



## Rita Coleen Stevens

September 25, 1949 - August 15, 2013

Thursday, August 15, 2013 the Angels came and took Rita Coleen Stevens "GaGa" home. Rita was born September 25, 1949 in Spring Creek, just north of Gracemont, OK to Henry and Belva (Chastain) Shook. She graduated from Gracemont High School in the class of 1967 and then attended and graduated from Cosmetology School. On September 29, 1971 she married the love of her life, Rickey Stevens. She worked many years as a hairdresser but most important was her job as wife and mother. Rita was a member of the Canaan Baptist Church in Cogar, OK when she was younger but is a member and attended the Gospel Lighthouse Church in Anadarko for the past 38 years with Rickey and her family. She took great pride in her yard but could most often be found shopping for shoes. Rita loved Angels. She was a devout Christian and always thought of others, sending many cards to let them know she was thinking of them. Her smile could lighten the darkest days and always brighten your spirit. Rita's greatest joy was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a loving, caring and nurturing Daughter, Sister, Wife, Mother and Grandmother. She is survived by: Her husband, Rickey Stevens, of the home in Gracemont, OK 2 sons and their wives: Ryan and Michelle Stevens, Gracemont, OK Radley and Sarah Stevens, Anadarko, OK 3 grandchildren: Mercy and Justus Stevens, Gracemont, OK Garland Faith Stevens, Anadarko, OK Her mother: Belva Shook, Gracemont, OK 1 brother and his wife; Ricky Lee and Cathy Shook, Minco, OK Her mother-in-law: Myrtle Stevens, Gracemont, OK Her brother-in-law: Duane Stevens,

Anadarko, OK Numerous other family and friends. She was preceded in death by: Her father, Henry A. Shook, her brother, Gary Shook, her grandson, William Cole Garland and her father-in-law, Garland Stevens. Funeral Services: 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 20, 2013 Gospel Lighthouse Church, Anadarko, OK Officiating: Pastor Gary Butler Pastor David Gardner Interment: Gracemont Cemetery, Gracemont, OK Services under the direction of Smith Funeral Home, Anadarko, OK Condolences and signing the register book may be sent to the family at [www.smithfuneralservices.com](http://www.smithfuneralservices.com).

# Tribute Wall

GF

“ Deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your mother. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you in this time of loss.

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**Gary & Jo Nell Baker and Family** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Mary Ann and I will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers. Although sad, it is a blessing to know that she is in heaven with her Savior.

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**David and Mary Ann Compton** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Rickey: haven't kept in touch with you or anyone from Southwestern but saw your wife's obituary in the paper and wanted to extend my sympathies. You shared many good years together and I know that this will be a difficult time for you but you are blessed with faith and family that will help you through the process. God be with you.

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**Shirley Williford** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ So glad that I was got to know and love Rita and her family.I understand the heartache you all are going through but you can be assured that you know where she awoke and found herself and she was painfree.Love and prayers to her much loved family.

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**Mildred Plaster** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HT

“ So saddened at the news of the passing of a sweet lady, an old time friend and sister in the Lord. So many memories of yesterday with Rick and Rita and her family when we all went to church together.....Our prayers are with the family during this time of grief.....I always remember Rita having such an infectious smile.....Precious memories.....

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**HAROLD AND TISHA TODD** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So very sorry for your loss, there is no replacement for our mothers. The only hope we have is in our Lord and know that she is celebrating and not suffering. Many Prayers and Hugs to you all.

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**Dean & Ronda Horn and Family** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Someone just now called me & told me about Rita. I have extremely fond memories of her from so long ago. I am saddened by your loss but smile as I remember her cute giggle. May God shine upon you with peace & comfort.

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**Renee Moore** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ There aren't any words that we can say that will take the ache from your heart. It will slowly get better. Knowing her faith and her witness through this long battle served His purpose, we pray for you. May you hold the "good" memories close. She would appreciate your laughter and joy even in your loss.

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**J B Slemp and family** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ We were saddened to hear of Rita's passing. She was always such a joyful person to be with. We are also blessed to know that Rita is in Heaven where we will see her again. You are all in our prayers. Much love to you.

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**Dale, Valerie, and Nick Phariss** - August 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM