



## Rita Kay Pipkin

September 16, 1953 - December 1, 2017

Rita Kay Pipkin, 64, of El Paso, died Friday, December 1, 2017 at the North Metro Medical Center in Jacksonville. She was born September 16, 1953 in Searcy. Rita loved sewing and cooking.

She is survived by her husband, Guy “Doodle” Pipkin; daughter, Kimberley Guthrie; mother, Lavetta Stader; 3 grandchildren, Preston Durham, Alexis Fitzpatrick and Madison Fitzpatrick; step-son, Eddie Pipkin; 4 step-daughters, Carol Ann Jones, Diane Slocum, Sandy Attleberry and Janet Morris; sister, Benita Russell; step-brother, James H. Stader (Judith); step-sister, Brenda Edwards (Robbie); 12 step-grandchildren and numerous step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Walter T. Smith; step-father, James Stader; nephew, Mark Russell; brother-in-law, Charles Russell; and her grandparents, Roy and Chlorine McAdams and Tom and Nora Smith.

Services will be held Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the Powell Funeral Home Chapel in Bald Knob. Visitation will be prior to the service beginning at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow in White County Memorial Gardens. Arrangements are entrusted to Powell Funeral Home, Bald Knob – Judsonia. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Cemetery Details

## White County Memorial Gardens

Eastline Road and Park Avenue  
Searcy, AR 72143

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 5. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)  
1272 Highway 367 North  
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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall

PH

“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita Kay Pipkin



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**Powell Funeral Home** - December 04, 2017 at 03:07 PM

SD

“ When growing up I had the pleasure of spending summers with my cousin Rita Kay & her family. She had an infectious laugh, especially one evening when she belted out Johnny Cash's "RING OF FIRE" (which she put her southern spin on & pronounced it "FAR"), when her parents were entertaining friends in the off limits living room. I think that was the only time I was allowed in there. She, Benita, & Laveta just seemed to enjoy being together & laughing. I also recall her taking me into their den to watch Bonanza on their new color tv. She said "Sandi just wait until you see the peacock in color!". I'm sure she added color into every life she touched. I will always cherish the times when they opened up their hearts & home to me. Sandi Morris Dillard.

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**Sandi Morris Dillard** - December 05, 2017 at 12:37 PM

BS

“ Rita was a lovely lady and a friend to me always. She will be missed by all the family and by her husband my cousin, Doodle. We shared many thoughts throughout the years and I always loved seeing her and visiting. May she now rest without pain. - Brenda D. Fields



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**Brenda Fields Smith** - December 05, 2017 at 10:31 AM

CA

“ To the Pipkin family, I am so sorry for your loss. When the bank was at El Paso, Rita was always making something for us to eat. Sometimes she would come just to visit. She loved her family and keep them in her heart. Rita will be missed. Carla Allinder

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**carla allinder** - December 05, 2017 at 09:38 AM

PR

“ Doodle and family, I am so sorry to hear about Rita's passing. She was a special lady and was so thoughtful of others. Praying for you and family. May you find comfort in your wonderful memories until you meet again. Love Phyllis Rankin

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**Phyllis Rankin** - December 03, 2017 at 10:27 PM

BN

“ Sending my deepest condolences to Rita Kay's family and close friends. May God bless you at this time of loss.



*Beverly Hodges Newman*

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**Beverly Hodges Newman** - December 03, 2017 at 09:49 PM

AF

“ Rita was a very good friend from Cornerstone Assembly in Ward. She made a beautiful mesh wreath which means so much to me and I will always think of her every time it's displayed. I will miss her very much. She always had a sweet smile and loved everyone.

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**Adlynn Figley** - December 03, 2017 at 04:40 PM

CB

“ Im heartbroken my aunt rita is gone. Im in shock. I love and miss you very much

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**crystal pipkin busby** - December 03, 2017 at 03:27 PM

DJ

“ I was saddened to learn of Ritas passing  
My deepest condolences to all her family  
Kindest Regards

*David M Johnson  
Searcy, Arkansas*

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**David M Johnson** - December 03, 2017 at 10:08 AM

VL

“ Rita Kaye was my friend/sister/mother since high school. She was Nana Rita to my daughter who is there to welcome her in Heaven. She made me laugh. At times she kept me from going insane. I will miss you my friend and your homemade pizza. Rest In Peace.

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**Vicki McFall Lawson** - December 02, 2017 at 11:34 PM

TB

“ She was my online friend and we shared fabric and gifts...she made me a memory box along with a cross that I hang on my shepherd hook outside my front deck...she loved her family so very much..her sister her mother her bestfriend melissa only daughter Kim and her grandchildrenher grandson was her rock..Mr.Pip her husband she loved dearly , also was so excited to be a great grandmother ....loved her sewing and new embroidery...  
I will miss her as my tears flow I know she is in a better place but ...I want her back  
Love you Rita ...don't forget me as I won't forget you ever...❤️❤�

toots bauer - December 02, 2017 at 11:18 PM

PP

“ Rest in Peace, my friend. You will be missed

Paulette Poe - December 02, 2017 at 10:04 PM

JP

“ Jessica Pierce lit a candle in memory of Rita Kay Pipkin



Jessica Pierce - December 02, 2017 at 06:49 PM

JP

“ Aunt Rita are loved and missed by some many. God decided to take you home way to early and make you an angel. God I wish this was not real. You was a beautiful smart caring loving amazing sweet and kind hearted woman. Always making things for others. Always making others smile. We love you you... Rip my beautiful angel

Jessica Pierce - December 02, 2017 at 06:47 PM

LJ

“ *Condolences to the entire family. Rita Kay was a beam of sunshine and will be missed by so many. I will not be able to be present but you will all be in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Linda Ransom Jackson*

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**Linda Ransom Jackson** - December 02, 2017 at 04:04 PM