson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Tynisha Johnson - January 28, 2019 at 03:50 PM



I am so grateful for having the opportunity to speak to you. Thank you for speaking a blessing over my life. I will always remember your words of wisdom. God Bless

Tynisha Johnson - January 28, 2019 at 03:53 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita J. Garrett.*



January 28, 2019 at 07:38 AM



“ *Denisa Kentario lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Denisa Kentario - January 28, 2019 at 01:01 AM



“ Thank you Rita for taking great care of my girls when they were little and we're at Mrs. Jean's Daycare. Unfortunately, you were there at the daycare when Portia became severely ill. I remember seeing the tears running down your face as you watched the ambulance load my daughter in the ambulance. Who would have known that a mosquito could do so much damage! Today, I'm now at peace knowing that my daughter Portia is resting in Heaven with you. Your love for both my daughters will never be forgotten. Thank you beautiful.



Yvonne Williams - January 27, 2019 at 08:08 PM

DB

“ Dallas And Paula Butts lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett



Dallas and Paula Butts - January 27, 2019 at 07:08 PM



“ Dear Garrett Family: I know it's hard for you to be strong right now, but those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.(Isaiah 40:31).. Praying for you all.



Yvonne Williams - January 26, 2019 at 11:56 PM

PE

“ Oh Miss Rita!! I am sure going to miss u and miss ur wonderful hugs!! I had the opportunity to get to know her when I worked at little scholars and I am so happy I did. She always made sure I was doing okay and made sure I didn't need anything through out the day. She was always ready to help with anything. After I left, I would go and visit little scholars and she would be the first one to tell me hi and give me a big hug!! I will miss her dearly and I pray for comfort for the family!!

Paula Elsener - January 26, 2019 at 07:44 PM

PE

“ Oh miss Rita!! I am so glad I had the opportunity to know her. She was always sweet and made sure to tell u hi! She did love the kids with all her heart and made sure the kids had a smile on their face. She would do anything she could for you!! I will never forget her!!

Paula Elsener - January 26, 2019 at 07:36 PM

SB

“ Stephanie Beasley lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett



Stephanie Beasley - January 26, 2019 at 07:28 PM

LF

“ Little Scholars HeadStart Staff and Families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rita J. Garrett.



Little Scholars HeadStart Staff and Families - January 26, 2019 at 10:43 AM

KI

“ 💕💕 Ill always remember you Mrs. Rita. Always. 🙏🏻 You always told me how pretty I was and that I had such a beautiful heart. I appreciate all the food plates and love you shared. Even down to my "pencil" from teacher appreciation week 2018. I love you and I'll miss you. 💕💕
#foreverinourhearts

Kimmy - January 25, 2019 at 08:44 PM

TR

“ Tara Richardson lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett



Tara Richardson - January 25, 2019 at 12:20 PM



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



January 25, 2019 at 11:33 AM

SL

“ Sending my sincere love and condolences to Rita’s family and friends!! I love Rita. To me she was family through our Aunt Barbara (Cosby) Whitney!! We were raised up together and she had love for everyone and the most beautiful smile and yes she dressed very nice always. When we moved to the Housing Projects in the 1960’s. Rita told us we could walk to school with her each day and we did. We played together and all of the families had so much love for one another back then..I know she loved her family!! She’s gone, she’ll never be forgotten!! Much peace, love and joy to each of you!! Continued blessings!! 🙏🌹🦋 Always!! 🙏🌹🦋

Sabrina W Loving - January 25, 2019 at 11:23 AM

CF

“ My condolences to Mr. Dante and to my Soror and friend Charmaine. Ms. Rita made my time in Bowling Green a great one with her love and laughter and plates of food for a hungry college student. She was a bright spot and a fond memory of my years at Western. Charmaine and boys...know that you all are in my prayers and Ms. Rita is in heaven resting and free from pain. May God's Holy Comforter be with you all. Anissa and I send our love.

Carlanda Fields - January 25, 2019 at 09:34 AM

DB

“ Dano & DeWanda Byrd lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett



Dano & DeWanda Byrd - January 25, 2019 at 08:03 AM

LH

“ *Leslie Hunter lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Leslie Hunter - January 25, 2019 at 05:12 AM

RM

“ *Rachel Murrell lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Rachel Murrell - January 24, 2019 at 11:55 PM

RW

“ *Romona Sue And Chad Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



romona sue and chad wilson - January 24, 2019 at 09:49 PM

LF

“ *LIVELY-CLARK FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



LIVELY-CLARK FAMILY - January 24, 2019 at 09:36 PM

LB

“ *Linda Bluett lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Linda Bluett - January 24, 2019 at 08:39 PM

DB

“ *DeAnna Bluett-Daniels&Family lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



DeAnna Bluett-Daniels&Family - January 24, 2019 at 08:38 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Williams lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Brenda Williams - January 24, 2019 at 07:08 PM

DH

“ *Delores Holland lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Delores Holland - January 24, 2019 at 01:06 PM

RB

“ *Ricky Baker lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Ricky Baker - January 24, 2019 at 03:50 AM

TF

“ *Rita you will be truly missed by your family! We will miss your laughter and your smile. We would always reminisce about the old days, when you use to spend the night with us on Conrad Ct. and how you tried to scare all of us. Pie and Sue will miss going out to dinner with you and having fun with one another. Your seat at Mount Zion will be empty but will be filled with your spirit. We know you are having a beautiful reunion with our loved ones that are gone on before us. We know you will be our Angel watching over us! Your love will carry on!*

Gone too soon but never will be forgotten!

The Halcomb Family

The Halcomb Family - January 23, 2019 at 09:50 PM

DL

“ *Ms. Phebi Halcomb. And her children lived beside us adjoining Apts. On Mcdivit Ct. In the early 60's. Also her oldest Grandchild Tammy is my Niece. Rita was the sweetest and most comical person they all were. Will miss Rita .Family Love u and God Bless. Charmaine know yur mother loved u dearly.*

Darlene Lewis - January 23, 2019 at 09:49 PM

KB

“ Kenneth Henry Bunton lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett



Kenneth Henry Bunton - January 23, 2019 at 09:03 PM

CG

“ Carmen Green sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita J. Garrett



Carmen Green - January 23, 2019 at 07:11 PM

SS

“ Sue Sweatt lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett



Sue Sweatt - January 23, 2019 at 06:16 PM



“ Theresa Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett



Theresa Johnson - January 23, 2019 at 04:34 PM


Marlene
Mahone

“ *My Nana was unlike any other. She took me in at my most horrible time of losing my mother and became another mother in my life. My heart is completely broken. I love you with all my heart, you're my best friend.*

Marlene Mahone - January 23, 2019 at 03:48 PM

BR

“ *Rita lived next door to us on McDivitt Ct when I was in elementary school. Our families have been close for years so close that we became family. My condolences to the family during this time of bereavement.*



Beverly Ray - January 23, 2019 at 03:18 PM

BP

“ *Barb Page lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Barb Page - January 23, 2019 at 02:00 PM

GB

“ *Gladys Beason lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Gladys Beason - January 23, 2019 at 02:00 PM

KC

“ *Kenny And Crisandra Coleman lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Kenny and Crisandra Coleman - January 23, 2019 at 01:34 PM



“ *Frank Alexander lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Frank Alexander - January 23, 2019 at 01:20 PM

DM

“ *DEBBIE J MASSEY lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



DEBBIE J MASSEY - January 23, 2019 at 01:09 PM

DM

“ *DEBBIE J MASSEY lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



DEBBIE J MASSEY - January 23, 2019 at 01:08 PM

DF

“ *Denise Winston & Family lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Denise Winston & Family - January 23, 2019 at 12:30 PM

LM

“ *Lolita. Martin lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Lolita. Martin - January 23, 2019 at 12:08 PM

WB

“ *Wathetta Buford lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Wathetta Buford - January 23, 2019 at 10:10 AM

JL

“ *She always had a smile and treated people well. She was positive in every aspect of life! She was the greatest "honey bun!"*

Jean Loafman and Patrick Ledbetter - January 23, 2019 at 10:00 AM

RM

“ Rita will be truly missed with her sassy quotes, quick responses, witty attitude and beautiful smile. Dontae and Charmaine you are in my prayers. Rita loved her family especially her grandsons and Marlene ...you all stay strong for God is always by your side and will never leave you



Ruth Morrow - January 23, 2019 at 09:50 AM

BB

“ Betty Jean Bryant lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett



Betty Jean Bryant - January 23, 2019 at 09:40 AM

WF

“ Whitney Family lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett



Whitney Family - January 23, 2019 at 09:07 AM

CH

“ Cheryl Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett



cheryl hewitt - January 23, 2019 at 07:40 AM

VB

“ *Valorie Boards lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Valorie Boards - January 23, 2019 at 04:22 AM

CN

“ *Cheryl Martin Nettles lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



cheryl martin nettles - January 23, 2019 at 12:17 AM

NM

“ *Nathaniel-Bernadine Martin sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Nathaniel-Bernadine Martin - January 22, 2019 at 11:36 PM

AB

“ *Aimee Boards lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Aimee Boards - January 22, 2019 at 10:09 PM

JS

“ *Jakki Snowden lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



jakki snowden - January 22, 2019 at 10:08 PM

SF

“ *Sandra Claypool Fulton lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Sandra Claypool Fulton - January 22, 2019 at 10:06 PM

RA

“ *Roselean Adger lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Roselean Adger - January 22, 2019 at 09:17 PM

DR

“ *Danielle Reddick lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Danielle Reddick - January 22, 2019 at 08:29 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Duncan lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Brenda Duncan - January 22, 2019 at 07:48 PM

FC

“ *Florence W Claypool lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Florence W Claypool - January 22, 2019 at 05:33 PM



“ *Vonda Yocum lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Vonda Yocum - January 22, 2019 at 05:29 PM

DL

My prayers are with this great family I've know for over 50 yrs. .

Darlene. Simmons Lewis - January 22, 2019 at 07:14 PM



“ *Deborah Claypool lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Deborah Claypool - January 22, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ *Jewell Family lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Jewell Family - January 22, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ *Wanda Anthony lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Wanda Anthony - January 22, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ *Loretha Burton Withrow sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Loretha Burton Withrow - January 22, 2019 at 03:16 PM

SH

“ *Shawna & Cardine Harrison lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Shawna & Cardine Harrison - January 22, 2019 at 02:49 PM

CS

“ *Carolyn Sydnor sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Carolyn Sydnor - January 22, 2019 at 02:25 PM

AB

“ *Aletha Britt lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Aletha Britt - January 22, 2019 at 02:02 PM

LF

“ *Louise Franklin lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Louise Franklin - January 22, 2019 at 01:55 PM

BP

“ *Brenda Patterson lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Brenda Patterson - January 22, 2019 at 01:02 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Cook lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Lisa Cook - January 22, 2019 at 12:30 PM

MA

“ *Love love love you Jane...our travel to DC and the fashions shows and how you always looked out for me and mom with that good food...im gonna miss you Rita...RIP and Fly High!!!*

Mark - January 22, 2019 at 12:19 PM

VS

“ *Vetta Sublett lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Vetta Sublett - January 22, 2019 at 12:19 PM

JB

“ *Judith Boards lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Judith Boards - January 22, 2019 at 11:26 AM

MP

“ *Michele Pheal lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Michele Pheal - January 22, 2019 at 11:20 AM

CB

“ *Carolyn Britt lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Carolyn Britt - January 22, 2019 at 11:15 AM

LJ

“ *Laura Johnson lit a candle in memory of Rita J. Garrett*



Laura Johnson - January 22, 2019 at 11:14 AM

 Regina
Caulfield

“ Regina Caulfield lit a candle in memory of
Rita J. Garrett



Regina Caulfield - January 22, 2019 at 11:00 AM

DF

“ Dora Franklin lit a candle in memory of Rita J.
Garrett



Dora Franklin - January 22, 2019 at 10:41 AM



“ Dear Garrett Family,

*There are few things more difficult than dealing
with the loss of a loved one. We, along with our
staff, are honored and humbled that you have
chosen our family to care for your family during
this time. It is our hope that we have been able, in some small way,
to lighten your burden and give proper reverence to a life lived.
Please let us know if we can be of further service.*



Respectfully,

*Carmen, Cedric, Claudia and Kelly
2nd Generation Owners*

Cedric Burnam - January 22, 2019 at 10:33 AM