



## Rita Joyce Hart

December 16, 1950 - February 28, 2020

Rita Joyce Hart, born December 16, 1950 entered the arms of Jesus on February 28th, 2020. The expression “to know her was to love her” is only half of her story. For with Rita, to know you was to love you. A resident of Corsicana and member of Northside Baptist Church for more than 40 years, a trip to the store with her was like being out with a celebrity. She knew everybody, and everybody knew her. Rita loved to teach Sunday School, sing in the choir, spend time with her family and was a talented artist.

Preceded in death by her Parents, Carter and Joy Hart and her youngest sister, Joan Marie Hart. She leaves behind her sister Carol Gilbert and Husband Henry of Arlington, sister Lee Ann Collins and husband Bryan of Kaufman, sister Lana Warren and husband Ed of Humble. The children she helped raise and loved as her own - nephew Cary Gilbert and wife Tempy, nephew Eric Collins, nephew Jason Collins and wife Krystal, niece Caron Crumley, nephew Carter Gilbert and wife April, nephew Sean Davault and wife Tonya, nephew Joshua Davault and wife Amanda, niece Heather Sheffield and husband Ian, and nephew Scott Willis. She leaves behind 17 great nieces & nephews and a host of extended family who were so loved by Rita.

To every single person who offered a helping hand, a kind word, a funny exchange that made her life here so rich, God bless you each. Special thanks to her neighbors at Friendship Towers and her church family at Northside that

has loved her as dearly as we.

Flowers are always appreciated. If you are inclined to offer a living remembrance, a donation in her name to the Northside Baptist Church children's ministry would be a fitting tribute to Rita.

A time of visitation with her family will be Thursday evening at Griffin - Roughton Funeral Home from 6-8pm. A celebration of her life will be Friday, March 6, 2020 at 10:00am at Northside Baptist Church with Dr. Rick Lamb officiating. Burial will follow at Eastland City Cemetery later that day at 3:00pm. Pallbearers will be her nephews and nieces Carey Gilbert, Caron Crumbley, Carter Gilbert, Eric Collins, Jason Collins, Heather Sheffield, Sean Davault, Josh Davault and Scott Willis.

# Cemetery Details

## Eastland City Cemetery

Eastland, TX

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

MAR 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
(903) 874-4774  
info@griffin-roughton.com

## Celebration of Life

MAR 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

Northside Baptist Church  
2800 North Beaton  
Corsicana, TX 75110

## Graveside

MAR 6. 3:00 PM (CT)

Eastland City Cemetery  
Eastland, TX



# Tribute Wall



“ Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita Joyce Hart



Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home - March 04, 2020 at 06:35 PM



“ Rita Joyce Hart

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ Clay Everitt lit a candle in memory of Rita Joyce Hart



Clay Everitt - March 06, 2020 at 08:20 AM



“ Clay Everitt sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita Joyce Hart



Clay Everitt - March 06, 2020 at 08:13 AM

CE

*Rita had a special place in my heart. She was one of the kindest & sweetest person I knew. So sorry for your loss. We are sending our love & prayers for Lana & her family.*

*Love,  
Clay & Karen Everitt*

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**Clay Everitt** - March 06, 2020 at 08:20 AM

CE

“ *Clay Everitt sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita Joyce Hart*



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**Clay Everitt** - March 06, 2020 at 08:12 AM

CE

“ *What A Sweet Lady I will sure miss hearing her at Ed And Lana's She has a special place in my heart Love to You Sweet Lady. So sorry for the families loss.*

*Love,  
Clay & Karen Everitt*

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**Clay Everitt** - March 05, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Joyce Hart.*



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March 05, 2020 at 02:08 PM



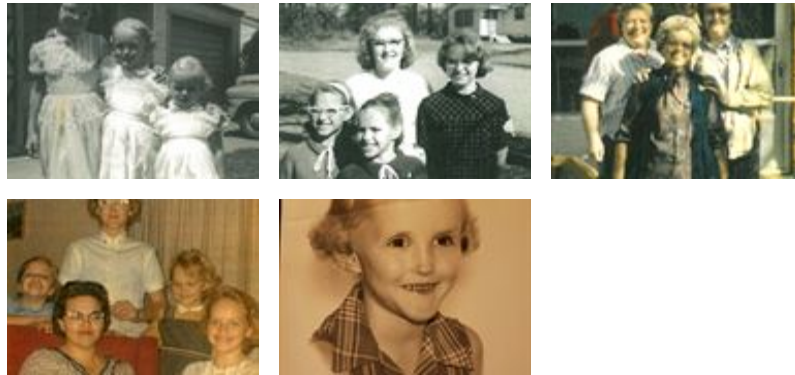
“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Rita Joyce Hart.



March 05, 2020 at 06:41 AM



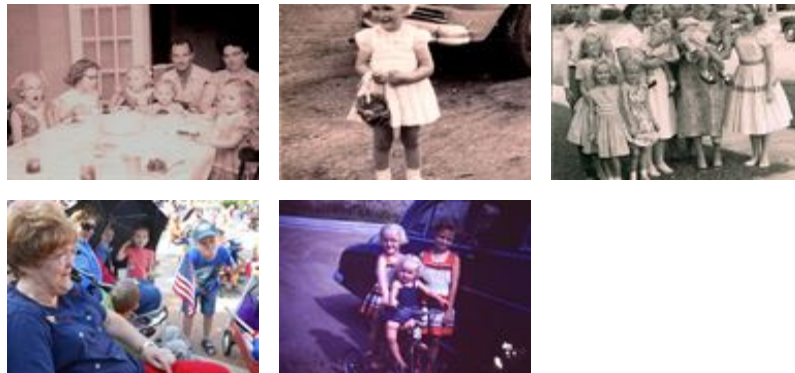
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**Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home** - March 04, 2020 at 06:34 PM



“ 37 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home** - March 04, 2020 at 12:19 PM

LE

“ I first knew Rita when her family lived in Hurst. We graduated from the same high school. I last saw her in Oct 2018 when I was visiting Texas and stopped by to take her to lunch. I was planning to stop by to see her this Oct. I found out that she had passed the day before I called. RIP, Rita. Linda Endsley

Linda Endsley - March 03, 2020 at 05:30 PM

LW

Thank you Linda for being her friend. It meant so much to her. Please know what a difference you made in her life with your connection to her. May God bless you and yours all of your days.

Lana Warren - March 21, 2020 at 08:55 AM

J(

“ Jim & Marilyn Davenport (LABC) purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Rita Joyce Hart.



Jim & Marilyn Davenport (LABC) - March 03, 2020 at 11:47 AM

GH

“ I saw Rita almost every Sunday in the restroom before church with her walker and her O2. This last Sunday she was not there and I missed her.

Rita baby sat for our 3 children and she was always so kind, they sometimes made her wonder what she was doing there when they did something she did not know how to handle, but she persevered!

I was at church the Sunday Joan was killed, we were at First Baptist in Hubbard waiting for Joan to show up and sing when Carter and Joy got worried and left to see if they could find her...it was an awful day.

I know Heaven was celebrating with Rita home. We loved her and still will in Heaven.

I have a painting she gave me when she babysat...I always think of her when I see it.

Prayers for peace and comfort for you as you miss her earthly presence here but take joy and hope knowing she lives!!

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**Gloria Hollingsworth** - March 03, 2020 at 07:58 AM

MC

“ Rita, you are missed here on Norwich Ct. already but I know that your parents and Joanie greeted you with open arms. God, the father, and Jesus, his son, were there to welcome you to your Heavenly home and give you the peace, the health and the thanks that you earned by/for being such a faithful servant. We can be comforted knowing that we will once more see your smile and hear your voice when we arrive in Heaven with you.

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**Mary Camp** - March 01, 2020 at 09:22 PM

MP

“ *Rita was in our Sunday School class at Northside Baptist Church. She had a special place there and we all loved her and she did love us. She told us so and she will be missed! Marilyn*

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**Marilyn Phillips** - February 29, 2020 at 09:59 PM