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Rita Bentley Obituary

Services honoring Rita Louise Bentley, resident of Milton, Florida, will be held 10 AM Monday, July 25, 2022 in the Rivercrest Chapel. Interment will follow in the Bixby Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 6-8 PM Sunday, also at Rivercrest. Rita passed away Tuesday, July 19, 2022 in Tahlequah. She was 65 years old.

The fifth of twelve children, Rita was born October 4, 1956 in Tulsa, the daughter of Richard Irvin and Bobbie Jean Barbour (Matlock). She grew up mostly in Tulsa on Reservoir Hill, attending Lumbard Elementary and Roosevelt High School.

Rita met Ted Bentley at the grand opening of the Quality Inn where she was employed in Okmulgee. They began dating on September 2, 1986 and spent over 35 wonderful years together. The couple were married at their Glenpool home on February 26, 1988.

Rita was a wonderful mother to Brandon and Adam. She always referred to Brandon as her “shadow” while he was growing up. Rita was a loving and caring wife to Ted. An extremely devoted Christian, she would always tell everyone she knew about the Lord. Her faith could move mountains and even “some” tornadoes!



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Baseball with her boys, crafts, and interior decorating were some of Rita's favorite hobbies and pastimes. Rita also loved traveling, especially to visit her family. She travelled far and wide across the U.S., even rolling up her sleeves to fly, which she was normally averse to do, to visit her son, Adam, serving in the U.S. Navy and stationed in Japan.

She was especially close to her brother, Sam. Rita would refer to Sam as "Droopy" and Sam called Rita, "Rita Pita." With the exception of her home, Rita didn't need anything too fancy in life. She loved down-home cooking and could whip up a mean meatloaf and a delectable pineapple upside-down cake. Her nephew, Calon Guerrero, especially loved to drink her tea. Rita will be dearly missed by a host of family and friends who loved her.

Surviving family include her husband Ted of Milton, Florida; her children, Brandon Williford and his wife Wen, and Adam Knapp and his wife Raquel of Milton, Florida; her stepchildren, Jennifer Averyt and her husband Jerry Averyt, and Teddy and Jonathan Bentley; 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren; 10 siblings; and her best friends, Lorraine Knapp and Wanda Miller and Wanda's husband Ronnie.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Delores Jean Barbour.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Rita Louise Bentley, please visit our floral store.

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April 22 at 7:33 AM



Anonymous posted:

Medium dish garden was purchased for the family of Rita Louise Bentley. Send FlowersYour family is in our thoughts & prayersLove from theSteinhouse family

April 22 at 7:33 AM



Expression Of Sympathy posted:

Large basket garden was purchased for the family of Rita Louise Bentley. Send Flowers

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Anonymous posted:

Midsummer blooms was purchased for the family of Rita Louise Bentley. Send FlowersUntil we meet again in the heavenly home. Wanda , Phil, and family.

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Anonymous posted:

A Memorial tree was ordered in memory of Rita Louise Bentley. Plant a Tree

April 22 at 7:33 AM



Skip Weaver posted:

I was stationed with her Ted at the wounded warrior hospital at Ft.Sill Oklahoma after returning from back to back tours in Afghanistan and spent many days at their house having dinner and watching football.My most memorable meal was her meatloaf to which I said this would be a meal worth serving our Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, it was that good!Mere words cannot express my sadness in her passing but I do know she is with our most Heavenly Father.I miss you Rita you and Ted were so good to Madison and myself.

July 22 at 11:41 AM



Media

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