



## Rita Marie Treadwell

November 21, 1948 - November 16, 2023

WIFE, MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, SISTER, SISTER-IN-LAW, AUNT,  
HONORED VETERAN AND CHILD OF GOD

Rita Marie Treadwell, a proud veteran of the United States Army and second oldest of eight children was born November 21, 1948 in Springfield, IL to Thomas Woolery and Lethia Woolery-Freeman. She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents, William and Matilda Clanton; and brother, Tommy Woolery.

Rita was a member of First Mount Zion Baptist Church and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Springfield, IL. Rita was educated in the Springfield, IL School System and over the course of her illustrious professional career, acquired a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology at Drury University in Springfield, MO and a Master of Arts Degree in Education Counseling and Post Graduate Studies in Leadership and Program Planning at Boston University, Boston, MA. Rita was also a member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

While serving in the United States Army, Rita met the love of her life, Melvin Lee Treadwell and they were married on July 21, 1979. Conjointly, the husband-and-wife team continued to pursue a successful military career (with Rita attaining the rank of Sergeant) and provided a secure nest for raising

their children. With over a combined 33 years of faithful and dedicated service in the military and federal government, Rita retired in August, 2011 from the U.S. Veterans Administration as Consultant Learning and Program Director (GS15) after holding a variety of positions of progressive responsibilities and complexities throughout her career, nationally and internationally, and received numerous honors and distinguished awards. Positions included, Commercial Account Specialist, Postal Administrator, Budget Administrator, Director of Child Care Development, Education Counselor, Veterans Counselor, Deputy Director of Education/United States Marine Corps Community Outreach Program, and Learning Consultant and Program Director/ Veterans Administration. Prior to her retirement, Rita declined a nomination to the distinguished Federal Government Senior Executive Services (SES) Program. However, Rita was awarded and accepted salient recognitions and assignments, as was deserved given her expertise, dedication and commitment, to include the following:

- Recognition by the President of the United States for the Daily Points of Light National Community Outreach Program.
- Camp David, President of the United States weekend Retreat, Briefings as US Marine Corps representative. Briefings included a tour and lunch with the President's staff.
- Appointment to the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES), a Department of Defense prestigious education support group.
- Commendation by the U.S. Navy/Marine Corps for her contributions to Partners in Education Program.
- Among the first female soldiers to be assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division Korea, a prestigious combat unit serving on the front line.

Rita was known for her fine culinary skills and earned a diploma from The New Orleans School of Cooking in "Cajun & Creole Cooking". However, her signature dishes were lasagna and fried fish. Additionally, Rita had a green thumb and exquisite taste. She loved gardening and decorating as was

evidenced by her perfectly landscaped lawn with picturesque gardens and the beautiful and impeccable décor of her home. Rita was determined to walk her own path, an avid reader, a mini-marathon runner, family historian, and a restorer of antiques. Not only did her husband, the children and grandchildren benefit from Rita's gifted talents and love, her fur babies, Bella and Bently, were near and dear to her heart.

Rita will be lovingly remembered by her husband Melvin of 44 years, to whom she was "Honey"; as a devoted "Mom/Momma" to her sons, Terry (Paulette) Treadwell of Montclair, VA; Tony (Marie) Perkins of Lilbourn, MO; and daughter, Tammatha Treadwell of Atlanta, GA; as a doting "MiMi" to nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; as "Sissy" to brothers, Frederick P. Woolery of Dolton, IL, Charles Michael Woolery of Springfield, IL; sisters, Doris Woolery of Springfield, IL, Frances Woolery-Jones of Centennial, CO, Mary Woolery-Terry of Homewood, IL, and Cynthia White of Springfield, IL; as a "sister-in-love" to the Kelly, Glasper, Treadwell family and by a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

### Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, M

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

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

John 14

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the following charities:

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<https://staffordspca.org/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Mount Zion Baptist Church  
16622 Dumfries Road  
Dumfries, VA 22025

## Funeral Service

DEC 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Mount Zion Baptist Church  
16622 Dumfries Road  
Dumfries, VA 22025

## Graveside Service

DEC 7. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery  
18424 Joplin Rd  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Tribute Wall

VL

“ I just learned of the transition of my friend Rita. We met at Clark Chapel Baptist Church in Springfield, VA. We met again after I moved to Stafford, VA and discovered we lived in the same area. She was a bookclub member and a friend. She will be so missed by so many. She had such a sweet, gentle spirit. Rest well my sister.

Vera Lloyd - March 01, 2024 at 11:52 AM



I just learned of Rita's transition and extend my condolences to Rita's family and friends.

Joseph Washington - March 12, 2024 at 07:00 PM

JR

“ Rita's memory will forever be remembered as she rests in Jesus with our other family members gone on before her. Lord knows she made us all want to strive to be the best we could be. Mama and Daddy, her Uncle Don and Aunt Doris' were immensely proud of her. I remember being a little girl and hearing Daddy speak of her living in Germany and rising through the ranks of the Army. God be praised for the legacy she left with us.

Jaclene Robinson-Ivy - December 07, 2023 at 04:55 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rita Marie Treadwell.

December 07, 2023 at 04:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rita Marie Treadwell.*



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December 07, 2023 at 04:48 AM



“ *AUC Woodruff Library Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Marie Treadwell.*

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**AUC Woodruff Library Family** - December 05, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ *AUC Woodruff Library Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Rita Marie Treadwell.*



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**AUC Woodruff Library Family** - December 05, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Marie Treadwell.*



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December 05, 2023 at 10:35 AM

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“ *Tracie Drew and Gabby purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita Marie Treadwell.*



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**Tracie Drew and Gabby** - December 04, 2023 at 11:38 PM

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“ *Love and blessings, Your MKGT family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Rita Marie Treadwell.*



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**Love and blessings, Your MKGT family** - December 04, 2023 at 05:02 PM

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“ *Love and blessings, Your MKGT family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rita Marie Treadwell.*



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**Love and blessings, Your MKGT family** - December 04, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rita Marie Treadwell.*



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December 03, 2023 at 07:31 PM

CR

“ Colleen R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Marie Treadwell.

Colleen R. - December 03, 2023 at 02:02 PM

CR

“ Colleen R. purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Rita Marie Treadwell.



Colleen R. - December 03, 2023 at 02:02 PM

RP

“ Royal and Joyce Peterson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Marie Treadwell.

Royal and Joyce Peterson - December 02, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Rita Marie Treadwell.



December 02, 2023 at 11:44 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Marie Treadwell.*



December 01, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Marie Treadwell.*



December 01, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ *FREDERICK PAUL WOOLERY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Marie Treadwell.*

**FREDERICK PAUL WOOLERY** - November 30, 2023 at 10:42 PM



“ *FREDERICK PAUL WOOLERY purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rita Marie Treadwell.*



**FREDERICK PAUL WOOLERY** - November 30, 2023 at 10:42 PM

MJ

“ To the family of Rita Treadwell, I pray that God will bless and keep you during this time and days to come. I remember how she always kept a smile.

Marie Johnson - November 30, 2023 at 10:37 PM

DA

“ Delaware Apartment Association planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita Marie Treadwell.

Delaware Apartment Association - November 29, 2023 at 01:27 PM

DA

“ Delaware Apartment Association purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rita Marie Treadwell.



Delaware Apartment Association - November 29, 2023 at 01:27 PM