



Rita Lue "Mama Gale" Latham

May 26, 1942 - March 12, 2021

LATHAM, Rita Lue "Mama Gale", 78, of Deatsville, AL, passed away on Friday, March 12, 2021. Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 from New Live Oak Cemetery, Selma, AL at 11:00 am with Pastor Eddie Pate officiating. Mrs. Latham was preceded in death by her parents; seven siblings and granddaughter, Emily Pollard. She is survived by her daughter, Lynn Robins (Brooks); son, Stan Massengale; five grandchildren, Katie Harris, Jarrod Maddox (Samantha), Chase Massengale, Julia Massengale and Chad Harris; seven great-grandchildren, Kamryn Bice, Dawson Harris, Kara Harris, Brody Harris, Emerald Harris, Nicole Maddox and Trevor Maddox; sister, Edna Edwards; extended family and friends.

Cemetery Details

New Live Oak Cemetery

Selma, AL

Previous Events

GRAVESIDE

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

New Live Oak Cemetery
Selma, AL

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Desiree Scarbrough lit a candle in memory of Rita Lue "Mama Gale" Latham*



Desiree Scarbrough - January 12, 2024 at 12:29 PM

KQ

“ *Rest in Peace Aunt Rita. I know you are in Heaven now with that beautiful smile. We will miss you . Love you very much !*
Kaye



Kaye Qureshi - March 18, 2021 at 06:05 PM

LF

“ *Love, Your STERIS Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita Lue "Mama Gale" Latham.*



Love, Your STERIS Family - March 15, 2021 at 11:22 AM

JM

“ *Jean Micele purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rita Lue "Mama Gale" Latham.*



Jean Micele - March 14, 2021 at 09:34 PM

MS

“ Mike and Debbie Flowers, Anita Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita Lue "Mama Gale" Latham.



Mike and Debbie Flowers, Anita Smith - March 14, 2021 at 07:51 PM

GR

“ I'm Genell, One of Rita's great nieces my grandma and her were sisters. I remember a lot about aunt Rita, and all the times my family and i would go to her house on vacation and she would cook for us and then we would go look at the graves of family that had passed on and then we would go to the thrift stores and shop and then come back to her house and just spend family time together. I will miss you and Rita and I will see you again someday. Prayers and love to the whole family. 🙏🥹



Genell Richey - March 12, 2021 at 09:26 PM

MA

“ Ms. Rita, I remember living across from you at Wasden Place in Selma, Alabama. When I was about 5 years old, I put peanut butter all over the carport like it was toast, I am sorry for doing that. I know that you all laughed about that over the years. My prayers are with y'all. My deepest sympathies.

Thank you,

Michael Anders

Michael Anders - March 12, 2021 at 08:56 PM

LA

“ I spent many days and nights at Miss Rita's house when they lived across the street from us in Selma. Lynn and I were best friends, so I was there A LOT. I learned how to eat banana sandwiches, pears with mayo and cheese on them and fresh cucumbers. We also drank a lot of Dr. Pepper. Our days consisted of doing homework as soon as we got home from school. That was the rule. You couldn't play until it was done. It was then time to watch TV! A few shows come to mind...Adam 12, Match Game, Hollywood Squares, Beverly Hillbillies. That was all well and good until Watergate. Miss Rita followed it on TV everyday, so I guess we moved on to Barbie's or something else that struck our fancy. I also went to church with them frequently. It was such a loving and welcoming environment. That is how I will remember Miss Rita - she was "cozy" and made everybody feel good.

I hope she and Emily have had a grand reunion!

Lisa Moore Ashley - March 12, 2021 at 08:00 PM

LS

“ I have many fond memories of Ms. Rita. We were neighbors during our brief residence in Prattville. She was so proud of her children and was a wonderful mother. She opened her heart and welcomed us to the neighborhood, even though we were those “Yankees” from Ohio, as others described us. I remember she loved to entertain and was an awesome cook. I can still remember her whipping up a batch of homemade buttermilk biscuits and sausage gravy one morning after Janelle and I spent the night. That was probably 1978. Best stinkin' biscuits and gravy I've ever had! Man, she could cook! I was so excited to reconnect with her several years ago on Facebook. I love you, Ms. Rita. Thank you for all your love and kindness to us and this world! ❤️

Lisa A. Shively-Myers - March 12, 2021 at 06:28 PM