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Rita Ann DeVinney

May 18, 1946 - July 7, 2026

Rita Ann DeVinney, 80, of Morganton, NC, passed away Tuesday, July 7, 2026.

Born in Sullivan County, TN on May 18, 1946, she was the daughter of the late Grant William Trent and Annie Lee Smith.

Rita was an active member of Smyrna Baptist Church. She worked for several years at Carolina Shoe and Premier Hosiery, before working and retiring from Broughton Hospital. She loved cooking for and spending time with her family and spending time with her feline companions.

Those left to cherish her memory include her son, Trent DeVinney; grandchildren, Cooper, Madison, and Andrew DeVinney; great-grandchildren, Sydney and Gabe DeVinney; and a number of cousins, extended family, and friends.

In addition to her parents, Rita was preceded in death by her step-father, Horace “John” Smith; husband, William “Duck” DeVinney; and brother, Bob Trent.

The family will receive friends from 3:30 until 5 p.m., Friday, July 10, 2026 at Sossoman Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Amorem Hospice (amoremsupport.org/donate)

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Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Rita and I became friends when I worked with her at carolina shoe. Sending my condolences to the family.

—Diane ayers



I know 2 Great Grandchildren that are going to miss you. Renee

—Renee Stamey



My thoughts and prayers are with the DeVinney Family. The sweetest lady I have ever met.

—Ida Pitts



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Sending love, thoughts, and prayers to your family during this tough time.

—Kelly Elkins



Family- Ms. Rita was one of the sweetest most loving women I ever had the chance to meet. She always believed in doing what was right and fair even if the two didn't always match up at Broughton Hospital. She cared for everyone every day. I know her family was so special to her. I will miss her and will always cherish her memory!

—Diana Poteet



A beautiful woman inside and out. She was so loved and will be missed. Prayers for you all.

—Marlow Stevens



Rita was one of the kindness people you could ever have known. What a Heart she had for others. Rita took care of everyone, but herself. Her needs were last. I know All her Family was waiting for her. What a Celebration they are having. I LOVED YOU RITA

—Debbie Rhoney

Rita was a DREAR COUSIN, Who was ALWAYS A CARING FAMILY MEMBER. SHE LOVED her Family To NO LIMIT.. SHE WILL BE SURELY MISSED. We will Cherish all the Memories we made. Rest in Peach DEAR HEART. I SILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU.

–Kimberly Lane Hodgson

Hey Trent this is Sidney just wanted to express how sorry I am for the loss of your mother she a very nice person and I enjoyed working under her you and your family will be in prayers always

–Sidney Lane



–Margot Withrow

Rita loved eating at the Snack Bar and that's where I met her until I moved to Morganton!! She was always precious and had the most amazing kind heart! She will be missed greatly by her family especially her babies….

–Jill Rocco



Many prayers to you all.

–April Griffith

Mrs. Rita was always so kind at Smyrna Baptist. It was such a joy to see her sweet smile each time we crossed paths. I will especially miss hearing her talk about her cats—her face would light up whenever she shared stories about them, and it was clear how much she loved them. She will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family during this difficult time. May they find comfort and peace in the wonderful memories they shared with her.

—Lori Gross