



Anita Elizabeth McCallan Winstead

February 20, 1944 - June 22, 2024

On the 20th of February 1944, our beloved Anita Elizabeth McCallan Winstead was born - the first child to Rosmond and Bessie Elliott McCallan. Her birthplace was 816 Green Street, situated in the heart of downtown Portsmouth, Virginia.

Her formative years were spent at 74 Grove Street, within the tight-knit community of Douglas Park, characterized by a strong sense of camaraderie among its inhabitants - the Gatlings, Murphys, and Twines - more family than neighbors. The Douglas Park Recreation Center provided Anita chances to socialize with friends and to attend dances, contingent upon the accompaniment of her younger sister "BB", who would only consent if Anita allowed her to wear her adored white pleated skirt.

Anita completed her elementary education at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School having attended through the eighth grade. Subsequently, she transitioned to the Portsmouth Public School system and successfully completed her secondary studies, graduating in the June 1961 Class of I. C. Norcom High School. Highly intelligent and possessing a gift for administration, Anita had ambitions of being a court stenographer.

In March 1962, a matrimonial union was celebrated between Anita and Robert Lee Winstead, Sr.; childhood friends, classmates, and high school

sweethearts. This union was blessed with the births of five children; Lisa, Robert Jr. (Bobby), Gregory (Sean), Allison, and Angel.

In addition to her roles as wife and mother, Anita engaged in gainful employment outside of the home. She initially worked at Star Band, where her duties involved the assembling of branches for the widely popular aluminum Christmas trees, but she came to the realization that this occupation was not suited to her preferences after two weeks of getting cut by slivers of spinning metal. She eventually secured a position in Washington, DC as a Foreign Accountant within the US Federal Government's Treasury Department, retiring from this role after a distinguished career spanning 35 years. Anita was an example of what faith, strength, resilience, and fortitude can accomplish, and she set a path for her family.

She was a faithful and dedicated member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church in the District of Columbia for many years, overseeing fundraisers and their annual Mardi Gras celebration.

Family gatherings found Anita in the kitchen preparing her famous yeast rolls, homemade cakes, dressing, or seafood lasagne while listening to Al Green, Teddy P, The Delfonics, or Bob Marley. Many times she ventured to Howard University with a trunk full of welcomed and appreciated snacks for her daughter and her friends. Some still reminisce about those days and fondly ask "How's Ma doing?"

Health conditions later in life allowed for the creation of new friendships, and the opportunity to become a source of wisdom and guidance for many young people in the Maryland/DC area.

Those cherishing memories, honoring Anita, and carrying on her legacy include Robert Lee Winstead, Sr. and their children; Lisa Winstead Sloan

(Lonnie III), Robert L. Winstead, Jr. "Bobby", Gregory Sean Winstead (Isilma), Allison R. Winstead, and Angel D. Winstead, grandchildren; Dominique S. Fox, Jordan L. Sloan, Miles I. Sloan, and Quincy S. Winstead, great-grands; Axton Miles Sloan and Tyson Sean Xavier Fox, siblings; Barrie M. Briggs, Valerie T. Twine (Ray), Floyd R. "Ricky" McCallan, Brian A. McCallan, Rita D. McCallan, Darron L. McCallan, Darlene M. Graham, nieces, nephews, cousins, countless extended family, and treasured friends from her 80 years of this life.

Anita Elizabeth McCallan Winstead loved her family. She especially doted on her grandchildren and great-grands, who loved her immensely, and affectionately call her "Grandma Juice" and "Birthday Juice" respectively. It's family stuff... we know what it means.

The pain felt by her passing is indescribable and her physical presence is indeed sorely missed. "Ma", "Nita", "Neet"... , til we meet again, we will hold you in our being. xoxo

Cemetery Details

Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road
Chesapeake, Va

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

Service

JUL 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Anita Elizabeth McCallan Winstead*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 03, 2024 at 07:26 PM



“ *Thank you for opening your family and loving heart to me when I was a young teen mama Winstead. You will be missed, and forever loved. love Rowdy Eroski.*

Michael Chambers - August 17, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ *Dearest Lisa and family, I send my deepest condolences to you all. I pray for you comfort and strength during this challenging time. I hope you all lean on each other and trust God forevermore. Peace and blessings, MeChon Hall*

Me Chon Hall - July 06, 2024 at 12:29 PM



“ *I was very sorry to hear of Anita's passing. Certainly, one of my most favorite people that I worked with at Treasury. She brightened the lives of those whom she worked with.*

Leo Warring

Leo Warring - July 05, 2024 at 07:08 PM

GR

“ To our classmate, Lisa Sloan, we send our deepest condolences to you and your family on the loss of your mother. We pray that you all find peace and comfort in the Comforter-The Holy Spirit. Please know that we love you and are praying for your family.

Shalom
Theos Chrisma Theological Institute
Bishop Stephen Ramos, Dean

Garlena Ramos - July 05, 2024 at 09:40 AM

PD

“ Greetings Lisa and Lonnie....so very sorry to hear about the passing of your mom. She was such a wonderful person, always greeted me with a smile and a kind heart. I remember how often she would laugh at me and your brother when we happen to be cutting up on Joyceton Way. I hope you find comfort in the fact that she was loved and had a good life. My deepest condolences.

Pierre Dickson - July 03, 2024 at 01:37 PM

SD

“ My prayers go up & out for my dear sister friends Darlene & Rita & the entire Mcallan Family. Luv u all to pieces just know that ur sister is in good hands with the Lord. R.I.H Anita luv sister friend Sebrena Daughtry & family



Sebrena Daughtry - July 03, 2024 at 01:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anita Elizabeth McCallan Winstead.



July 03, 2024 at 10:00 AM



“ Catechistic 37 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Anita Elizabeth McCallan Winstead.

Catechistic 37 - July 03, 2024 at 10:00 AM



“ Christine & Alfred Kocher purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Anita Elizabeth McCallan Winstead.



Christine & Alfred Kocher - July 03, 2024 at 06:32 AM



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Christine & Alfred Kocher - July 03, 2024 at 06:32 AM

BR

“ *To the Winstead family. Our heartfelt sympathy to you on the loss of your loved one. While you will miss her on this side, know that she will continue loving you from the other side. Remember that earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

*New Grace Restoration Outreach Ministries
Portsmouth. Va
Bishop Stephen and Pastor Garlena Ramos*

Bishop and Pastor Ramos - July 02, 2024 at 06:59 PM



“ *33 files added to the album Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - July 01, 2024 at 02:52 PM

VT

I'm missing you, Love you and wishing you were still here. Our time as children and adults were so precious as time went on. I'll always cherish. Love Val

Valerie Twine - July 07, 2024 at 02:43 PM

BA

My first memory of Nita cooking for 'us' was her making fried donuts..we called them 'dodge balls '..back then I don't remember us as ever having donuts before..must have been good..we ate them up

Barrie - July 11, 2024 at 11:50 AM

LI

Mommy... Oh, how I am missing you.

Lisa - July 30, 2024 at 01:32 PM