



Clara "Rita" Caldwell Reed

February 12, 1934 - March 3, 2025

Clara Rita (Caldwell) Reed entered into eternal rest on Monday, March 3, 2025.

Rita, as she was known to most, was born in Chattanooga, TN., on February 12, 1934. She graduated from Central High School, Class of 1952.

Rita and her husband Jim married in 1953, and settled in Rossville, GA, after living in San Diego during Jim's military service. Rita went on to nursing school and proudly worked as an LPN at Hutcheson Memorial Hospital, specializing in Labor and Delivery nursing.

Rita is survived by her four children: Susan Green (Charles), Lisa Smith (Randy), Connie Woodworth (Reed), and Jay Reed (Machelle). She was blessed by eight grandchildren: Amy, Kelly, Jason, Holley, Bobby, Kristen, Rebecca, and Melaney. And she was overjoyed to have thirteen great-grandchildren: Lee, Rob, Nora, Abigail, Scott, Clint, Piper, Trenton, Patrick, Seth, Gracie, JD, and Emma.

Rita was well loved and cared for by the communities at Rosewood Assisted Living, Parkside at Hutcheson Memorial, and Life Care Center of Ooltewah.

Rita was predeceased by her loving husband Jim Reed, her parents Garland

and Nell Caldwell, her brother and sister-in-law Jim and Judy Caldwell, and many beloved aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2025. A graveside service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, March 7, 2025, at Chattanooga National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in her honor can be made to Hospice of Chattanooga (<https://www.hospiceofchattanooga.org/donations>). Online guest book at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

Cemetery Details

Chattanooga National Cemetery

Holtzclaw Ave.
Chattanooga, TN

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 7. 1:30 PM (ET)

Chattanooga National Cemetery
Holtzclaw Ave.
Chattanooga, TN

Tribute Wall

LD

“ It is a blessing that Rita is at peace now. What a lovely lady she was. Condolences to her children and grandchildren. A little bit of each of you has a little bit of her.

Linda Daskowski - March 06, 2025 at 10:06 AM

LM

“ Love, The McGoverns planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clara "Rita" Caldwell Reed.

Love, The McGoverns - March 05, 2025 at 01:28 PM

LM

“ Love, The McGoverns purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Clara "Rita" Caldwell Reed.



Love, The McGoverns - March 05, 2025 at 01:28 PM

TB

“ The Bahadorans purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Clara "Rita" Caldwell Reed.



The Bahadorans - March 05, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clara "Rita" Caldwell Reed.

March 05, 2025 at 11:15 AM



“ Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Clara "Rita" Caldwell Reed.



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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Clara "Rita" Caldwell Reed.



March 05, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Clara "Rita" Caldwell Reed.



March 04, 2025 at 10:21 PM

FG

“ From The Gilliams purchased the A Full Life for the family of Clara "Rita" Caldwell Reed.



From The Gilliams - March 04, 2025 at 05:20 PM

RW

“ Farewell to a beautiful lady who brightened the room whenever she entered. RIP, Granny Rita.

Reed Woodworth - March 04, 2025 at 03:24 PM