



## Nita Allen Cochran

May 18, 1957 - May 31, 2016

Nita Allen Cochran was born to James Marshall and Margie Nell Allen May 18, 1957 in Tupelo, Mississippi. After living in MS, TX, Australia, TN, Boston and for the last 23 years in Searcy, she passed away on May 31, 2016. Survived by her husband, Ross (Searcy), her children, Chris (Bentonville, AR), Allen (Nashville, TN) and Hannah (Searcy); mother, Margie Clark (Searcy); brothers, Marshall (Kris) Allen (Nashville, TN), Stan (Amy) Allen of Paducah, KY, and sister Jan (Kevin) Smith (Gadsden, AL); and numerous nephews and nieces. Nita directed Court Appointed Special Advocates of White County for five years and with her husband, directed Camp Tahkodah from 2004-2011. She earned two degrees from Harding, including a Masters of Business Administration, and was a member of the Downtown Church of Christ.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Camp Takhodah  
5095 Camp Takhodah Rd  
Floral, AR 72534

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Nita was a blessing and a Christian( church of Christ) and she is in Paradise praising God.Look forward to seeing her again.

jennifer seay - June 24, 2016 at 09:21 PM

JS

*only the church of Christ will be saved!! No baptist, mormon catholic etc will be saved*

jennifer seay - June 24, 2016 at 09:31 PM

JP

“ Dear Cochran Family, Although I was unable to attend Nita's service I want you to know your family remains in my heart and prayers. Your wife and mother was truly the woman described in Proverbs 31. She will be missed. God's peace and blessings be with you now and in the days to come. Jil Pulley

Jilreth Pulley - June 11, 2016 at 10:31 AM

JS

*only the church of Christ will be saved.... no mormon no baptist no catholic etc will be saved.. heed my warning.. I am an ordained servant of God ordained by God*

jennifer seay - June 24, 2016 at 09:29 PM

TD

“ *Mr. Cochran,*

*May God comfort you in your time of great loss. We, at ACC share in that loss. I have never met anyone that was as graceful as Mrs. Cochran was swift. Joy was definitely her strength. I pray your loving memories will bring you peace until you meet her again one day. I know she is busy doing something in heaven!*

*God bless,  
Trish Dias ACC Pharmacy*

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**Trish Dias** - June 09, 2016 at 03:17 PM

JE

“ *Ross,*

*We know she treasured and adored you from our time in Downtown's Dynamic Marriage class. Praying Romans 15:13 over you and yours today. So very sorry for your loss. Jana Edens*

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**Jana Edens** - June 06, 2016 at 03:39 PM

TA

“ *Dear Mr. Ross Cochran & Family,*

*We are so so sorry to hear of Nita's passing. We have so many great memories of Nita...from taking care of Rebecca & Amanda at Camp Tahkodah and Sweet smiles at Harding Academy and as a friend! We will miss her dearly! May God's comfort be with your family with lots of Love always!*

*Tity Joseph Rebecca & Amanda Abbud .*

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**Tity Abbud** - June 04, 2016 at 10:38 PM

DI

“ We are mindful and prayerful of you during this time of extreme loss. The world was a much better place because Nita graced it for awhile. She will be missed!

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**Deborah Ireland** - June 04, 2016 at 07:23 PM

AB

“ Ross and family, we are sorry for your loss. Whenever I think of Nita, I remember her having a smile on her face and joy in her eyes. It was evident that she loved her Lord, her family, and other people. She will be missed.

*Tim and Amelia Brister*

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**Amelia Brister** - June 04, 2016 at 02:39 PM

IB

“ Ross, you and Nita, were so encouraging and loving to our family when we were re-establishing back to Arkansas in 2008. We appreciate the love and care you have had for us and so many. Our love and hearts are with you and your family.

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**Ian and Jamie Bradshaw** - June 04, 2016 at 12:42 PM

JC

“ Ross, you and Nita were instrumental in helping keep my family eternally intact with what you did at Tahkodah. My daughter, Haven, was so looking forward to the two of you being on the HUA trip back in 2014. She has thought of you often, as have September and I. She was such a sweet spirit here and is even sweeter now that she has finished her journey here and is with our Lord and Savior who sits next to our Maker! Praying for you and your family as you say Goodbye, only but for now. We will see her again!

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**John Crabtree** - June 04, 2016 at 12:15 PM

TT

“ Ross, I want you to know I am thinking of you today. I pray that God wrap His arms around you and overwhelm you with the comfort of His almighty presence. May He abide with you and your family through this season of grief and beyond.

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**Tim Tripp** - June 04, 2016 at 10:07 AM

AK

“ Ross, I want you to know I'm thinking about you all during this sad time for your family. I remember such happiness and smiles when you and Nita were together. She had a wonderful view of life and beautiful smile with laughter. She gave so much of herself to the world. I am praying for your comfort knowing you have so many friends surrounding you with love and support. May God hold you close. With all sincerity - Amanda

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**Amanda Kuentler** - June 04, 2016 at 09:57 AM

AH

“ My husband Damon and I are so very sorry to hear of Nita's passing. Praying for God to provide peace and comfort for your family.

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**Alli Herren** - June 03, 2016 at 07:59 PM

CJ

“ Dear Ross,

*Back in 1976 when I met you on the tennis courts of Harding, you were kind enough to put up with a bunch of dumb freshmen who thought they knew something. We didn't.*

*I have kept up with you over the years through other people, newsletters, etc. and through God you & Nita have done great things in His Kingdom. In reading other people's comments about Nita she sounds like a treasure!*

*My heart hurts for your loss. May God hold you in His hands and comfort you at this time.*

*Your friend,*

*Chris Jackson*

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**Chris Jackson** - June 03, 2016 at 06:13 PM

TB

“ Dear Cochran Family,

*The Beard Family is so so sorry to hear of Nita's passing. We have so many fond memories of Nita...from taking care of our children at Camp Tahkodah and Sunday School Classes at Downtown, working with her through CASA of White Co., and as a friend! We will miss her dearly! May God's comfort be with your family.*

*Graden and Tyonia Beard  
(Machen and Asher)*

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**Tyonia Beard** - June 03, 2016 at 05:29 PM

JL

“ Stephanie and I grieve with you for the pain your hearts are feeling right now. We pray you are comforted in the certain knowledge that Nita is even now in the presence of the Lord she served so faithfully.

Justin Lillard - June 03, 2016 at 03:04 PM

AT

“ Ross and family, I am so very sorry about Nita's passing! What a fight she fought! May our kind and compassionate God hold you close and give you great comfort.

Ann Thiede - June 03, 2016 at 02:38 PM

AA

“ Arkansas CASA Association purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Nita Allen Cochran.



Arkansas CASA Association - June 03, 2016 at 02:22 PM

TH

“ I have so many wonderful memories of Nita in so many different settings - Tahkodah, Downtown, small group and CASA - just to name a few. She had a wonderful servant heart and was always willing to lend a hand. I'll mention one special memory - the day our adoption was final for Nathan and Rebecca. We came home to find balloons tied to the mail box to celebrate. They were from Nita and Lori Sansom. She knew how to do (and took the time to do) the little things to make others feel special.

*I will miss her and love you guys.*

*Tammy Hall*

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**Tammy Hall** - June 03, 2016 at 10:59 AM

Randy  
Stinchfield

“ 4 files added to the album New Album Name



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**Randy Stinchfield** - June 03, 2016 at 10:13 AM

LS

“ My heart hurts with you. i pray that you feel the presence of the God of all comfort.

*In Jesus,  
Lolita*

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**Lolita Smith** - June 03, 2016 at 10:05 AM

SK

“ We were grateful to eat with Ross, Nita and others around Christmas this year. Her humor, resilience and faith was an encouragement to us. Love, The Kehls

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**Susan Kehl** - June 03, 2016 at 09:30 AM

SH

“ I will always remember her kind spirit. I wanted to be like her. Her spirit filled the room when she entered it. I left a better person after visiting with her. Many blessings to her family. She was dearly loved and will greatly be missed. I'm proud to call her a friend.

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**Susan Harper** - June 03, 2016 at 08:27 AM

JS

“ Ross,  
Beverly and I want to offer our condolences on your loss. We did not know Nita personally but were aware of her valiant battle with her malignancy. You both have done a tremendous amount of good and your influence through the many campers and those children who needed someone to advocate for them through CASA will be forever made better because of her. We love you and are praying for you in this time of loss.

*John & Beverly Simmons*

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**John O. Simmons** - June 03, 2016 at 07:43 AM

LN

“ I wanted to express my condolences to the family of Ms. Cochran. It was my pleasure to be a part of her time spent at Unity Health. I enjoyed getting to know her and her family and friends that always accompanied her. She remained positive and hopeful and never had a negative word to say. She will be missed very much. I will hold all of you up in prayer as you deal with her passing.  
Lila Nelson, RN

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**Lila Nelson** - June 03, 2016 at 07:33 AM

AT

“ Nita was such a mentor to me while I was at Harding and in Zeta Rho. She welcomed me into her home and taught me about service for Christ. She made such an impact on this world for Him.

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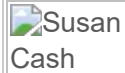
**Amy Black Thomas** - June 03, 2016 at 07:32 AM

JS

“ Nita's eyes danced and her warmth easily filled a room. She was quick witted and lived a glass full life, so thankful and full of joy. She was also good at wearing her "big girl pants"; she was very practical. She was quick to love and I remember that even when I was a small child, and she was the much older cousin, she made time to play with me. Her family, including Marshall, Stan, Jan, Aunt Margie and Uncle Jim, was so good to mine when my dad was ill in Nashville - they made a place for Mom, Ken and me in their family when we desperately needed it. She was a big reason that I wanted to come to Harding. She made Harding and everything else look more beautiful and fun. I'm sad that as we grew older we didn't have more time together, but am thankful for our visits in Searcy over the last few years. I hope to have Nita's outlook as I grow closer to our Savior and heaven. I can almost close my eyes and see her laughing and cracking jokes with Uncle Jim. She will be missed!

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**Jennifer Smith** - June 03, 2016 at 12:14 AM



Susan  
Cash

“ My memory of Nita would be the days that I took my children to Camp TahkodH, and we were greeted by her smiling face and warm reception. When I was nervous about leaving my kids she gave me reassurance. Her love for kids and camp was obvious, and I have a great deal of respect and admiration for Nita and Ross for their selfless service to so many kids including mine. Camp is what helped save me, so I know that Nita was very much a part in helping bring kids to Jesus. Is there a better job than that? Is there a better life lived than that ? Our loss is Heavens great gain. My love , prayers and deepest admiration to Ross at this time. From Susan Cash

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**Susan Cash** - June 02, 2016 at 11:17 PM



“ Dear Ross and family: My heart is with you at such a sorrowful time. I know that Nina will be greatly missed by you and so many others. I pray God will give you comfort as you say goodbye in this life.

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**Betty Miller Albright** - June 02, 2016 at 10:12 PM



D.

“ I struggle for words when I wish to say to you how we hurt for you and your family. Pacius and I spoke tonight, and we both want you to know how much we love you and wish we could offer some degree of comfort. The host of friends feel so much pain for you. Pacius remembered, like so many more, the great hospitality and love that Nita always showed him. Her life touched so many. For her to live was Christ.

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**David E .Smith** - June 02, 2016 at 09:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nita Allen Cochran.*



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June 02, 2016 at 08:51 PM



“ *Nita was a great friend when I was a student at Harding. She was always kind, positive, and funny! Years later when I saw her at a reunion, she was the same wonderful Nita. My heart and prayers go out to Ross and family.*

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**David Barnett** - June 02, 2016 at 08:19 PM



“ *I am so sorry, Ross, for your loss. I remember you and Nita from Holmes Road in Memphis; she always came across as a very kind lady. God be with you and all Nita's loved ones in this difficult time.*

*Michael Potts  
Coats, North Carolina*

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**Michael Potts** - June 02, 2016 at 08:17 PM



“ *Dr. Cochran and family,*

*My heart aches for you in your time of loss and sorrow. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*- Kevin Nelms  
Class of 1997*

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**Kevin Nelms** - June 02, 2016 at 07:49 PM

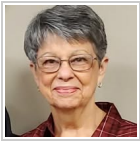
SN

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We remember her sweet smile and greeting at Camp Tahkodah when we would take our kids. We know the angels are rejoicing to have her among them but it's hard for those left behind.

*Blessings, Rob and Sherry Nossaman*

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**Sherry Nossaman** - June 02, 2016 at 07:28 PM



“ God bless each of you. What a sweet wonderful lady.

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**Mary Luallen** - June 02, 2016 at 07:17 PM

PB

“ Ross - We still have Nita's beautiful cupboard in our kitchen that you gave us many years ago, and we think of her and your Christian home almost every time we see it. We are so sorry that you and your wonderful family have lost Nita. We send you our most heartfelt sympathy. It is our earnest hope that you can put your sadness behind you and continue to enjoy the sweet memories of your time with her. God bless you all. In Christian love, Pat & Eddie Best

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**Pat & Eddie Best** - June 02, 2016 at 06:19 PM

KH

“ Nita is a blessing to me and so many she touched in her journey through this life. I got to know her through her work with CASA and family my daughter married into. Love the Cochran family and my prayers are for comfort and peace until we all meet again in heaven.  
*Kathy Hutson*

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**Kathy Hutson** - June 02, 2016 at 05:19 PM

BL

“ Ross, Chris, Allen, and Hannah - Margie, Marshall, Jan, and Stan; Our hearts are broken for you. We remember Nita from age two or three (Ripley, MS). She was a sweet little girl and a talented and dedicated Christian woman. May our loving God touch your hearts with comfort and hope. - Bill & Helen Lambert

Bill & Helen Lambert - June 02, 2016 at 04:36 PM

AJ

“ I'm so saddened to hear of Nita's passing, but, rejoice in her new home!!!  
What great memories I have of Nita as a sister in Zeta Rho!!!! I pray her ever present smile will continue to touch all of you!!!!  
Ann Turner Jackson

Ann Turner Jackson - June 02, 2016 at 04:22 PM

MH

“ Michael Hall lit a candle in memory of Nita  
Allen Cochran



michael hall - June 02, 2016 at 04:17 PM

VS

“ Our condolences to Nita's family and friends.  
from Ed and Valinda (Creech) Smith  
Grenada, MS

Valinda Creech Smith - June 02, 2016 at 04:17 PM

BS

“ Ross, my heart pours out to you. I remember you and Nita from college days. I remember her as a very kind hearted gentle soul. She was such a blessing to so many. I'm soo sorry for your loss but rejoice for her in heaven and for the time you and she had together.  
*Bill Searcy*

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**Bill Searcy** - June 02, 2016 at 03:57 PM

JP

“ Ross, Margie, Marshall & all the family... Words can never express the sorrow we share in learning of your loss. Please know that we love and admire your family for all that you do for the Lord's Kingdom. Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with you now & in the days ahead that God will comfort & strengthen you during this difficult time!

*John & Valerie Phillips  
Central Church of Christ  
LR, AR*

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**John P** - June 02, 2016 at 03:55 PM

JH

“ Ross,  
*My heart goes out to you and your family. Nita was such a special person. I loved to watch her working with children. I remember her working with Mrs. Hazel Blue and I in first grade at the Academy when she was a student. She touched so many people with her sweet spirit. My prayers are with you and your family.*  
*Jennifer Hurd*

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**Jennifer L Hurd** - June 02, 2016 at 03:54 PM



“ Allen,

*Thinking of you and praying for you and your family during this time of loss. Moms are such a special part of our life that continue to live on in us after they are gone. May God bring you peace and comfort as you transition into a new normal. I never met your mom, but I'm sure she was a beautiful woman. She helped create an incredible son, and you will always be her legacy.*

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**Lauren Schlabach** - June 02, 2016 at 03:51 PM

KK

“ Ross, Susan and I are so grateful for Nita's genuine, guileless concern and interest for every person she encountered. Nita, together with you, Ross are and will continue to be a great encouragement to us as we also strive to encourage others. Love you all, brother. Kevin and Susan Kehl

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**Kevin Kehl** - June 02, 2016 at 03:51 PM

MM

“ I knew no one finer than Nita....I'm sure many would say the same. Wept when I got this. What an honor it was (and is) to have known her.

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**Mark Moore** - June 02, 2016 at 03:47 PM

JP

“ Margie, Ross, Marshall, Stan, & Jan,

*Giving up a child, a spouse, or a sibling rips us from the depths of our being. I cannot imagine how you must be feeling, and the range of emotions all of you are experiencing. I have been praying daily for her for many weeks, and her suffering is finished. Her battle is over, and a new life has begun. Time will not make it go away, but it will help. Live in God's Today, and may His love and care be always with you. love, John & Annette.....*

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**John Poore** - June 01, 2016 at 02:41 PM