

Obituary

Mrs. Rita Gayle Craig, age 69, of Winder, passed away at her residence on August 17, 2025.

Rita enjoyed a fulfilling career as the charge nurse at Barrow Regional Medical Center's Emergency Room, where she cared for countless patients with compassion and expertise. Her dedication to nursing was a reflection of her nurturing spirit, evident in her role as a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. Family was the cornerstone of Rita's life. A woman of deep faith, Rita lived her life with a strong commitment to her beliefs. She was an avid reader, having read the entire Bible several times, which highlighted her spiritual dedication and the guiding principles that shaped her character.

Rita was preceded in death by her father, Birl Hughes; her mother, Atha Bonnell Hughes; her brothers, Danny Hughes and Timmy Hughes.

Rita is survived by her husband, Joseph Ross Craig of Winder; daughter, Jamie (Scott) Harrison of Jefferson; stepdaughter, Sasha White (Jake Eaton) of Arnoldsville; stepson Sean Craig of Washington; siblings, Kay Fowler of Jefferson, Vickie (Bruce) Braselton of Winder, Mark (Louanne) Hughes, and Mary (Steve) Watkins; grandchildren Wesley Harrison of Toccoa, Dustan (Cearra) Sexton of Winder, Brentley Allbritten of Jefferson, Jackson Goode of Winder, Jayden Goode of Jefferson, Emily Harrison of Jefferson, Kristian Scherf of Arnoldsville, Jesse White of Arnoldsville, Khloe White of Arnoldsville, Emiko Craig of Washington, and great-grandchild Rayah Sexton of Winder.

Mrs. Rita Gayle Craig

October 17, 1955 ~ August 17, 2025



This Is Not Goodbye

*I did not want to leave you
it was just my time to go
I know your heart is breaking
So, I need to let you know
That although you can no longer see me
I'll be forever by your side
I promise time will numb the pain
And help dry the tears you've cried
You can reach me in your memories
Just think of me, I will be there
In your dreams, we can visit yesteryear
Where we didn't have a care
Please carry on and live your life
I beg of you to try
Just know we'll meet again one day
As this is not goodbye*

In Memory Of

Mrs. Rita Gayle Craig

Date of Birth

October 17, 1955

Entered Into Rest

August 17, 2025

Funeral Services

4:00 PM, August 23, 2025

The Chapel of Maddox-Carter Memorial Home

Winder, GA

Following the Funeral service, Mrs. Craig will be
cremated.