



Rita McClendon Harper

May 26, 1957 - April 4, 2021

Celebration of life for Rita McClendon Harper, age 63, of Crane Hill, will be May 23, 2021 at 3:00 PM at Shedd Cemetery.

Cullman Heritage Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements.

Mrs. Harper passed away on Sunday, April 4, 2021, at Cullman Regional. She was born May 26, 1957, to Ernie Jean and Peggy Joyce Still McClendon.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carol Arzo Johnson; husband, Walter Dale Harper; father; and grandparents.

Survivors include her sons, Jared (Summer) Johnson and Kelly (Sara) Johnson; stepdaughter, Kristi Harper; stepsons, James Harper and Jonathan Harper; grandchildren, Logan, Lily, Lucas, Rachel, Lee, Jasmine, Autumn and Laney; step-grandchildren, Angel, Kristen, Antonio, Aaron Jazmine, Aryanna and Lauren; mother, Peggy Joyce Still McClendon; sister, Nina (Joe) Davis; brothers, Jimmy (Susan) McClendon and Jody McClendon; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Anyone that truly knew Rita, knew her story, but let me hit the high points. She started her family at the age of 19 with the marriage of Carol Arzo Johnson. After the birth of her two boys, unfortunately, Arzo passed. Then by only God's

grace she met her second soulmate and continued her story. Through good times and bad, they always loved each other more than words could describe. During her time she was called by many names but the one that she loved the most was Ma-Ta.

Ma-Ta was not only a great woman but she was an amazing mom, grandmother, sister, and daughter. She dedicated her life to her family in every aspect. She touched the life of thousands with her skill in fashion. It was truly an art that not too many have perfected. She was able to change the lives of many kids through her career in teaching and also through the ownership of a daycare that offered support to many. Her memory will never be lost, and she will always be loved.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAY 23. 3:00 PM (AKT)

Shedd Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ Please be aware of our prayers and our thoughts during this time. If you need help in any way, please don't hesitate to call.

Delbert Freeman

Chaplain

Cullman Regional

Delbert Freeman - April 06, 2021 at 10:19 PM

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“ Rita was one of a kind! She was smart, funny and kind. I loved playing cards with her and Dale. We had some good times. I love her and will miss her dearly.

Danielle Welch-Taylor - April 06, 2021 at 06:40 PM