



Rita Henley Williams

January 17, 1955 - September 15, 2023

Celebrating the Life of
Rita Henley Williams

Friday, September 22, 2023 11:00 a.m.
Broussard's Chapel
Kountze, Texas

"Amazing Grace"
by Alan Jackson

Obituary and Opening Prayer
Reverend Josh Alpers

"She'll Leave You with a Smile"
by George Strait

Scripture and Letter from Trista
Reverend Josh Alpers

"You Raise Me Up"
by Josh Groban

Eulogy
Heather Williams

"I Wish I Could Have Been There"
by John Anderson

Closing Prayer

"In My Daughter's Eyes"
by Martina McBride



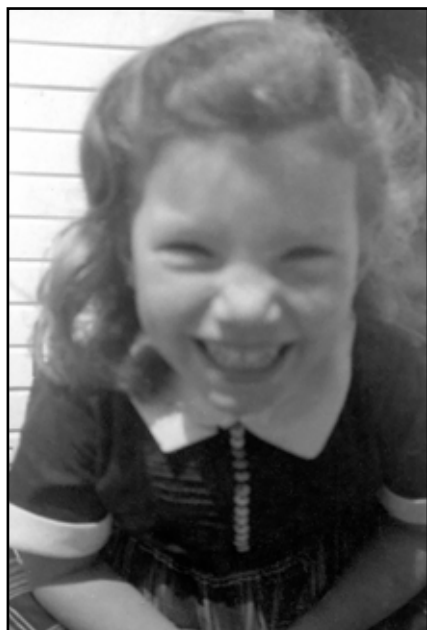
Rita Henley Williams, 68, of Saratoga, died Friday, September 15, 2023, in the arms of her beloved daughter, Heather. She was born on January 17, 1955, in Silsbee, Texas to Ruby Carlile Henley and Gilbert E. Henley.

Rita was a life-long resident of the Silsbee area and a graduate of Silsbee High School. As an adult, Rita and her dad joked that his position with the Texas Highway Department seriously hindered her ability to get into trouble in high school because his work routes always coincided with her location when she wasn't where she was

supposed to be. Rita began her distinguished career at the Pines Theater in Silsbee where she served up tickets and snacks for family-friendly movies, and she served as a waitress at the Wagon Wheel Café. She then worked as a legal secretary for Kountze attorney Dwayne Overstreet for more than 30 years, handling a variety of legal and real estate responsibilities and developing a lasting kinship with Dwayne and his family. Rita also contributed to the successful launch and operation of an oil field business in Saratoga. Rita was a devoted mother and grandmother, known as "Hey-You" to her granddaughters, Trista and Darci. She actively participated in their daily lives and was responsible for every ounce of magic in their childhood. She was especially grateful to her son-in-law, Colt for taking excellent care of her, her daughter, and granddaughters, and for becoming the son she never had. Regardless if one ran into Rita as a waitress, on the dance floor at Daddy Long Legs or at the county courthouse, she gifted people with a smile that would light up the darkest room. Although reserved, Rita was the most loyal and best friend or family member anyone could have, and those closest to her knew her to be incredibly wise.

Survivors include her daughter, Heather Williams and her husband, Colt Beaty, of Saratoga; grandchildren, Trista and Darci Beaty; sisters, Marilyn Nappier and her husband, Vance, of Granbury and Sonya Young and her husband, Todd, of Grapevine; a host of cousins; nieces and nephews, Matt, Jaime, Sissy, Ricky, and Ronnie; life-long best friend, Renee Bolejack and her husband, Dean, of Salt Lake City, Utah; longtime family friends, Royce Overstreet and family, of Honey Island; and Debbie and "Eggy" Taylor of Saratoga. Rita is preceded in death by her parents; her beloved stepmother, June Stricklan Henley; early life partner, George Lee; the father of her daughter, Anthony Dean Williams; sister, Sherian Kaye Chappa; and brother, Ronnie Henley.

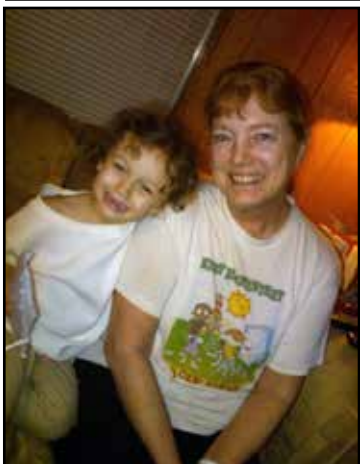
Rita expressed her grateful appreciation for anyone that had a hand in her health care journey in recent months and those that have had a hand in supporting Heather throughout the years.



















Pallbearers

Colt Beaty
Logan Carter
Dixie Collier
Vance Nappier
Royce Overstreet
Duane “The Kid” Robinson
Eggy Taylor
Travis Taylor
Burnice Williams

Honorary Pallbearers

Matt Burt
Matt Enloe
Harold Wayne Philyaw
Warner “Unk” Triplett

*A Graveside Service will be
scheduled at a later date.*



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