



## Rita Joyce Howton Penn

October 5, 1951 - January 2, 2023

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

Rita Joyce Howton Penn passed away peacefully at her daughter's home on January 2, 2023, at the age of 72. A visitation will be held Thursday, January 5, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven (626 Star Landing Road East, Southaven, MS, 38672). A graveside service will follow at 1:30 p.m. at Magnolia Cemetery (Highway 306, Coldwater, MS). Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven is in charge of arrangements.

Rita was born to James and Billie Howton on October 5, 1951 in Memphis, TN. As a child, Rita enjoyed flying in daddy's airplane and was the captain of her volleyball team at Messick High School.

Rita met her husband, Paul, in 1980, and they married in 1982. He was the love of her life. They enjoyed camping, fishing, and dancing.

In addition to being a dedicated, loving mother and grandmother, Rita also loved gardening, reading, and watching movies and painting. Throughout Rita's entire life she held an unwavering faith in God, which she shared with those who surround her.

Rita was preceded in death by her husband of 28 years, parents and two

sisters, Carol Selby of Germantown, TN and Debhora Hobson of Walls, MS.

She is survived by her daughter, Stephanie Justice (Matthew) of Southaven, MS and Robert Brownlee of Independence, MS; her sister, Barbara Gillis of Maryland; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven  
626 Star Landing Rd E  
Southaven, MS 38672  
(662) 349-3900  
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## Graveside Service

JAN 5. 1:30 PM (CT)

Magnolia Cemetery  
Highway 306  
Coldwater, MS

# Tribute Wall



“ 5 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - January 04, 2023 at 11:18 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Rita Joyce Howton Penn.



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January 04, 2023 at 10:15 AM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Coleman Funeral Home** - January 03, 2023 at 04:59 PM

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*Momma,*

*I am going to miss you so much. Spending the past month with you every single day was a great pleasure. I miss our talks and laughs. Watching Yellowstone on Sunday nights will never be the same without you here. Tomorrow will most definitely be the hardest day of my life. You're not suffering anymore and you're with maw maw and paw paw. I just wish this pain would go away. I still sit on your bed thinking about you and I can still smell your scent. I will cherish everything about you for the rest of my life.*

*I love you more than words,*

*Stephanie*

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**Stephanie Renea Justice** - January 04, 2023 at 11:16 AM