



Ranita Everett Stevens

November 11, 1946 - January 13, 2021

Ranita Everett Stevens began her eternity in Heaven on Jan 13, 2021. She was born in Orlando, Florida to Emory and Ethelyn Everett on Nov 11, 1946, and had one brother, Allen Everett, who loved and adored her.

In 1964 she graduated from Edgewater High School in Orlando, Florida. During her senior year in high school she met and dated DeForest (Forrie) Lynn Stevens who became her husband on August 9, 1969, and 51 years later remains the love of her life. She lived in Winter Park and Orlando Florida, but some of her most cherished memories were spent with her family at their home in Kennedy, NY, and Summers spent in New Smyrna Beach, Florida.

Ranita was strong in her faith, treasured life, and loved her family beyond measure. She always had a smile on her face, even during challenging times, and always put her faith, family, and friends first. If anyone ever needed anything she was there to help in any ways she was able. She was selfless, compassionate, empathetic, loving, and a true glowing example of Christ's love.

Her girls, Deeandra, Stacia, Haley, and Kiley were her pride and joy. Having played a huge role in all of their lives, her matriarchal influence of love, advice, and guidance throughout the years, provided them a faith-based foundation from which they draw amazing inspiration from. She was everyone's Gaga,

loved by so many. We will surely miss those “Gaga hugs” - ones embraced with true unconditional love that settle your heart.

Ranita is survived by her husband DeForest Lynn Stevens, her daughter Deeandra Swabb, her granddaughter Stacia Wares, her great-grandchildren Haley and Kiley Wares, and many others within her extended family, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, January 22, 2021, at 2 o'clock p.m. at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church located at 4917 Eli Street Orlando, 32804. For those who would like to attend virtually, please follow this link at the designated time: <https://youtu.be/WYZpv6gMf2s>

The family of Ranita would love for you to leave a message or a memory in honor of her on the tribute wall at the link listed below.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Memorial Service

JAN **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
4917 Eli Street
Orlando, FL 32804
(407) 647-7774

Tribute Wall

BG

“ *Bill & Cindy Greenleaf purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Ranita Everett Stevens.*



Bill & Cindy Greenleaf - January 20, 2021 at 07:11 PM

DM

“ *David, Marcia and Kellie Morris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ranita Everett Stevens.*



David, Marcia and Kellie Morris - January 19, 2021 at 09:42 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ranita Everett Stevens.*



January 18, 2021 at 07:59 PM

 Gail Romain

“ *Gail Romain lit a candle in memory of Ranita Everett Stevens*



Gail Romain - January 18, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Ranita Everett Stevens.*



January 18, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ *Rees and I send love & prayers to Ranita's family. She and D.L. were in our Navigator couples Bible Studies for several years when we lived in Orlando in the early '80's. They were a huge blessing to us and we have missed them. So sorry for your loss!*
Frankie & Rees Nickerson

Frances Nickerson - January 17, 2021 at 10:07 PM



“ *Phyllis Sultzbach lit a candle in memory of Ranita Everett Stevens*



Phyllis Sultzbach - January 17, 2021 at 09:31 PM



“ *Barry And Marlene lit a candle in memory of Ranita Everett Stevens*



Barry and Marlene - January 17, 2021 at 08:32 PM

PO

“ Hi My name is Pam. We meet at our Pizza Shop many years ago. We have grown to be closer every year. She always touched my heart every time we were together. I will miss her every day. She Loved her family so very much..

Pam Olson - January 17, 2021 at 02:43 PM

LR

“ Lawrence Rublee lit a candle in memory of Ranita Everett Stevens



Lawrence Rublee - January 17, 2021 at 02:32 PM

TE

“ Ranita found me on FB recently and I was so glad. She was a friend in HS that I always remembered with a smile. When I saw pictures of her recently, she still had that beautiful smile and caring thoughts from years ago. I send my prayers for her family. May God comfort your heart knowing she is at peace.

From Tegie Gibson Martin

Tegie - January 17, 2021 at 09:51 AM

TF

“ The Witte Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ranita Everett Stevens.



The Witte Family - January 17, 2021 at 06:42 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ranita Everett Stevens.



January 17, 2021 at 05:47 AM



“ Honestly I don't remember when we first met ... probably having chicken wings at the office in Kennedy ny .. but she was the kindest most beautiful person I have ever met !! She loved being here when it was cold ... I never understood that 😊.. she love to make us smile and her hugs were the best .. Angel on earth and heaven ❤️
🙏

Sue Bennett - January 16, 2021 at 09:14 PM



“ Teresa M. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ranita Everett Stevens.



Teresa M. - January 16, 2021 at 07:59 PM



“ Lawrence Rublee purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Ranita Everett Stevens.



Lawrence Rublee - January 16, 2021 at 06:47 PM

CB

“ There are so many family memories of Ranita. She and Forrie hosted our family Christmas gatherings for a number of years and always made me feel so welcome and even my parents 1 year. Then when I needed a place to live she and Forrie readied a home for me to rent in less than 2 weeks and charged me a very low rent. Not just a home but a shoulder to cry on too. I know Ranita is resting in the arms of Jesus now.

Cynthia Ballard - January 16, 2021 at 06:36 PM



“ Gregory Philip lit a candle in memory of Ranita Everett Stevens



Gregory Philip - January 16, 2021 at 06:14 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ranita Everett Stevens.



January 16, 2021 at 03:15 PM