



Rita D. Collier

November 20, 1950 - October 10, 2010

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Rita Darlene (Dougherty) Collier, 59 of Kansas City, Kansas passed away Sunday, October 10, 2010 in Chattanooga, TN. She was born November 20, 1950 in Topeka, KS the daughter of William F. and Bessie (McClain) Dougherty. She is survived by one sister, Martha Merritt of Chattanooga, TN. Rita was preceded in death by her mother; one son, Paul Smith II; and one daughter, Tracy Ann Baird. Funeral services will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 15, 2010 at Maple Hill Funeral Home. Burial will follow to Maple Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the "Make a Wish Foundation". Visit Rita's memorial website at www.maplehillfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita D. Collier*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Rita D. Collier*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Rita D. Collier*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Rita was my aunt & my brother & I loved her very much. We went through the loss of both baby paul & tracey with her. I'm proud to say I was there for her at the end & that we were able to give her a loving environment in which she was surrounded by loved ones. Rita had a peaceful passing & had nothing but love in her heart even at the very end. We will miss her dearly. I will miss her sweetness & intelligence, the conversations we shared & playing my guitar for her on rainy days.*

Jeff Merritt - October 18, 2010 at 01:42 PM

CC

“Wow!!! I really thought this was a tribute page to Rita. This will be my last time on here I wanted to read and share nice things on here, about Rita. Too bad this has turned into a vicious attack on family members. True scripture says "take it to the man." [you know, the one you have the problem with !!!!]. I WILL forever remember these words I've read on here.. Thank you!!!!

Carolyn Coffey-Hall - October 17, 2010 at 08:38 PM

MA

Carolyn thank you for the nice things you said about Rita. She would have liked your answer. Some people are just stupid and don't know what tribute it. Yes she was a kind person and very giving.

martha - October 24, 2010 at 06:23 PM

NI

“rita was a very good person she was well loved and tooking really good care of by martha and steve merritt and bill as well and many others. i saw rit every day and will remember her smile an her say how is your little girl and how are you doing in school. she was always very nice and will be missed by many rita god bless i will see you when god says its my time to go love always nikki

nikki - October 17, 2010 at 05:47 PM

MJ

“ I would Like to tell the "so called family" how things REALLY were. For the last 6 months of Rita's life her sister Martha, Steve Merritt, Paul Smith, Richard and myself have worked to get Rita into a SAFE environment. We spent many days helping her to be able to move to Tennessee in a LOVING and CARING environment. I didn't see any of her "so called AUNTS OR COUSINS anywhere around, and not \$1.00 came in to help Rita for the last six months from any of you. Richard and I went to Tennessee to see Rita just weeks before she died (I didn't see you or any of YOUR family there.) Rita herself told me at the kitchen table SHE DIDN'T WANT ANY OF HER AUNTS OR COUSINS at her funeral she asked Martha not to call any of you. She knew how her sister and brother-in-law loved her and was taking WONDERFUL CARE OF HER. I might add with THEIR own money not any that her mother supposedly left her. There was nothing, I saw the bank accounts. I also saw NOTHING from any of you. Now that she is gone you send message telling the world" how much" you all loved her. Well I didn't see any of you changing her Diapers all night, feeding her with a spoon or trying to stay up all night to keep her company while she was in pain. We cleaned the apartment we helped move her to Tennessee we sold her car (at HER request, I have the paper) to help with the funeral expenses. Aside from that money "nasty old Martha paid it all". Where were you and all the others. Where was your money to help? I am tired of the way ALL of you including my sister, have treated Uncle Bill and Martha through this whole ordeal. You claim to be a Christian as does others in your family. I think you better take a good look at your Christianity because Christ wouldn't be condemning her sister and her Father. I know He would be helping. As far as I am concerned I don't have any AUNTS OR COUSINS OR POSSIBLY A SISTER. Martha and Uncle Bill are my family. I am ashamed of all of you!!!!

Mary McClain, Edler Jones - October 16, 2010 at 09:46 AM

JM

*“ We will remember Rita as a wonderful friend, with a caring spirit, a gentle, hard worker even when suffering, generous, and a total lovely lady. She always put others first. Bill and Martha, thank you for taking such good care of our friend in her final days. She definitely will not be forgotten.
Jim and Mary Morgan*

Jim Mary Morgan - October 15, 2010 at 08:10 AM



“ Ethel (Dougherty) Hylton lit a candle in memory of Rita D. Collier



Ethel (Dougherty) Hylton - October 14, 2010 at 05:53 PM

BO

“ There is not enough room to put all the memories I have of Rita here. She was my cousin by blood, and best friend by choice. We shared hard times and good times, sad times and glad times. We'll be together always in our hearts and I look forward to seeing her right behind Jesus when I get there.



Bobi - October 13, 2010 at 09:46 PM

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“ *Rita was the sweetest cousin. She always treated everyone fairly and with compassion. I remember when got her Camaro, she would come get me and my sister and take us riding around K.C. Always, she seemed so glad to see you. She will be so missed. Rita, may you Rest In Peace , and I know you're with your mamma and your babies, now. Love ya, cuz,*
Carolyn [Coffey-Hall]



Carolyn Coffey-Hall - October 13, 2010 at 03:37 PM

GD

“ *Rita was a wonderful LPN at HCR ManorCare and will be missed.*



Gaylene Durham - October 13, 2010 at 12:24 PM