



Rita Catherine Turley

November 24, 1946 - January 18, 2007

A Celebration of Life Service for Rita Catherine Turley, 60, of Richmond, Texas will be held at 2:00 P. M., Saturday, January 27, 2007 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Rosenberg.

Rita was born November 24, 1946 in St. Louis, Missouri to Lucas Lanza and Catherine Ferliga Lanza. She taught school for 31 years serving the Lamar Consolidated School District for 25 of those years. She was a child advocate who cared for, loved and supported her students. She enjoyed playing bridge and other card games. She passed away January 18, 2007 in Houston, Texas.

She is survived by her husband, Ron Turley; her parents, Lucas and Catherine Lanza; along with her cousins, her aunt and uncle and numerous close friends.

To honor Rita's request, please omit flowers and make donations to M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, P. O. Box 4486, Houston, Texas, 77210, American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 570127, Houston, Texas, 77257, any animal welfare program or to the charity of your choice benefiting children's welfare.

Tributes and words of condolence may be left for the family at www.davisgreenlawnfh.com.

Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B. F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas,
77471, 281-341-8800.

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Mrs. Turley was my 4th, 5th, and 6th grade teacher. I am now 30 years old, so you could imagine how long ago that was. Oddly, she is one teacher I never forgot. I remember her because she cared for her students and showed compassion. She really got some kids on the right track to be successful. I will always remember her white pot of coffee, her yard stick, and the color green. She will truly be missed!

Jason Fernandez - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Ron,
Like so many others who have written in here, we remember wonderful times with you and Rita playing Spades together in KC, living in the lap of luxury at Cabana Club, and strolling down the River Walk in San Antonio. My renewed friendship with Rita during the last few years is a gift that I will cherish forever.
I've always admired Rita's genuineness, her humor, her bravery, her direct, no-nonsense ways, and the down-deep compassion she consistently showed to people and pets who could use a helping hand.
My hope is that we will all carry a little of Rita with us for the rest of our lives. If that happened, the world would be a better place.
Our hearts are with you and with Mr. and Mrs. Lanza.
Love,
Sharon and Les

Sharon Tettenhorst - February 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Ron,
Your memory bank holds on to the best times that you and Rita shared. Keep it open and cherish it. She will always be there.

With Lots and Lots of love attached

Steve and Jennifer Tate - January 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Ron we are very sorry to hear of your loss,Rita was a wonderful person and will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tom,Cindy & Aunt Fay - January 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Ronnie - Thanksgiving will never ever be the same. I will never be able to look at a cherry pie and not think of Riti.

*Love you - come home
Your KC Cuz*

Charlene - January 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ I remember when Rita welcomed me into the Turley family on our first trip to Texas. And on another occasion we planted flowers along her driveway. She was a delight to be with.Fran

Homer & Frances - January 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Ron, Mr. and Mrs. Lanza, I cannot believe that Rita is gone. She has been such a dear friend for over 40 years--she was always there for me, in good times and bad--just as she was for countless others. My deepest sympathy to you...you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Mary Ann Gresham Baruch - January 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Ron - I wish I were there to give you a big hug. We all loved Rita. My favorite "italian" as I remember. May she rest in peace.

george gresham - January 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ We were so sorry to hear about Rita. We always enjoyed getting together for dinner with you all. Rita was someone you instantly felt a connection with and she will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Mike and Sandy Lamb

Mike and Sandy Lamb - January 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Ron, I am so sorry to hear about your wife. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Susan

Susan Bill - January 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ Ron,
So sorry to hear about your wife. I am always available to talk, if you feel the need.

Vicki Anderson - January 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Ron, I'm so sorry to hear that your wife has passed. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Charyl Sjowall

Charyl Sjowall - January 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Ron,

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I know how close you were to your wife. Take care. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

With Sympathy,

Michele

Michele Carter - January 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Ron,

I am so sorry to hear about your wife. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marylou Hampleman - January 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Ron, Luke & Catherine:

I leave this message with teary eyes. We feel so greedy that we long for one more laugh, one more card game, one more cherry pie, one more Thanksgiving dinner.... "one more" of all the things for which we will always remember Rita. Also, for plans made for events that will now not ever occur--trips to Vegas, and, ultimately, Hawaii.

It is our privilege to have known Rita, and to be a part of your extended family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jim & Charlene - January 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Ron, I'm so sad about Rita. Bless her heart and yours. She looks the same as I have always remembered her. Please know you are in my heart and prayers - always.

Cheryl

Cheryl Crandall - January 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ Ron,
You are in our thoughts and prayers. Please try to remember that, death leaves a heartache no one can heal but love leaves a memory no one can steal.

Kevin & Family

Kevin Scharfenkamp - January 24, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Ron,
My husband and I send our condolences to you and Rita's parents on your loss of such a beautiful person. I felt privileged to have known such a loving person. Just know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Stephanie Masciocchi - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ Going back to when Rich and she were toddlers, Rita was his oldest friend. She married Rich's friend, Ron, who ultimately would become Rich's best amigo. Alyce met and became friends with Rita and Ron while dating Rich in college when both Rita and Alyce trained as teachers. Though the miles have separated us over the years, we've remained close at heart as friends. Our prayers were with Rita as she courageously battled her cancer. They remain with Ron, Luke, and Catherine in their grief. Her lifelong devotion to children should gain her a favored spot in heaven where we hope to see her again someday and laugh together at EVERYTHING. She probably already has God laughing at something she said. We'll miss her dearly.

Alyce & Rich Wassall - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ I knew Rita because of our teaching days at Jackson and Meyer. She always had a way to make me smile and warm my heart. She loved her 'kids' and they knew she loved them. I am saddened by her passing and my deepest sympathy goes to her family.
Sincerely,
Peggy Brown

Peggy Brown - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Rita was a wonderful teacher and great friend, she will be missed by many. Love you Rita!!!

Love,
Tara Faith

Tara Faith - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Dear Ron,

You know how much we will miss our dear friend. We embrace you and Mr. and Mrs. Lanza.

Leldon and Teresa Brown - January 23, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ We are sadden by this loss. Our paryers are with you all.

Bob and Beckie Williams - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Rita was a great mentor to me when we opened Meyer Elem. 21 years ago. She showered me with encouragement, math tricks, discipline strategies and "mothering" to get me through that first year of teaching. I feel blessed to have known her. Rita Turley is a role model for Lamar CISD-what all educators should aspire to be. The children that came through her doors knew they were loved, and that she would help them succeed; whatever it took. Her students were her life. We will never forget Rita Turley!!

Thyra Williams - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ Our thoughts and prayers with you. god bless you.

VARGHESE MATHEW - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I had the privilege of working directly with Rita at Huggins Elementary. Rita had a way of drawing out the best in each student she encountered. Her enthusiasm for education was contagious and she truly loved her students. She was someone quite special. I will miss her. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

Julie Snader - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Ron,
I'm so sorry to hear of your lost. Having lost my mother in May, it's both bitter and sweet to have them leave us, but it's comforting to know that our loved ones are no longer suffering. I'm praying that God will comfort both you and Rita's parents.

Anna TTB Greensboro - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ I'll always remember Rita as one of the best teachers I've ever worked with.

Diana Freudensprung - January 22, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Mrs. Turley was my 6th grade social studies teacher, she was by far my favorite teacher and I know she will be missed

Ashley Bryan - January 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *I worked with Mrs. Turley at Navarro Middle School. It was a joy to be on staff with her. She was always smiling; encouraging others around her. It was very apparent she loved the students and cared for their futures. Please accept my sympathy.*

Donna J. Hale - January 20, 2007 at 12:00 AM