



## Rita Mae (Evans) Rowell

December 16, 2018

Rita Mae Evans Rowell, 72, of Social Circle, passed away peacefully at her home, Sunday, December 16, 2018. She was born in Decatur, GA to the late Thomas and Vera (Johnson) Evans. Rita was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed working in her yard with her flowers.

Rita was predeceased by her parents; her sister, Joan Goss; brother, Fred Evans; and her loving husband Kenneth Glen Rowell. She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Rowell of Social Circle; granddaughter, Kelsey Smith of Social Circle; grandson, Zachary Smith of Social Circle.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 4:00 pm in the Chapel of Wheeler Funeral Home with Rev. J. Clifton Brown officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Private interment will take place on Thursday at Melwood Cemetery in Stone Mountain. Guests may sign the online register at <http://www.wheelerfuneralhome.com>.

# Cemetery

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## Melwood Cemetery

5170 E Ponce de Leon Drive  
Stone Mountain, GA, 30083

# Events

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**DEC** **Visitation** 03:00PM - 04:00PM

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Wheeler Funeral & Cremation Services  
11405 Brown Bridge Rd., Covington, GA, US, 30016

**DEC** **Funeral Service** 04:00PM

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# Comments

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“ Sandy, your Mom was a special lady and a special friend. She was so much fun to be around. I will pray that the wonderful memories you and your children have will sustain you during this time of sorrow and forever.  
Betty Delk

**Betty Delk** - December 19, 2018 at 12:07 PM

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“ 24 files added to the album LifeTributes



**Wheeler Funeral & Cremation Services** - December 19, 2018 at 08:43 AM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Rita Mae (Evans) Rowell.



December 19, 2018 at 07:42 AM

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“ Sandy, Zachary and Kelsey:

Finding the right words to bring comfort to all of you is difficult as you deal with this very sad time in your lives. The true testament to a life well-lived is the many memories that your mother leaves behind.

I think of much laughter over the decades of my knowing Rita. I first met her when my "then boyfriend and later husband" James Rowell - picked me up late one week day afternoon to go with him to a church office in Decatur, GA, as we witnessed the marriage of Rita and Glen, along with her parents and sister's family. What a memory that made and that was the beginning of many more experiences that we would all make in the years ahead.

I can just hear Glen calling her "Red". He loved his red-headed wife and she did him. The gift of that love was you, Sandy. Perhaps knowing they are together once again will bring you some consolation.

I have the wonderful memories of when our two families would get together in Conyers for lunches, dinners, cookouts/barbecues, parties - just always fun gatherings. The bonus of your family having a pool added to the fun so that you, Sandy, along with my son Jesse and daughter Julie would learn to swim and all of us create fun new chapters in our lives.

There were two trips that Rita and I would take with two other girl friends and I think we laughed the entire time - once to Panama City and the other to Las Vegas. Whenever Rita was around, there would be much laughter. When Glen, James, Rita and I went to Las Vegas as two couples - we had such a great time. She & I felt like "Lucy & Ethel" when we got on the elevator to go to the hotel lobby by ourselves and immediately upon stepping in the elevator, dropped our key down the opening of the elevator shaft. I think we laughed tears as we walked to the front desk to get new keys. We had only been in Vegas an hour and that experience set the pace for fun times ahead.

As an aunt to my two children (your cousins) - she was the best! Also as a sister-in-law to me - she was the greatest. Sometimes we felt like "the lone rangers" at Rowell gatherings, but the times we traveled to visit them made time spent much better.

I am celebrating with all of you a life that touched so many and celebrating the memories that will always remain. As you share, talk, and remember, may you know that Rita is still living in your hearts.

Much love, "Aunt" Judy (Rowell) Berry, Kernersville, NC

Judy Berry - December 18, 2018 at 12:03 PM

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“ Michelle Carter lit a candle in memory of Rita Mae (Evans) Rowell



**Michelle Carter** - December 18, 2018 at 08:18 AM

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“ I loved Rita from the first day I met her - more like a sister than a sister-in-law. We had kindred hearts. She always knew how to say the right thing to encourage me. Just being with her was a joy. I will miss her so much. Cheers! Until we meet again!

**Louise Rowell** - December 17, 2018 at 06:59 PM