



## Niki Lewis Carter

October 29, 1947 - October 11, 2025

Niki Lewis Carter passed away on October 11th, 2025, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born on October 29th, 1947, in Wichita, Kansas. As a child, her family moved around; she lived in California, Georgia, and Alabama. After graduating from Phillips High School in Birmingham, Niki studied at UAB and became a Certified Laboratory Assistant. During her time there, she met Ronny who was attending dental school, and they were married on June 29th, 1968. After marrying, they lived in Cape May, New Jersey, while Ronny served as a dentist in the Coast Guard. Then they settled in Cullman, Alabama, where they started a family and had a dental practice together for 41 years.

Niki is preceded in death by her parents, Norlin and Merrilee Lewis and her twin sister, Nancy Orr. She is survived by husband, Ronny Carter; daughter, Shannon Price (son-in-law, Lucas Price); son, Steve Carter (daughter-in-law, Stacie Carter); brother, Rick Lewis; brother, Gary Lewis; and grandchildren Libby Carter, Wilson Carter, Adie Price, and Elliott Price. She is also survived by several loving brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, and nephews.

Niki had a wonderful life, she was faithfully and lovingly married to Ronny for 57 years who always said she had “sparkle” and was the perfect wife for him, and the perfect mother to our kids. Being a mom was truly her greatest joy in her life; there was nothing she wouldn’t do for her kids. She was also a beloved “Niki Nana” and was always excited when her grandkids were coming

to visit. Niki Nana loved playing games with her grandkids, doing puzzles, teaching them to bake, and engaging their creativity. Niki also loved being with and laughing with her siblings and her closest friends. She enjoyed gardening, going to Alabama football games, going to the beach, and decorating for all occasions (especially if it was spooky). At the age of 61, Niki turned her love of buying and wrapping gifts, decorating, and jewelry into a small business where she enjoyed helping all of her customers find something special.

Her faith always had feet. She related well to young adults and quickly won their hearts with her love of fun and blunt honesty. It made her happy to meet a need when she saw one, and she was a trusted confidante for many people. She was deeply loved and we will celebrate her life knowing we will see her again.

Per her request, there will be no memorial service. The family will be posting on social media, and anyone who would like to give their condolences or share something about her can do so here or on Facebook. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Choose Life Fund at Daystar Church in Cullman, Alabama.

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# Tribute Wall



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Cullman-Heritage Funeral Home - November 04, 2025 at 10:59 AM

GA

*Brings back so many memories. Peace Ronnie I know the grief that goes with this horrendous loss. Prayers lifted up in support of you and me!*

Gary Aderhold - November 18, 2025 at 07:00 PM

JB

“ *I remember Niki as a beautiful person who was always there to help when needed. If an event or project came up when Shannon and Steve were students in CCS, Niki would be there with that sparkling smile, willing hands, and her many talents to take on any task that needed doing, large or small. My heartfelt condolences and love to the Carter family.*

Joyce Brown - October 15, 2025 at 07:17 AM

DG

“ *Niki was always so kind to me and a great encouragement when we attended Sunday School together at First Baptist, Cullman I'm sorry to learn of her passing*💙💙💙  
*Dot Gudger*

Dot Gudger - October 15, 2025 at 12:34 AM

“ I met Nik(k)i after I moved to South Carolina in the 90s. Her daughter, Shannon (whom I call my sweet redheaded friend or, alternatively, Püpchen) and I providentially were paired up for lunch during our old life. While that life didn't last for either of us, our friendship did.

*Her parents, Ronny and Nik(k)i, folded me in to the family and to Alabama Fandom, and I guess Stevie Stareyes had to accept me after that. Queen Nik(k)i tutored me in Alabama tailgating, a true art form, and all things Southern Charm. We decorated (well, she and Shannon decorated; everyone knows I have zero sense of style), beached, cheered Bama through some very unfortunate seasons (Roll Tide!), talked into the nights, rallied our girl, worried over Stevie for a bit (but look at him now!), and solved a lot of the world's problems if anyone would have just listened. Listen!*

*I remember one time at the beach, we were draped over the furniture, sun- and water-logged, each reading a book, when Nik(k)i looked up and said, "Kirsten, here's the perfect quote for you and Shannon: 'I find it amazing, and even slightly amusing, that though my world is being torn asunder, I still need to buy toilet paper.'" Then she hooted with laughter! To this day, I have no idea what book she was reading, but that quote is burned into my brain ☺*

*Niki was pure southern belle with a great heaping dose of feisty. Honest to a fault, and fierce in her love for her people.*

*Niki persevered. Niki broke generational chains. Niki grew in faith. That was Niki Carter.*

*Oh, how Ronny loved her! She was fine, and I will miss Niki being here. I wish I could have hugged her and shared one last Roll Tide with her. I am glad that she will be There when I arrive. What a Day that will be!*

*So much love to Ronny; Shannon, Lucas, and Fam; Steve, Stacie,*

*and Fam; and the rest of the Fam. xo Kirsten Christianson*



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**Kirsten Christianson** - October 14, 2025 at 11:02 PM