



## Anita Smith Collier

February 12, 1948 - May 15, 2025

Anita Smith Collier, age 77, of Athens, Alabama, peacefully passed away on May 15, 2025, following an extended illness. Born on February 12, 1948, in the Coxe Community of Limestone County, Anita was the daughter of the late Roswell Houston “Cotton Head” Smith and Elizabeth Blair Smith. A proud Limestone County native, she was known for her hard work, deep love, and unwavering care for her family and friends.

Anita was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jimmy Collier, and her sisters Dorothy Hudson, Linda Shields, and Martha Sims. She is survived by her devoted daughter and son-in-law, Alyson and Shane Carpenter, and her treasured grandson, Brady Carpenter. Anita also leaves behind her sister, Susan Tucker; brothers Ross Smith, Tommy Smith, and Johnny Smith; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins whom she loved dearly.

Anita dedicated many years to her career in insurance, then later serving as a dispatcher for the Limestone County Sheriff's Office before retiring from the Limestone County Revenue Office in 2010. A woman of faith, she was a member of the Church of Christ and was known for her generosity, often arriving with a casserole, a cake, or a cleaning cloth in hand to help those in need.

In her retirement years, Anita relished beach trips with her sister and dear

friends, creating memories filled with laughter, sunshine, seafood, festivals, and shopping. She enjoyed playing bunco, thrift store shopping, bragging about her grandson, and babysitting her favorite grand-pup, Mavis. Known by many affectionate names—Mama, Nita Mama, Sis, Aunt Nita—her favorite was "Mamaw," a testament to the love she shared with her family.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Hospice of North Alabama, The Goldton at Athens, and Limestone Nursing and Rehab Center for their compassionate care and kindness during Anita's final days. In lieu of flowers, they request donations be made to Hospice of North Alabama to honor Anita's life and the comfort they provided.

A public visitation will be held at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home on Sunday, May 18th from 12:00-1:45pm. Pallbearers will include Ty Smith, Jerry Shields, Shane Smith, Tim Sharp, Bain Carpenter, and Tracy Carpenter.

Anita Smith Collier will be remembered for her loving spirit, generosity, and the joy she brought to those around her. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of those she touched.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 18. 12:00 PM - 1:45 PM (CT)

Limestone Chapel Funeral Home  
322 Hwy. 31 N.  
Athens, AL 35611  
(256) 232-1051  
info@limestonechapel.com  
<https://www.limestonechapel.com/>

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ Anita’s obituary said it all!!! That’s exactly who she was!!!! She will be missed!! Alyson, Shane, & Brady and all the family praying for peace & comfort in the days ahead!! 🙏  
Jessica Thomas Glover

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**Jessica Thomas Glover** - May 18, 2025 at 08:11 PM

AM

“ aNITA WAS A DEAR NEIGHBOR (ACROSS ST.) FOR MANY YRS. aLYSON & OUR SON tODD PLAYED TOGETHER LOTS PRIOR TO KINDERGARTEN, THEN AT cOWART sCHOOL. WAS A NEIGHBOR LIKE FAMILY, SUCH A "FUN" TO SHARE WITH. Ann MATTHEWS

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**aNN mATTHEWS** - May 17, 2025 at 12:04 PM

MS

“ Miss Anita helped train me at the old jail. I enjoyed my time with her and our many conversations personally and professionally. She was always willing to share her experiences, wisdom and advice on whatever we asked of her.  
Cherished those work moments!

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**Monica Sweeney** - May 17, 2025 at 08:37 AM

CB

“ Anita was a truly wonderful person. She will be greatly missed.

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**Carol Cox Bodley-Terry** - May 16, 2025 at 08:43 PM

VR

“ *Anita was such a kind, generous friend. I will never forget our Shrimpfest beach trip.  
She will never be forgotten.*

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**vanessa rich** - May 16, 2025 at 01:18 PM

DB

“ *Anita was such a delight to be around.....she will be dearly missed.*

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**Dee Dee Black** - May 16, 2025 at 09:00 AM

PM

*Anita was a very sweet hard working Lady and a a great friend. she will be missed . Praying for all her Family.*

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**Peggy Barker Mitchell** - May 17, 2025 at 05:53 PM