



## Rita Smithey

March 23, 1956 - February 26, 2016

Rita Smithey, 59, of Italy passed away Friday, February 26, 2016 in Arlington. She was born March 23, 1956 in Corsicana to Billy and Jewell Cox Holcomb. She is survived by her husband, Michael Smithey of Italy; son, Chris Jones and daughter, Melissa Smithey of Ft. Worth.

Visitation will be Thursday and Friday from 8:00 - 5:00 pm and Saturday, March 5th from 8:00 - 12 noon at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Graveside Service will be 1:00 pm Saturday, March 5, 2016 at Hamilton Beeman Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Hamilton - Beeman Cemetery

700 Farm to Market 2555  
Corsicana, TX 75110

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 3. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home, Corsicana  
1530 N. 45th Street  
Corsicana, TX 75110  
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## Graveside Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rita Smithey*

October 08, 2023 at 12:04 PM



“ *so sorry to learn tonite of Dear Rita's passing we spoke on chat thru Facebook and on the soap net boards for many years you will be missed by all. Rest in peace sweet rita  
Denyse Garrintano Fisher*



dee - March 07, 2016 at 12:22 AM



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



March 04, 2016 at 06:00 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rita Smithey.*



March 04, 2016 at 04:30 PM

BP

“ Rita, you will be missed. Thanks for all the crazy memories of fun times we had over the years. We laughed a lot and even cried sometimes. Throughout the years we remained good friends. Chris and Melissa were your greatest treasure. I know how proud and happy they made you. May God bless your family in this time of sadness. Belinda Tally Payne

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**Belinda Payne** - March 04, 2016 at 11:38 AM

JF

“ I first met Rita, bringing her daughter in to see Dr. Here at Italy. From then on we were friends. we send our love and prayers to all the family, especially Michael. God will see you through. Luv the Cate families



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**Jackie, and Donna , and familes** - March 03, 2016 at 01:05 PM

VH

“ To my dear friend Rita, we worked together so many years ago but all of my memories of you are good ones. You were always full of humor and you were such a bright spot in my life. I know how much you loved both of your children, the way you spoke of them and your eyes would light up. I know they will miss you dearly, but you will always be in their hearts so I hope they can find some comfort in that. with my deepest sympathy to your family, your friend Vicki

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**Vicki Haynie** - March 03, 2016 at 12:06 PM

AS

“ *We will miss you.*



**Audra Smithey** - March 03, 2016 at 09:08 AM



“ *She loved her family, and even in pain, always positive*

**Frances Whitener** - March 03, 2016 at 08:43 AM

TF

“ *The Garland Family purchased the Sweet Tender  
ness for the family of Rita Smithey.*



**The Garland Family** - March 02, 2016 at 07:30 PM

LA

“ *Rest in peace, Rita. It is so surreal to have lost 2 classmates in a week. But, we haven't lost really...because we were blessed with your friendships. May your family be comforted now in the knowledge that you are whole again...no suffering, sitting at the feet of your creator, watching over them and that someday, you will be together again.*

*God Bless,  
LaDonna Allen*

**LaDonna Allen** - March 02, 2016 at 02:24 PM

SL

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences and prayers for Rita's family, friends and other loved ones. A lovely lady gone much too soon.

Sandra Loden - March 02, 2016 at 02:14 PM

BB

“ Barbara Barnhart purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rita Smithey.



Barbara Barnhart - March 02, 2016 at 12:37 AM

EB

“ I never met Rita in person, but I knew her online. She was a great online friend to have. When I was feeling bad about my big brother getting sicker each day with lung cancer, she was very supportive. I enjoyed the funny stories she would sometimes post. And always liked to look at the pictures she posted of her children. I know she is missed by many on facebook, and I send my prayers to her family, whom I know will miss her terribly. God bless everyone of your family Rita, and RIP❤️🙏

Emma Brown - March 01, 2016 at 06:11 PM



“ Dawn of Remembrance Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Smithey.



March 01, 2016 at 04:15 PM

CJ

“ Mom,

*I miss you. I'm sorry you had to be in the hospital so long, we wanted to get you better. You fought so hard to live but in the end, your body was too tired. Deciding to let you go was the hardest thing I or Melissa had ever done. I'm so proud of you for trying so hard to stay with us. The pain of losing you was very sharp, but it's dulled a bit by the memories you gave all of us.*

*We were talking the other day about you and computers. About even though we locked your taskbar you could manage to move it to any side of the screen, and we would need to move it back. Or how you somehow managed to put your screen in portrait mode and reverse the mouse at the same time. I hope you never thought I was too annoyed because I'm going to miss fixing that stuff for you.*

*Older memories have been flooding back too. I remember when Beaugard got stuck in the "tree house" which wasn't very high but still he was a large Basset Hound. You grabbed hold of him and said "1...2...3...JUMP!" and he did... safely to the ground. I remember you telling the story of how fast I was born. Doctor said, "push, push, It's a boy!". I wish I could remember the trips to Galveston when I was very young but I'll never forget the last one you, me and Melissa took. We stayed in the haunted Galvez and went on that ghost tour.*

*You gave me life even though my dad left you. You brought me into the world with a loving grandmother Jewell, even though she developed dementia I never doubted her love for me. I got to know an amazing great aunt Emmie, who kept me going through more than I care to remember. Somehow you also managed to give me a pretty ok half sister who is really my sister and probably the coolest person to walk this planet. Tell my grandfather I wish I had known him better.*

*I don't know what else to say, but I will not say goodbye.*

*Bon Voyage Mom,  
Christopher*



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**Christopher Jones** - March 01, 2016 at 03:13 PM

CN

*What a lovely picture. Cherish those memories Christopher, you and Melissa both. Your mom was a wonderful sweet lady who had many cyber friends. We will miss her. Praying for your family and friends.*

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**Cara Nunez** - March 01, 2016 at 06:05 PM

RU

“ *Ruth lit a candle in memory of Rita Smithey*



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**Ruth** - March 01, 2016 at 12:19 PM

RU

*I will always cherish the friendship we shared Rita. I was blessed to have such a "Special Lady" in my life. Thanks for sharing your life with me Sweet Friend. I will miss you always - Until we meet again My Friend - Hugs xoxoxo*

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**Ruth** - March 01, 2016 at 12:25 PM



“ *Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Smithey.*



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March 01, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Rita Smithey.*



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March 01, 2016 at 09:01 AM



“ *Betty lit a candle in memory of Rita Smithey*



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**Betty** - March 01, 2016 at 08:51 AM



*RIP my dear friend. Thank you for being a dear friend and giving us all such great memories and fun times growing up together, raising our children and continuing to have a loyal friendship. God Bless!*

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**Betty** - March 01, 2016 at 08:56 AM

D(

“ I met Rita back in early 2004 at a website for soaps. I enjoyed her banter back and forth with her opinions about those shows. She was gracious always! May God rest you in his arms 🙏❤️.



Denise Kilgus McBride (Maudie) - March 01, 2016 at 08:11 AM

CA

“ Cara/MrsS sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita Smithey



Cara/MrsS - March 01, 2016 at 06:10 AM

CA

“ Cara/MrsS lit a candle in memory of Rita Smithey



Cara/MrsS - March 01, 2016 at 06:06 AM

JG

“ so very sorry for your loss.....jim green aka jmmygee

jim green - March 01, 2016 at 05:42 AM

MS

“ Michel Aka Sassy lit a candle in memory of Rita Smithey



Michel aka Sassy - March 01, 2016 at 05:27 AM

PA

“ PattyOFlowers sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita Smithey



PattyOFlowers - March 01, 2016 at 01:51 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Rita Smithey.



February 29, 2016 at 09:55 PM

T(

“ Terri (tlc43) lit a candle in memory of Rita Smithey



terri (tlc43) - February 29, 2016 at 09:34 PM

MA

“ *Maria lit a candle in memory of Rita Smithey*



**Maria** - February 29, 2016 at 09:05 PM

VO

“ *Vonni lit a candle in memory of Rita Smithey*



**Vonni** - February 29, 2016 at 08:34 PM

DI

“ *Diana sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita Smithey*



**Diana** - February 29, 2016 at 08:33 PM

DI

*RIP Rita, I sent an angel to guide you around in heaven. <3*

**Diana** - February 29, 2016 at 08:34 PM

MI

“ I only knew Rita through the years on the internet. I just wanted to express my condolences to the family and say that she was one of the sweetest people I ever posted with. Those of us who were her cyber buddies already miss her and her sweet spirit. May she rest in peace and may God be with her loved ones.

Mimi - February 29, 2016 at 06:26 PM

DL

“ Don And Sheila Lynn sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita Smithey



Don and Sheila Lynn - February 29, 2016 at 01:15 PM

DL

“ Don And Sheila Lynn lit a candle in memory of Rita Smithey



Don and Sheila Lynn - February 29, 2016 at 01:14 PM