

Maritta Ann Watson, known as Rita, passed from this life on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at her home in Lubbock, Texas. She was born September 28, 1941 at Shamrock General Hospital, the youngest child of Cully Watson and Mamie Pitcock Watson of Pampa.

Rita was raised at Kelton and Friona, moved to Pampa in 1957, and graduated from Pampa High School in 1960. A lifelong Christian, she was a member of Agape United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

Rita Watson married Gary Mills in 1960 at Harrah Methodist Church in Pampa. She was most recently employed by Lydick-Hooks Roofing Company of Lubbock and retired in 2008. She was a resident of Pampa from 1957 to 1982 then a resident of Lubbock from 1982 until her death.

Ms. Watson was a descendent of several families that were amongst the earliest settlers in Texas, Kentucky, and Virginia. Her religious heritage included the Disciples of Christ, Missionary Baptist, and Methodist traditions. Rita was a direct descendant of soldiers who served in the American Revolution, the Mexican War of 1848, and the Civil War.

Rita was preceded in death by her mother in 1985, her father in 1999, and two brothers, Delton Watson in 1931 and Gene Watson in 2014.

She is survived by a daughter, Pam Mills Sumrall and husband Paul of Slaton, Texas; a son, Stephen Mills of Lockhart, Texas; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Rita's family will receive guests at 10 am for one hour prior to the Celebration of Life Graveside service beginning at 11:00 am, Monday, February 22, 2021 in the Memory Gardens Mausoleum with Pastor Ruby Moultrie officiating. The family has entrusted the care of their loved one to Winegeart Funeral Home. Live stream of the services will be available on the Winegeart Funeral Home Facebook page then following services, the link will be posted on Rita's Book of Memories at www.winegeartfuneral.com for those who could not attend.



In Loving Memory

Of

Maritta Ann Watson



The LORD
is my shepherd:
I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for His NAME's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for THOU art with me;

*Thy rod and Thy staff
they comfort me.*

THOU preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies:
THOU anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.



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Entered This Life ~ September 28, 1941

Entered Into Rest ~ February 16, 2021

Celebration of Life Graveside Services

11:00 a.m., Monday, February 22, 2021

Memory Gardens Cemetery Mausoleum, Pampa, Texas

Officiating

Pastor Ruby Moultrie

Order of Services

Greeting

Reading of Psalm 121 ~ Pastor Ruby

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Prayer of The Lord's Prayer

"Nearer, My God to Thee"

Reading of Obituary ~ Pastor Ruby

The Gospel Reading (Matthew 5:1-12a) ~ Tory Sumrall

"We Shall Rise"

Words of Comfort by Pastor Ruby

Reading of II Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1, 6-10 ~ Pastor Ruby

Pastoral Prayer

"Amazing Grace" ~ Pastor Ruby

Benediction Reading of Revelation 21:1-4 ~ Pastor Ruby

Dismissal to gravesite for Committal Service

Committal Service

Graveside Greeting

Reading of I Corinthians 15:51-55 ~ Pastor Ruby

Prayer of Committal ~ Pastor Ruby

Congregational Benediction Prayer of The 23rd Psalm

Dismissal

Place of Interment

Memory Gardens Cemetery ~ Pampa, Texas