



Rita Artrip South

September 4, 1922 - May 11, 2010

Rita Jo Artrip South 88 passed away on Sunday December 5, 2010. She was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County, a member of the Fleming town Freewill Baptist Church, operated South's store for over 50 years, She had taught in the Dickenson County Schoo

Tribute Wall

CA

“Dear Greg, Patty and Jason, I am very sad to hear of your Mother's passing. She was a wonderful person inside and out. She was so very special to me. I will always remember the South's fish fries and the family visits we had. Your mother and I had so many talks about school, recipes and family memories. She was a very special lady. Please tell your Dad that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Cathy Baker”

CathyBaker1 - August 12, 2010 at 12:17 PM

SI

“Jim, I am so sorry for your loss. I never knew Rita, but knowing you and Greg, I am sure she was an exceptional lady. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Greg, Patty, and Jason, What can I say? Your loss breaks my heart. I love you guys. God bless you all.”

sitefish - August 12, 2010 at 02:55 AM

GP

“Greg, Patty & Jason, So sorry for your loss. We know the memories of your sweet mother/grandmother will comfort you in the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you as you grieve and rejoice with you in knowing she is healed and with her Lord and Saviour. Love, Gwen, Bo, Josh and Jordan”

gpadgett - July 12, 2010 at 04:32 PM

GP

“Greg, Patty and Jason, So sorry for your loss, I know all the sweet memories of your mother/grandmother will comfort you in the days ahead. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Love, Gwen, Bo, Josh & Jordan”

gpadgett - July 12, 2010 at 04:28 PM

KO

“Jim, Greg and family, We were so saddened to hear of Rita's passing. What a wonderful Christian lady! Enjoyed attending church with her for several years at Flemingtown Freewill Baptist Church. She was such an inspiration to all who knew her and was well respected. May God comfort you during your time of sorrow and in the days to come. Danny and Karen Robinson”

KORobinson53 - July 12, 2010 at 12:43 PM

DA

“Jim, Greg and John, So sorry to hear that Rita passed. I know your pain. May God comfort you in this time of personal grief. My sincere condolences, Danny L Edwards”

danny60 - June 12, 2010 at 10:35 PM

DO

“I was very sad to hear of Rita's passing she was very good to me and my family. I did odd jobs for her and Jimmy for many years. I had not seen her in a couple of years but she was a huge influence in my early years here in Virginia and I will never forget her kindness.”

donetta_stanley - June 12, 2010 at 09:44 PM

AD

“We were extremely saddened to read about the death of Mrs. South. She was our mother's (Mildred B. Mullins) classmate and close friend. They loved to chat for hours about their school days. We will always remember her as a grand lady of dignity and kindness. With prayers and love, Judy and Doug Shockey Anna and Garry Damron (Greg's classmates)”

adamron - June 12, 2010 at 06:16 PM

SS

“Jim, Greg and Family, I heard the news today and wanted to say how sorry I am for your loss. I have had Rita on my mind lately and wanted to come by and see her but it is all I can do to get over to see Daddy every now and then. Rita was a very special person to me. She was a cornerstone in my life. I know she had wings here on earth and she has wings today. God must really have a special place for her. I imagine she will be used there in a very important role for his will. I always tried to tell her how special she was to me. I hope she knew. Greg, you were very fortunate to have a mother like her. I can remember going to her house and seeing your little baby shoes she had bronzed and thinking how she must have loved you so. When I would go to the store she treated me like I worked for her. She would let me sit on the stool behind the counter and taught me all about taxes. That was a long time ago. I would dust the cans for her and sweep some. She would give me a nickle. I was so proud. She was good to all the kids. I can never repay her for what she gave to me. She was good to people and I will never forget her. Last time I saw her I went by and she was not doing well. Tona was about gone so I put her in my car and took her to see Tona. Rita was so proud of me for getting my driver's license. She went on and on about that. I took her for a ride down the holler and she and I talked about old times. She laughed and told stories on Freddy and Barbara. They both speak highly of Rita and Barbara described Rita's passing as "the passing of an era". May you all savor every minute you had with her. I think of you all often. Love, Sondra "Dutton" Salyers"

ssalyers - June 12, 2010 at 03:37 PM

BE

“To the South Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. She was a wonderful neighbor. May God bless you in this trying time. Dorothy Dutton"

benanddorothy - June 12, 2010 at 11:53 AM

JA

“*Jim, Greg. & Family, We were sorry to hear of the loss of Rita. She was such a sweet and caring person. I will always remember her smile at the store, home, or wherever one met her. I grew up under her feet as we kids always played around the store and would go in and warm by the little pot belly stove. I would make my regular run to see if the LIP (candy) truck had made its delivery. Of course she and Jim told this story many, many times. We loved her so dearly and she will be missed by all who knew her. May GOD BLESS each of you now and in the days that follow. We love you, Jackie, Judy & Family”*

jamullins1 - June 12, 2010 at 10:37 AM