

Acknowledgement

The family of Cherita Lynne Darden extends our heartfelt gratitude to all who have offered their support and condolences during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness and prayers have been a source of strength that we will forever cherish in our hearts.



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In Loving Memory
Cherita Lynne Darden
July 11, 1974 - February 1, 2025

Heartfelt Memories

Heartfelt memories of a daughter whose love was sweet and pure, to lose someone so precious is a pain that's hard to endure.

You were the jewel in our hearts
You were loved in every way.
Now you're gone, you're truly missed
each and every day.

You always brought the sunshine
and you brightened up our world,
spreading happiness and kindness
since you were a little girl.

Daughter, life is not the same
now you're no longer here,
but our love for you is still strong
and will remain year after year.





In Loving Memory
Cherita Lynne Darden (McGinnis)
"Rita"

Sunrise
July 11, 1974



Sunset
February 1, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Cherita Lynne Darden, lovingly known as Rita, on February 1, 2025, at the age of 50. Born on July 11, 1974, in Cleveland, Ohio, Rita was known for her vibrant personality, infectious laughter, and generous spirit.

Raised in Cleveland and Parma, Rita attended Parma Senior High School, graduating with a 3.2 GPA. She went on to become a dedicated Nursing Assistant, caring for patients and family members alike. Rita's compassion knew no bounds—she would give you the shirt off her back. Though she was known to have a fiery spirit when upset, her humor and warmth always returned quickly.

Rita's playful personality shined in her conversations, often starting phone calls to her mom with, "What's up, old lady? Where is my Black Santa?!" She was also a huge fan of Whitney Houston and Mary J. Blige, frequently singing their songs with passion and joy.

She was the cherished daughter of Jacqueline McGinnis and the late William F. Darden and was lovingly raised by her stepfather, Joel McGinnis, whom she affectionately called her "Black Santa." Rita was the devoted mother of Angel Murell and her beloved twins, with whom she shared a unique bond.

Rita was the beloved sister of Jacqueline Y. Jackson, Peaches L. Darden Copeland, and William F. Darden McGinnis (Margie). She also shared a close connection with her bonus siblings, Christina McGinnis and JoJo McWhorter. She held a special place in her heart for her Auntie Carolyn, who was like a second mom, and her favorite uncles, Toronto Davis (Nelli) and Dewayne Darden (Kim).

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Peaches & Frank Darden, and Henry Davis, Jr. She is survived by her grandmother, Rose Davis.

She leaves behind a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and friends who loved her dearly. Rita's vibrant spirit, contagious laughter, and generous heart touched many lives. Her memory will live on through the countless people she inspired and the love she shared so freely.

Rita's legacy is one of love, laughter, and strength. Her spirit will live on through the memories she created and the lives she touched.

Rest in peace, Rita. You are loved beyond measure and will be deeply missed.