



ANITA JOYCE SHEPHERD

July 3, 1933 - April 27, 2021

SHEPHERD, Anita Joyce, age 87, of Middletown, Ohio passed away Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at Atrium Medical Center where she had been a patient for two weeks. Anita was born July 3, 1933 in Big Stone Gap, Virginia and moved to Ohio in 1950. She was employed for 25 years as a cashier at Bloomfield Elementary School of the Trenton School System. Anita was a gifted pianist and played for many area Southern Gospel Groups as well as many churches over the years. She was a member of the Amanda United Methodist Church. Preceding her in death were her parents, Elmer William and Bertie Mae (Snodgrass) Dalton; her husband, Hascue Shepherd in 2002; one son, Randy Shepherd in 2020; four brothers, Clarence, Bill, Larry and Danny; and two sisters, Evelyn and Margaret. She is survived by one daughter, Gina Lynn (David) McClaskey; David's children and grandchildren — Shauna Marie (Brandon) Smith, Kate Elizabeth Jocson and Kara Lynn Shipp — and grandchildren, Bryce, Maci, Isabelle and Wesley; and many extended family and friends. Visitation will be Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Quest Church, 6933 Hendrickson Road, Middletown, 45044, followed by services at 1:00 p.m. at the church with Rev. Fred Napier and Pastor Ken Henderson officiating. Private entombment will be at the convenience of the family at Woodside Mausoleum, Woodside Cemetery, Middletown, Ohio. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Amanda United Methodist Church, 1315 Oxford State Road, Middletown, Ohio 45044. Arrangements by Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St.,

Middletown, Ohio 45044. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.herr-riggs.com

Tribute Wall



“ ANITA JOYCE SHEPHERD

September 13, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *Gina, I'm saddened yet we know where your mom is. All the Dalton's here in Big Stone Gap send their love and condolences. Too many memories to post on here but thankful for them all. You are in my prayers today! Michael Dalton*

Michael Dalton - May 01, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ *This a picture from 10 years ago. I will miss her stories And her spirit. A very special lady!*



Katrina Murphy - May 01, 2021 at 08:42 AM



“ *We were deeply saddened to hear of Aunt Nita's passing. We are very thankful to have been able to visit her last fall and spend some precious time with her. She was a special person with a kind and loving soul. Aunt Nita will be dearly missed by all who knew her.*

*With much love,
Darren and Lorie Shepherd*

Lorie Shepherd - April 29, 2021 at 08:55 AM

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“ I will cherish the many loved filled moments with Aunt Nita. She has always been and will always be a treasure to me. I am thankful for our recent picture together.



Tammy Miller - April 29, 2021 at 12:13 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of ANITA JOYCE SHEPHERD.



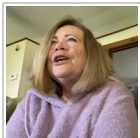
April 28, 2021 at 10:12 PM

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“ Anita was one of our favorites. We loved her dedicated talent.

Oakley Sisters

Kathy Oakley Edwards - April 28, 2021 at 10:06 PM



“ Anita was quite a special lady I love and cherish all the memories and laughter we shared she spoke of Heaven often and was excited about

Happy Graduation 🧑🎓. Anita



Debbie Jump - April 28, 2021 at 09:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of ANITA JOYCE SHEPHERD.*



April 28, 2021 at 08:49 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of the passing of Anita. Anita was so loving with my grandson Jackson. She would let Jackson sit with her at the piano before and after church. Jackson loved Anita. The music is sounding much sweeter with Anita playing her piano.*

Tammy Brown - April 28, 2021 at 08:43 PM



“ *I grew up with the Shepherd family across the street from me. Spent a lot of time with them, especially Anita. We sang,, we played the piano, we just enjoyed life together. She made my teen years much richer. Heaven just gained a great piano player, and it just became a lot sweeter.*

Brenda Spicer Thornberry Crabtree

Brenda Spicer Thornberry Crabtree - April 28, 2021 at 08:30 PM



Anita was a special lady we spent many hours together and even went many places together

She was part of the gang I love enjoyed singing it with her

She had so many stories I don't believe she told me the same one twice

She always sang of Heaven and told me she was so excited to go Happy Graduation Day Anita 🤗🎓

Debbie Jump - April 28, 2021 at 09:38 PM

LE

“ *Lea(Dick)Pence lit a candle in memory of ANITA JOYCE SHEPHERD*



Lea(Dick)Pence - April 28, 2021 at 08:24 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of ANITA JOYCE SHEPHERD.*



April 28, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of ANITA JOYCE SHEPHERD.*



April 28, 2021 at 06:30 PM