



## Rita Morgan Miller

March 5, 1953 - February 8, 2026

Rita Lynette Morgan Miller was born on March 5, 1953, in Galveston, Texas. She was one of three children born to Fletcher Morgan and Alice Riggins Morgan. Rita grew up in Thompsons, Texas, and graduated from Lamar Consolidated High School (LCISD). Following graduation, she attended Prairie View A&M University, where she formed friendships that would last a lifetime.

Rita carried a deep commitment to honoring and preserving the legacy of her parents. She played a central role in having a school within LCISD named in her father's honor—Fletcher Morgan Jr. Elementary. Rita devoted countless hours volunteering on campus, where she quickly became affectionately known as Panther Nana. She joyfully served as the keynote speaker for the 5th grade graduation each year since the school opened its doors on January 4, 2022. Whenever the school called, Rita proudly pulled into her reserved parking spot, ready to serve in any way needed. The school community brought tremendous joy to her life, and even in her final days, she was there reading books on Black History to the students.

During her years at Lamar, Rita met a classmate named Clyde. The two quickly grew fond of each other, and by graduation they walked proudly, side by side. Their love blossomed into a lifelong partnership, and on February 5, 1972, Rita and Clyde were united in marriage. Together, they built a warm and

loving home in Thompsons, Texas, and welcomed three beautiful daughters: Alicia Michelle, Colette Nicole, and Kristin Lynette.

She also served her community with dedication, holding the role of Alderman on the Thompsons City Council from 1979 to 2019. Among her many contributions, Rita was instrumental in the development of the town's city hall and community center. She loved giving back to her community and spent countless hours volunteering. One of her favorite quotes was, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." And that is exactly how she lived her life. She was a proud member of the Fort Bend Optimist Club and loved serving as a grand juror for Fort Bend County after her retirement. The number of organizations blessed by her involvement is far too great to name.

In her early years as a mother, Rita delighted in making homemade pancakes for Clyde and the girls and planning special activities for the children in the neighborhood. She organized aerobics at the city fire department and Hallelujah Night at Mt. Pilgrim. She loved her children, but enjoyed doting over her grands even more. She loved them with her whole heart and had a remarkable gift for spending meaningful, individual time with each of them. Nana always knew exactly what each child needed, and she was unfailingly present—supporting their passions, whether it was dance, basketball, choir, or any activity that brought them joy. And when the grandkids joined an organization, Nana joined right along with them. She especially loved her role as "Dance Nana."

Her hobbies included crafting, decorating for the holidays, entertaining her friends, and her ultimate passion—scrapbooking. Many can attest to the joy of receiving a surprise scrapbook in the mail. Rita had an exceptional eye for capturing life's most special moments and preserving them in the most beautiful way. She also cherished bonding with her sisters-in-law and the

Housewives and Dining Divas friend groups.

Rita faithfully served at Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church before joining Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Sugar Land, Texas, in 2002. At Friendship, she was a devoted member of the Women's Choir, the Education Committee, the Care & Concern Committee, and the Pastor's Anniversary Committee. She found immense joy in planning church events alongside her best friend, Melinda—the two lovingly known as M&M. Most recently, Rita was appointed Trustee, a role she cherished deeply. Her church, her pastor, and her church family held a very special place in her heart.

Rita began her career in public service in November 1974, serving at the Texas Agrilife Extension Service-Expanded Nutrition Program in Richmond, Texas. In 1977, she joined the County Clerk's Office as the Lead Criminal Clerk. In 1993, she became a Probate Auditor for the County Court at Law No. 1 and No. 2 judges. At the time of her retirement, she had proudly served Fort Bend County for 35 years.

For more than 30 years, Rita dedicated her time and talents to the Butterfly Project Inc. As Program Director, she helped guide teenage girls toward positive life choices. She exposed them to new experiences through community service, college tours, travel opportunities, and the organization's annual empowerment conference. Many of these young women went on to earn college degrees, build successful careers, and later return as mentors—an enduring testament to Rita's influence. Rita was deeply passionate about volunteerism and held a tender place in her heart for all children.

On Sunday, February 8, 2026, Rita traded the cares of this world for her crown in glory. We are confident she skipped joyfully into Heaven and immediately began coordinating the next heavenly event. Rita was such a loving and caring soul, and we often wondered where she found the capacity to care for

so many.

Rita was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Clyde; her brother, Dennis LaRue Morgan; and her sister, Nadie LaShalle Wade.

Rita's beautiful life and loving spirit will forever be cherished by her three children: Alicia McKnight (Kenneth), Colette Edwards (Devin), and Kristin (fiancé, Joaquin). She leaves behind nine grandchildren—Morgan McKnight (Josh), Makayla McKnight, Grayson Edwards, Joaquin Martinez, Mya McKnight, Martin Martinez, Aracely Martinez, Efrain Martinez, and Benjamin Martinez; her aunt, Juanita Williams of Houston; her sisters in love Jessie G. Lewis, Ivory Miller, and Debra Edwards; her godchildren, Marcus and Latasha Taylor; her best friends, Melinda and Nelson Morgan; her granddogs—Maddox Edwards, Max McKnight, and Layla Edwards; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, adopted children, and cherished friends.

Services for Rita Morgan Miller will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, February 19, 2026 at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 16138 W. Belfort Avenue, Sugar Land, Texas 77498. Burial to follow at Edwards Cemetery in Thompsons, Texas. Visitation will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the church.

# Cemetery Details

## Edwards Cemetery

Thompsons, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church  
16138 West Belfort Avenue  
Sugar Land, TX 77498

## Service

FEB 19. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita Morgan Miller*



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**Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries** - February 19 at 08:28 AM

TD

“ *TR DRAKE lit a candle in memory of Rita Morgan Miller*



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**TR DRAKE** - February 19 at 06:07 AM

TI

“ I was so deeply sorry to hear about Rita. She was such a special part of my mom’s life for decades and their friendship was one of those steady, lifelong bonds that meant the world to both of them. Knowing how much they shared and how much they cared for each other will always stay with me.

*Rita was always so kind to me and interested in my well being. I’ll remember her warmth and gentle spirit with real affection.*

*Sending love to her daughters and to all who are missing her right now. She leaves behind a lot of love and that says everything about the life she lived.*

*Love, T. R.*

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**T. R. Bowen IV** - February 18 at 12:15 PM

TI

“ T. R. Bowen IV lit a candle in memory of Rita Morgan Miller



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**T. R. Bowen IV** - February 18 at 12:13 PM

RF

“ Ronald Garcia and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita Morgan Miller.



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**Ronald Garcia and Family** - February 18 at 11:29 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rita Morgan Miller.

February 18 at 12:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rita Morgan Miller.



February 18 at 12:34 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Rita Morgan Miller.



February 17 at 09:59 AM



“ *I'm sorry for your loss Alicia, Your Mom was always nice to me.*

**craig p walker** - February 17 at 12:21 AM



“ *Charles and Sandy Knight purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Rita Morgan Miller.*



**Charles and Sandy Knight** - February 14 at 06:36 PM

CK

“ Charles and Sandy Knight planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Morgan Miller.

Charles and Sandy Knight - February 14 at 06:36 PM

MH

“ Rita was such a kind and wonderful person. She always treated all of us at the JCPenney Salon with the utmost respect and genuine warmth. I will always remember her beautiful smile that could light up the entire room. She loved sharing stories about her family, and you could feel how proud she was—especially when she talked about the school that was named after her father and showed us the photos from the dedication.

*We were truly blessed to have met Rita. Her kindness, pride in her family, and joyful spirit will always be remembered.*

Michele Hurtado - February 13 at 10:19 AM

AH

“ Rita was one of the sweetest, most loving, most giving people I have ever known, and soooo much fun to be with!! Her memory will live on in the hearts of everyone who knew and loved her. Sending love and prayers to the family she cherished with all her heart!! May her sweet soul Rest in Eternal Peace!!

Alane Haardt - February 12 at 11:10 AM

BJ

“ *Barbara Jackson lit a candle in memory of Rita Morgan Miller*



Barbara Jackson - February 11 at 09:49 PM

VG

“ *I'm so very sorry for the loss. I've worked with Colette, her daughter, for many years at MD Anderson. Oh the stories I've heard about Mrs. Miller! Her legacy will live on in her daughters and extended family, and I pray the memories will sustain them through this difficult time.*

Veronica Garza - February 11 at 12:13 PM

JS

“ *Jewel Simpson lit a candle in memory of Rita Morgan Miller*



Jewel Simpson - February 10 at 04:07 PM

JS

*Heart felt prayers and condolences to the family.*

Jewel Simpson - February 10 at 04:08 PM

TG

“ *I am so glad to have met such a kind spirit and my prayers will be with her family and friends*

Tammy Green - February 10 at 11:05 AM

KD

“ I loved me some Mrs. Rita Miller!!! That smile that laugh the support she gave! I'll never forget all she's done for me! Surprised me in-front the whole church with a gift for directing the youth choir. Walked out the church to a big picture of me sitting in the back thanking me for what I do and then there's her saying "Did I surprise u!? You wasn't expecting that huh!?" With that big smile on her face lol. I'll miss her sitting in my Sunday School class coming up to me afterwards saying "Give me a hug girl! I'm so Proud of you!" Ohhh how my feelings are hurt! But to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! Praying for her Family and Close Friends.

Kayla Davis - February 10 at 09:47 AM

PW

“ Pat W. lit a candle in memory of Rita Morgan Miller



Pat W. - February 10 at 09:12 AM

PW

*I loved me some Rita, she was one of a kind! She was kind, generous and oh so funny! I will forever miss her! When I lost my son and she was going through her own health challenges she came with the group to visit me, because of her own health situation, yet, so glad to see her, I asked what are you doing here, she said, where else would I be and we just hugged. That's who she was!*

Pat W. - February 10 at 09:20 AM

MS

“ GOD knew I needed a lady like Rita in my life. He placed her in my path years ago at Church camp. We shared laughs and tears but mostly friendship. May GOD surround all of you with peace.

Marla Sebesta - February 10 at 08:28 AM