



Mrs. Anita Wood Morris

March 1, 1940 - January 30, 2022

Mrs. Anita Wood Morris was welcomed into Heaven by her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at the age of 81. Anita, or “Nita” as she was known by her family and friends, was born on March 1, 1940 to Hart Perkins “HP” and Ruby Faye (Busby) Wood. She lived most of her life in Rusk County, attended school at Laneville ISD and was a graduate of the Class of 1958. Two days after graduating she married the love of her life, Marvin Lee Morris, best known as “Tootle”. They made their home in Henderson and were blessed with two daughters who were the apple of her eye. Shortly after starting her family she began what turned out to be a lifelong career for Henderson ISD. For over forty-two years she worked as an elementary school secretary for Montgomery and Central Elementary schools. Through the years she was blessed to work for several special principals, numerous teachers, and aids. She was truly loved and respected by the faculty and the students she supported. For years her grandchildren thought she was a movie star because when out in public so many children would run up to her for hugs and call out her name. Her special love for children showed in the sparkle in her eye and how she would light up when she was around them.

Once she was blessed with Grandchildren, they became the apple of her eye and from then on she was known as “Mimi” by all her favorite people. She enjoyed spending time and making memories with all four of them. She and Marvin had a tradition of having each grandchild spend time with them at their

home during the summer and taking each grandchild on a summer vacation to her favorite spot – Branson.

Throughout her life her love for the Lord showed in all she did. She had a servant's heart and enjoyed studying her Bible and sharing God's love. She was delighted to see her children and grandchildren accept Jesus as their Savior writing "Thank you, Lord!" in her Bible when noting their salvation dates. She was a faithful member of Calvary Baptist Church, and over the years attended the Ruth Sunday School Class and sang in the choir.

Anita is preceded in death by her late husband of fifty-seven years, Marvin Lee Morris, as well as her sister Annie Faye Crim, and brothers Doyle ("Cy") Wood and Paul Wood.

She is survived by her children: daughters and sons-in-law Janis and Richard Rogers of Coppell, Texas, and Jo Nan and Frank Burns of Forney, Texas. Her beloved grandchildren: Reid Hollis and Katie Rogers of Abilene, Texas; Lucy Faye and Cole Fanselow of Dallas, Texas; Hollee Elizabeth Rogers of Coppell, Texas; and Graham Morris Burns of Forney, Texas. She is also survived by her sweet brother, Robert Lee Wood of Laneville, Texas and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Frank Burns, Richard Rogers, Hollis Rogers, Graham Burns, Cole Fanselow and David McDermott. Honorary Pallbearers are Robert Wood, Freddie Crim, Gene Milstead, and Doss Fielding.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, February 5, 2022 starting at 1:00 p.m., at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home. The Celebration of Life service will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home Chapel, officiated by Bro. Bill Kuykendall. Burial will follow at Lakewood Memorial Park under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to the DKMS—We Delete Blood Cancer.

The mission of the DKMS is to register more potential lifesaving donors for recipients in need of bone marrow transplants. Please visit www.dkms.org to make an online donation or checks can be mailed to DKMS, 100 Broadway, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10005.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

FEB 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 S. Main St
Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall

VH

“ Vicki Brooks Harper lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



Vicki Brooks Harper - February 05, 2022 at 04:07 PM

CM

“ Janis and JoNan, I am so sorry about your loss. I had the privilege of working with Mrs. Morris at Central. She was the absolute best! She loved her family, and we were all fortunate to hear so many beautiful stories about the times she and Marvin spent with the grands. Such great moments. I will continue to pray for your family. Mrs. Morris was a beautiful lady, inside and out.

Carlette Mills - February 05, 2022 at 11:39 AM

RB

“ Rosalee Burns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



Rosalee Burns - February 04, 2022 at 11:37 PM

SH

“ I’m so sorry for the loss of sweet, kind Nita! She was a wonderful example of a Christian lady. She always found the good in all people. She was loved by all that knew her! I was blessed to have worked with her for many years at Montgomery. She was a treasure! Praying for the family.

Sara Hood - February 04, 2022 at 09:56 PM

BS

“ Brad & Lou Ann Standard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



Brad & Lou Ann Standard - February 04, 2022 at 06:18 PM

CB

“ Colleen Briggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



Colleen Briggs - February 04, 2022 at 04:24 PM

KH

“ Kelly & Tammy Hale lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



Kelly & Tammy Hale - February 04, 2022 at 10:40 AM

JB

“ Joe Dan & Margaret G Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



Joe Dan & Margaret G Brown - February 04, 2022 at 06:47 AM

MF

“ Mandy Fanselow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



Mandy Fanselow - February 03, 2022 at 04:53 PM

BM

“ What a jewel she was and touched so many lives. Prayers for the family as it is so hard losing your mother.
Becky Hudgins Massengale



Becky Massengale - February 03, 2022 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Elaine Davus lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



Elaine Davus - February 02, 2022 at 07:24 PM

JC

“ *Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris*



Jan Crow - February 02, 2022 at 05:30 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris.*



February 02, 2022 at 12:59 PM

SG

“ *Sidley Girls lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris*



Sidley Girls - February 02, 2022 at 12:30 PM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris.*



February 02, 2022 at 12:29 PM

SC

“ I remember Mrs. Morris when I went to Montgomery School she was always so nice. Then I had the privilege of working with her at Central. She was always willing to help any and everyone! She loved her family and always told us stories of the grandkids. Prayers for the family.

Shannon Cook - February 02, 2022 at 11:14 AM

KC

“ Kristy Davis Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



Kristy Davis Campbell - February 02, 2022 at 10:33 AM

DB

“ David & Deborah Bercot lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



David & Deborah Bercot - February 02, 2022 at 09:10 AM

MS

“ Janis, your mother was a lovely lady and I know you will miss her. I will keep yall in my prayers.

Marla Mason

Marla schmidt - February 02, 2022 at 09:07 AM

HM

“ Hal & Rosa Martin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



Hal & Rosa Martin - February 01, 2022 at 10:36 PM

KC

“ Kyle And Kenna Cole lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



Kyle and Kenna Cole - February 01, 2022 at 07:56 PM

DP

“ Anita was such a sweet lady . Had the pleasure of working with her at Montgomery .



Darla Parr - February 01, 2022 at 07:21 PM

KT

“ Nita was married to one of my cousins, Tootle Morris. Her husband grew up with my brothers at Oak Hill. Nita was a wonderful Christian lady. In all the years I knew her she was always the same, kind and caring. When my Mama was in Autumn Leaves Nita visited her almost every week. She would take her gifts and visit. That meant so much to my Mother and me. She lived her Christian life every day. You all are in my prayers. S. Kay Trammell

Kay Trammell - February 01, 2022 at 06:37 PM

CR

“ Claude And Pam Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



Claude and Pam Robinson - February 01, 2022 at 05:41 PM

WR

“ I knew Nita and her family through Aunt Tiny. Sincere sympathy to All the family.



Winnie Ramey - February 01, 2022 at 04:53 PM

SV

“ Steve Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



Steve Vaughn - February 01, 2022 at 04:14 PM

AL

“ Annette Lochridge lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



Annette Lochridge - February 01, 2022 at 03:51 PM



“ *Carol Phillips Harris lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris*



Carol Phillips Harris - February 01, 2022 at 02:46 PM

CA

“ *Janis and JoNan you both know how sorry I am for this precious loss to both of you! All my early childhood memories I can't remember a time Nita wasn't in it! She was a second Mom to me and always made me feel so loved! She was a Christian and lived it every day! You will miss her so but oh the beautiful memories you girls have of her! She is now made new and is now with Jesus and Marvin! Love you both so very much!*

cindy adams - February 01, 2022 at 02:07 PM

CM

“ *What a beautiful write up of your mother Jo Nan. Although I do not know Ms. Nita directly, I know her amazing daughter Jo Nan and I can say in confident that Jo Nan mimic her mother and many ways. She definitely stole her mothers face. I love you Jo Nan and I pray comfort, peace and the strength to pull you all through during this time of bereavement. Love Charlotte Mayes*

Charlotte Mayes - February 01, 2022 at 02:05 PM

ES

“ *Janis, I am so sorry for your loss. I did not have the pleasure of knowing her, but looks like she was a vibrant, smart and caring lady. I am sure that Nancy of your best qualities come from her, like your warmth, your strength to handle all kind of stressful situation and your faith. Rest in peace Ms. Anima and comfort for the family and friends.*

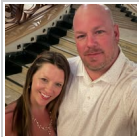
Evelia Soto - February 01, 2022 at 01:48 PM

DN

“ *Worked with Anita at Montgomery and loved always seeing her smile.*



Debra Nichols - February 01, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ *Angela Kinstner-Ringer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris*



Angela Kinstner-Ringer - February 01, 2022 at 01:01 PM

JM

“ *Jean McLaurin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris*



Jean McLaurin - February 01, 2022 at 12:56 PM

SL

“ *Nita was such a precious soul. So sorry for your loss. Sending prayers to this family.*
Susan & Fred Lingle ”



Susan Lingle - February 01, 2022 at 10:54 AM



“ *Barbara J Jolley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris* ”



Barbara J Jolley - February 01, 2022 at 10:09 AM

JB

“ *Jon Best lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris* ”



Jon Best - February 01, 2022 at 09:58 AM

SS

“ She was so calm and welcoming to everyone she met. I remember her working with Mr. Morris and thinking they "belonged" together for some time! She was still working in the office when I had children there. One year, I laminated little bookmarks with my first grader's photo and a little note on them and gave to her teachers and Mrs. Morris. YEARS later, she told me one day at church she still carried the little bookmark! She truly loved all the children, and she was the same anywhere I saw her throughout my life. She always talked about her children and grandchildren. She was a dear to my mother and an overall blessing to know. We hated to see her move, but I'm so thankful she was able to finish out her life with her family nearby. What a blessing to know you'll all see her again! Prayers for peace and comfort and true celebration of life.

Sharla Smith - February 01, 2022 at 09:24 AM

SB

“ Sandy Burns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



Sandy burns - February 01, 2022 at 09:23 AM

CW

“ Everyone loved Nita, including me. What a great Christian lady! She will truly be missed.

Cyndi Walker - February 01, 2022 at 09:20 AM

KB

“ She was truly a blessing to all she came in contact with! Janis and JaNan, I am so sorry for your loss, but I know you delight that she is in heaven with your Dad - he truly was the love of her life! I know I speak for all the principals she so faithfully served - she was my right hand! Always so devoted to her family and Henderson ISD! You are in my thoughts and prayers!
Kim

Kim Buckner - February 01, 2022 at 08:39 AM

KB

*JoNan
Sorry ❤️

Kim Buckner - February 01, 2022 at 08:39 PM



“ Mrs. Anita (Nita) Morris holds a very special place in my heart. She was daddy's (Albert Smith) secretary for many years. She was the sweetest and kindest person and the light of Jesus shown through her eyes. She always had a kind word, a loving smile or an awesome hug when she saw me. I hadn't seen her for many years but I will always remember her beautiful smile. 🙏



Donna McNevin - February 01, 2022 at 08:30 AM

PP

“ Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



pud patterson - February 01, 2022 at 08:06 AM

DG

“ Oh I am so sad to hear this news.
My first memories of Mrs, Morris were at Montgomery when I was a first grader. All I knew was she sat in the office and was Mr Smiths helper.
Many years later I got to work with her!! I know she loved me and my students. We enjoyed lots of conversation over a cup of coffee. I remember some days she would buzz down to my room just to say...."I've got a fresh pot brewing". She was an encourager!
I will never forget that beautiful smile when she talked abt her grandkids!!
I know shes glad to be "home".
What a precious soul.....thankful for precious memories

Deana Griffith - February 01, 2022 at 07:48 AM

LW

“ Lacy Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Anita Wood Morris



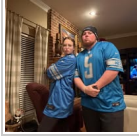
Lacy Weaver - February 01, 2022 at 06:40 AM

BE

“ Buddy & Dianne Everitt lit a candle in memory
of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris



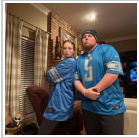
Buddy & Dianne Everitt - January 31, 2022 at 11:01 PM



“ *Graham Burns lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris*



Graham Burns - January 31, 2022 at 10:37 PM



“ *Mrs. Anita Wood Morris is what most people know her as but me I knew her as Mimi. I have a lot of great memories with Mimi but some that I have been think about the most here recently is how she would wake up earlier than me or granddaddy and would make us breakfast for while we were out hunting or fishing! She used to always tell me how much she loved watching me grow up as I spent ever summer with her and granddaddy in Henderson! Now we know she is home with granddaddy and making up for lost time and that is something to be celebrating! I will see you next time Mimi I will miss you. -G*



Graham Burns - January 31, 2022 at 10:29 PM

CM

Graham,

She adored y'all, and she was so proud of all of her grands. I loved hearing stories about y'all and the fun times. Cherish those memories. I know those had to be the best breakfasts ever!!

*Take care.
Carlette Mills*

Carlette Mills - February 05, 2022 at 11:43 AM

HR

“ *My mimi was the best mimi ever. One of my favorite memories is how whenever I was at her house we would make pancakes in the morning together. I have never had better pancakes than the ones made with her. She would also always spoil me by taking me to the dollar general and letting me get as much candy as I wanted when I stayed there (don't tell my mom). I am so glad she is with Jesus and her husband, but I will always miss her and know how much I loved her and how much she loved me. - hollee rogers, grandchild*

hollee rogers - January 31, 2022 at 09:09 PM

CM

Hollee,

Your Mimi loved y'all so much! I enjoyed hearing so many beautiful and fun stories about the times y'all shared. Cherish those memories of those great pancakes and all the candy you wanted!

*Take care.
Carlette Mills*

Carlette Mills - February 05, 2022 at 11:45 AM

DN

“ *Donn Newman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris*



Donn Newman - January 31, 2022 at 08:13 PM

CH

“ *Janis, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mother was a wonderful lady and I enjoyed working with her.*
Cathy

Cathy Hooper - January 31, 2022 at 08:06 PM

RB

“ *Rita R Blackwell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Anita Wood Morris*



Rita R Blackwell - January 31, 2022 at 07:53 PM

PC

A true lady and one of the seeetest people I have ever known. She loved her family so much and was so proud of them

Patty Brooks Christian - February 02, 2022 at 08:24 PM

DK

Anita was a fine lady. We were in the same graduating class of 1958 from Laneville. I had not seen her in years and i know she will be missed by many people. To the family, I am sorry for your loss. Dan Kelton

Dan Kelton - February 04, 2022 at 06:15 PM

PC

She was such a big helper for her teachers

Patty Brooks Christian - February 04, 2022 at 06:27 PM