



Rita Cheryl Birdsong Kendall

March 18, 1956 - October 28, 2022

Rita Cheryl Birdsong Kendall, age 66, of Madison, Tennessee, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on October 28, 2022. Preceded in death by her parents, Virginia (Happy) and Billy Birdsong. She is survived by her husband, Rick Kendall, her children, Brandy (Doug) Kincaid, Anthony (Rachel) Strickland, and Hillary Kendall, and grandchildren, Natalya, Zachary, and Nicholas Kincaid. Rita was a Madison native who spent her life bringing joy and kindness to everyone she met and was loved by everyone who knew her. She lived her life by the motto of everyone is worth kindness, and having a good attitude would always brighten your day. There will be a Celebration of Life honoring Rita on Saturday, December 3, 2022, from 12-4 at the Madison Elks Lodge. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your favorite local animal rescue organization or to the family to help with expenses.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 3. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Madison Elks Lodge
308 Williams Ave.
Madison, TN 37115

Tribute Wall

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“ I first started at Gaylord Opryland as Rita’s Assistant and we hit it off right away she made me laugh and helped anyone with anything even when I asked the same questions. when I was offered another job it was her blessing that I took she was so kind and hard working and loved the people around her so much. We did the heart walk together following HR around the hotel laughing and of course the Easter egg hunts looking for the PTO which we found some candy but left other eggs for others because that’s who she was. We had lunches in the cafeteria with Petra. Where we talked about the upcoming weekends and what we were doing with our families and about work. It’s funny how job titles made others feel like their job was more important but in reality Rita was the most important person in Event Management. Sending love to her family.

Melissa Borgmeyer - November 04, 2022 at 12:53 PM

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“ When my mother and I moved to Madison from East Nashville in 1968, and I was attending a new and much larger school (NBJH), Rita was the FIRST person I met. She came up to me at school, introduced herself and invited me to a party (I believe at Barbara Cron’s house). Hesitantly I went, and as soon as I arrived, Rita took me by the hand and introduced me around to everyone there. Barbara was the second person I met in Madison and Denise Dillard was the third. We were great friends while in school and when I’d miss school, she would walk from her home on Randy Road to my house on Cheryl Avenue and bring me goodies to make me feel better. She was a true and kind soul. The world has a hole in it that can never be filled.

Kevin Brady - November 04, 2022 at 10:42 AM