



Anita Louise Lanier

May 1, 1946 - September 23, 2020

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Anita Louise Lanier, 74, passed away Wednesday, September 23, 2020 in Batesville, MS. No services are planned at this time. Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford is in charge of arrangements.

Anita was born in Memphis, TN, to John Alfred Lanier and Dorothy Stone Lanier. She spent her working career with Shelby County Board of Adjustments handling zoning and code issues.

Anita was a strong, independent woman who became an inspiration to her sons by the way she raised them as a single Mom in the 70's. Renay came several years later and was her baby and her princess. Her children became stronger adults by watching the way she handled adversity. She was loving and caring, and she was the greatest Mom and Gran Mom. Family was everything to her. She loved keeping her grandchildren and kept every drawing they ever gave her.

Anita loved traveling to Vermont to visit Kirby – or New York or wherever he was living. Her greatest travel love was the beach, and she enjoyed many trips there with her sisters. She loved sewing; she loved Elvis; she loved word plays; and she loved taking care of babies at church before her health failed.

Anita is survived by her daughter, Renay Smith (Michael); her son, Kirby Turner (Melanie); her sister, Frances Gilpatrick (Jim); and, her grandchildren, Lucas Turner, Rowan Turner, Noah Cornelius, Dylan Smith, Harper Smith, and Sid Smith.

Anita was preceded in death by her parents, John and Dorothy Lanier and her son, Andrew Leroy Turner and her sisters, Jean Curbo and Beth Van Winkle.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Calvary Baptist Church of Batesville, MS (306 Keating Rd, Batesville, MS 38606) or to the Alzheimer's Association (225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl.17, Chicago, IL 60601).

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