



## Rita Tarrant

December 29, 1947 - November 23, 2007

Services for Rita Hill Tarrant, 59, of Tyler will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 1:30 PM at Calvary Baptist Church in Tyler with Dr. Freddie L. Smith, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow in Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Mrs. Tarrant passed away on November 23, 2007 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. She was born on December 29, 1947 in Dallas to the late Jesse Lee and Dorothy Conkle Hill. She was raised in Dallas where she attended Sunset High School. She met and married Billie Tarrant on March 28, 1969, eventually moving to Tyler in 1980 where they raised four children. Mrs. Tarrant and her husband retired in 2001. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. She enjoyed crochet, photography, emailing friends, and spending time with family and friends. Mrs. Tarrant was preceded in death by her parents, nephews Jason Welch and Kyle Lute, and her grandmother, Geneva Conkle. She is survived by a loving family including her husband of 38 years, Billie Tarrant of Tyler; two daughters, Kimberly Sue Wheeler of North Richland Hills and Tammy Lynn Holliday of Lindale; two sons, Adam Lee Tarrant of Brownsboro and Jamie Don Tarrant of Tyler; four brothers, Ricky Hill, Robbie Hill, and Buddy Hill, all of Dallas, and Johnny Nichols of Emory; two sisters, Juanita Hill Holt of Frankston and Lori Arvin of Red Oak; an aunt, Rose Creager of Yantis, and ten grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Richard Holt, Gary Steele, Joshua Lucero, Buddy Hill, Robbie Hill, and Ricky Hill. Honorary pallbearers will be Wally Shorts, James Mathis, and members of the Voyagers Sunday School class. Visitation is

scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2007 at 6:00-8:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, Texas 75703.

Memorials in honor of Rita Tarrant may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701. For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall

TB

“ *My Dearest Momma,  
You will NEVER know how much you are missed. Not a day goes  
by that I don't think of you.  
There is a void that will never be filled.  
Give Jesus a kiss for me.  
I LOVE YOU. ❤️*

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**Tammy Branscum** - November 11, 2023 at 03:30 PM

MM

“ *Billy and family,  
  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you are in  
our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Michelle (Nichols) Mercer** - November 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ *BILLIE, I HAVE BEEN OUT OF TOWN AND DID NOT KNOW  
UNTIL THIS MORNING THAT RITA WAS GONE. I HAVE TURNED  
MY HOUSE UPSIDE DOWN LOOKING FOR YOUR PHONE  
NUMBER AS YOU GAVE IT TO ME THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU  
AND RITA. PLEASE CALL ME AS I CAN'T REACH YOU. MY  
HEART BREAKS FOR YOU AND THE KIDS. I LOVED RITA VERY  
MUCH AND SHE HAS BEEN ON MY MIND A LOT LATELY. I LOVE  
YOU CUZ AND I WISH I COULD TAKE AWAY YOUR PAIN. OUR  
PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. SHARYN*

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**FRANK & SHARYN HARRISON** - November 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Mom- I love you more than you will ever know and I will miss everyday. I am relieved to know that you don't hurt anymore and you are in heaven with Jesus.

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**Adam** - November 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Dear Billy & Family

We are very sorry for your loss and you all are in our hearts. We pray for all of you that God will give you strenght and ease your hearts.

Love Robbie, Bettina  
Andrew & Christopher

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**Robert & Bettina Hill & Boys** - November 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ You always took care of Buddy and I when we were very young. You helped me through some hard times and have given me some of the few fondest memories of my childhood. You always took me to Dairy Queen for a coke (remember the paper straws?) Once I asked for a coke and you didn't have any money...not believing you, you showed me the only two pennies you had. I was so ashamed of myself. On 7/30/62 you mailed me a postcard from California with a horsey on it. You said you missed and when you got back you would take me for a coke and then you and me and Juanita would go out back and "swing up a storm" and "I love you hon, Rita". I still have that card and will cherish it always. Recently you gave me a heart necklace with a tiny paper attached that read "My Lori". I will also cherish it and wear it with love, always. Thank you are all you did for me and all you were to me. You will always be "My Rita" forever and always.

*All my love and respect always!*

*"Your Lori"*

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**Lori lynn Arvin** - November 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Billie and family...my heart hurts for our loss of your precious Rita. I regret I never got to know her well. I can say this...from my heart and I've expressed this to my family and friends that "she was an angel" and now...she truly is. Billie...Rita found the love of her life in you and visa-versa. May you and your family rejoice as her memory and soul will always be with you. Rita will always be with us...to me that is the greatest comfort. Lori and I pray that this will only bring you closer as Rita would have wanted. We're always just a call away....Love Steve Arvin

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**Steve Arvin** - November 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ *Momma Roosky,  
You will always be on my mind and in my heart. You are the most  
dear person I have ever met. You've been a loving, dear mother and  
I am proud to be a part of your family. Thank you for all of the  
laughter, hugs, and kisses. We will never be the same without you. I  
love you and am going to miss you every day!! XOXO - Lisa*

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**Lisa Tarrant** - November 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Rita pretty much took care of her brother Buddy when he was little.  
He remembers her giving him money for candy if he would bring her  
an ICEE back (which of course he would have to run back so it  
would not melt).*

*We always remember her with her family which she loved so much  
and took so much pride.*

*My sister went to the same church as Rita & Billy and remembers  
the wonderful testimony that she gave to the church.*

*To Billy and the entire family I can tell you that Rita will always be in  
your hearts. It is okay to cry because we miss her; but remember  
that we will meet again when God's purpose for our life is fulfilled.*

*We have you all in our thoughts and prays always*

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**Buddy, Donna & Jessica Hill** - November 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM