



Arthur Rita Butler

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Services for Arthur Rita Butler of Diboll will be held Saturday, May 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the Lottie Arthur Temple Civic Center, 601 Dennis in Diboll, TX. Burial will follow in the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Milam, TX. Visitation is Friday from 5:00 till 7:00 p.m. at Colonial Mortuary.

On August 7, 1954, Arthur Rita Butler born unto Morris Dixon, Sr. and Irene Oliphant in Diboll, Texas.

Arthur Rita Butler called by most "Rita"; lived a joyful life. April 29, 2024, Rita entered eternal rest at Hospice in the Pines in Lufkin, Texas.

She received her education through the Diboll Independent School District, Diboll, Texas. She was a smart, strong minded and loyal person to know and to love.

She met and married Marvin Butler on April 5, 1978, and to this union three children were born and reared. Rita was a dedicated worker at Temple Inland and Atkinson Candy Company. Her love for her family was shown at home and throughout the community. She was a big sports fan, and her favorite football team was the New England Patriots, and she was a (Brady Girl!). She was an all-around person and loved to play Georgia Skin, Poker and the best dice shooter in three counties! She devoted her love, time and energy to her family and friends and would give anyone her "All". She will be truly missed by family, friends and throughout the entire communities.

Rita leaves to cherish her memories, her devoted husband of forty-six years: Marvin Butler, Diboll, Texas; her one and only loving and beautiful daughter: Aretha Denice Oliphant, Diboll, Texas; sons: John Smith, Jr. and Shun (Brandy) Butler, all of Diboll, Texas; brothers: Jethro (Polo) Hinson, Charles (Pop) Huddleston, Lester Ray Oliphant and Morris Dixon, Jr.; brother by love: Cleveland Mark; grandchildren: Michael Lynn Phipps, Jr., Eric D' Michael (Rosco) Phipps, Yasmine Irene (grandma's little Lizzo) Phipps, Shun Lacree "Lucky" Butler, Jr., Janae Smith, Christian Holman, Treasure Sa'Rhya Butler, Jarvin Jashun Butler and Carey Smith; great grandchildren: Se'Bein



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Amori Curl, Quentin Omarion Oliphant, Erianna Dlynn Phipps, Eric "EJ (my I'm different) Phipps, Jr. and Kamryn Amaryia Oliphant; Ty 'Zavian Kane (Quack Quack) Phipps, and Kayliana Davis Butler; mother in law of forty-six years: Elzadie Butler, Hemphill, Texas; brother and sisters-in-law: Willie Herman (JoAnn) Butler, N. Charlton, SC, Felonese Blake, Lufkin, Texas, Ronnie (Delores) Oliphant, Diboll, Texas, Keith (Penny) Butler, Orange, Texas, Katina Butler, Hemphill, Texas; uncle: Vertis Oliphant; aunt: Iowa Long; special sisters of love, Ester Ruth Hunt, Margie Harrell and Pamela Green; Rita's love children: Anthony (Big A) Dwight Ligon, Eddie Fletcher and Sharika Fletcher and a plethora of love children, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, sisters: Verlie Mae Adair, Joyce Tiny Barlow and Claudette Dixon and her twin grandson, Ze Kendrick (ZZ) Zionn' Oliphant, brothers-in-law: Kenneth (Kent) Butler and Tyrone Butler.



Tribute Wall

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Virginia Garrett lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 10 at 2:06 PM



Connie Guillory lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 10 at 9:52 AM



Willie B. sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Butler family.

May 10 at 7:36 AM



Willie B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Arthur.

May 10 at 7:36 AM



Winnie Woods lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 9 at 3:29 PM



Ray, Sr & Sandra Fenley lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 9 at 3:18 PM





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CE

Carrie Edwards lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 9 at 7:24 AM



JB

Jessie Boston lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 8 at 9:23 AM



JB

Jessie Boston May 8 at 9:46 AM

To the family of Rita, you have my sincere condolences for your great lost. To the family, your pain is overwhelming today in pain and grief. Just know as your grief diminishes, the spirit and memories of Rita will live on within your hearts forever. My family and I will remember Rita. Jessie Boston & Family

YK

Yulanda King lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 8 at 7:15 AM



PJ

Pat Jackson lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 7 at 6:05 PM



VT

Virginia Thompson posted:

May God be with the family. Thank you for being a part of our King family down through the years. You will never be forgotten ❤️ Virginia King Thompson

May 7 at 1:58 PM



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WK

Winnie King lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

Continued prayers for the family!!

May 7 at 1:49 PM



BW

Betty & Winifred Watts sent a virtual gift in honor of Arthur.

May 7 at 1:21 PM



JM

Julie A Mahone posted:

She was very close to my Son's Jon and Danny(hillbilly). She always had a kind word and could make you laugh. God bless her and the family. She will be missed.The McGinty Family

May 7 at 9:36 AM

PS

Paula Stubblefield lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

Sending prayers and my condolences to your family and all who love you Rip

May 7 at 3:37 AM



TH

Tawnya Harrell lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

Words cant explain how much I love you friend. I already miss you, but I thank God you loved me and knew that I love you. Thank God for sharing your kind of friendship with me

May 7 at 1:58 AM



AL

Angerlar Lee lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 6 at 4:11 PM





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SK

Sylvia Kirkwood lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 5 at 8:58 PM



CB

Caroline Beard sent a virtual gift in honor of Arthur.

Praying for the family of Rita, we will miss you. RIP Rita, The Evans Clan
Especially your Mom Mable Jackson

May 5 at 8:18 PM



SF

Shirley Fields lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 5 at 8:12 PM



TL

Tina Lyons posted:

Prayers for the family. May God bless you all with strength, peace and understanding. Keep God first in all that you do. I know she will be missed. ❤️ 👤

May 5 at 6:39 PM

TF

Tracy Fears lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

I sure will miss my Leo friend. I will miss her laugh, just her humor alone was the top of the conversation . It was a pleasure meeting you arthur until we meet again Tracy.

May 5 at 3:15 PM



MJ

Mary Jane lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

I will miss our Facebook conversations and remember the years we shared you was one in a million a sweet giving person hold the gate open till I see you again....💙

May 5 at 12:04 PM





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FG

Frankie Hall & Barbara Gordon lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 5 at 7:59 AM



PD

Perry Dixon Jr lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

I will miss you cuz

May 4 at 3:03 PM



PH

Patricia Hubbard lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 4 at 6:11 AM



PB

Paula Bryant lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 4 at 2:41 AM



PB

Phyllis Brown lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 3 at 9:47 AM



AI

Alzada Spikes Ivey lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 3 at 8:24 AM





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Scharlotte Hackney lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 3 at 6:28 AM



Ruth Menefield posted:

Been best friends for over 40YEARS IM GONNA MISS YOU SO MUCH I LOVE YOU. DIANE MENEFIELD

May 3 at 1:09 AM



Shirley Fields lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

May 2 at 2:29 PM



Peggy Pool sent a virtual gift in honor of Arthur.

Jimmy &Peggy Pool send a virtual gift in memory of Arthur Rita Butler

May 2 at 11:21 AM



Yolanda Smith sent a virtual gift in honor of Arthur.

May 2 at 3:04 AM



Elaine Carrington sent a virtual gift in honor of Arthur.

May 2 at 2:46 AM





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Diamond Pinkney posted:

Prayers of Strength and Comfort for the Butler/ Oliphant Family.Rita will Always be Remembered as a Sweet ,Kind Person, Always willing to Help where Needed.May Her Soul Rest in Peace and Prayers of Understanding for the Family.Keep Your Memories of the Time Shared in Her Life, and when You got Memories ,You can then Look to the Heavens and just "Smile".Love You All-The McCloud Family.

May 2 at 2:23 AM



Kimberly D Haynes posted:

I'm going to hours remember the soldier strong and brave. I want remember her when she was leaving me forever but I know she will always be by my side

May 1 at 7:47 PM



Teresia Tims Harris lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



May 1 at 3:44 PM



Justina Coutee Bogany lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



May 1 at 1:30 PM



Bandw Place sent a virtual gift in honor of Arthur.

The Boston family sending our deepest condolences and prayers to the Butler family. Big sis you will definitely be missed



May 1 at 1:27 PM



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RP

Renata Caddell & La'dauris Parks lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



May 1 at 10:45 AM

TH

Tawnya Harrell May 7 at 2:12 AM
Amen. Amen

RP

Renata Caddell & La'dauris Parks May 1 at 10:54 AM
Words cannot help the pain that your feeling right now. Miss Rita was a beautiful person inside and out. You did your part Denice ,when I say God is so pleased with how you took care of your Mother .Your mother was one of a kind and my son loved her and you 'all dearly.Praying for strength and sending lots of love.

PB

Pshana Bailey lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



May 1 at 10:36 AM

AF

Addie Faye lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



May 1 at 9:54 AM

MJ

Minnie Jones lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



May 1 at 9:33 AM

BL

Bonnie Lee lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



May 1 at 9:10 AM



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DT

Debra Tatum sent a virtual gift in honor of Arthur.



May 1 at 8:00 AM

DT **Debra Tatum** May 1 at 8:00 AM
Sending Blessings and Condolences to the Entire Family

CJ

Carrie Blount Johnson lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

Praying for you Denise and your family love y'all ❤️



May 1 at 6:23 AM

SW

Sonya Williams lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



May 1 at 5:40 AM

SB

Sherron Benton lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

My Deepest Heartfelt Condolences, Prayer's & Love 3> I, give YOU your FLOWERS for taking care of your Family.



May 1 at 5:35 AM

DD

Donna James Praying For You Denise lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



May 1 at 3:38 AM

DJ **Donna James** May 1 at 3:40 AM
Donna James Class of 1987 praying for the Butler Family



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RT

Regina Austin Tucker lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



May 1 at 2:47 AM

RT

Regina Austin Tucker May 1 at 2:50 AM

I will miss you my old time friend. You truly loved your family and I am in prayer for them.

BE

Bobbie Edwards lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



May 1 at 1:01 AM

SK

Sylvia Kirkwood lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



April 30 at 11:47 PM

MG

Monica Gibson sent a virtual gift in honor of Arthur.



April 30 at 7:32 PM

CR

Cynthia Rodgers lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



April 30 at 6:05 PM

DF

Dorothy Brown And Owens Family lit a candle in honor of Arthur.



April 30 at 5:21 PM



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AW

Arleen Maxie Woodson lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

April 30 at 3:54 PM



CH

Crystal Holman lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

April 30 at 3:53 PM



JR

Jimmie Riviere sent a virtual gift in honor of Arthur.

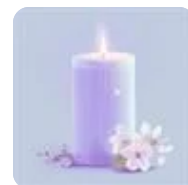
April 30 at 3:01 PM



LE

Linda Evans lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

April 30 at 1:51 PM



CW

Cynthia Williams sent a virtual gift in honor of Arthur.

April 30 at 1:07 PM



CG

Cassandra G Gregory lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

My Condolences To The Family 🙏

April 30 at 12:50 PM





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Thaniel & Robbie Jenkins lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

April 30 at 12:05 PM



Vanessa Johnson lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

April 30 at 12:03 PM



Sheila Holman lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

April 30 at 11:00 AM



SH **Sheila Holman** April 30 at 11:01 AM
I'm going to truly miss you



Jr posted:
I am going to miss u so so much aunt Rita

April 30 at 10:42 AM



Howard J & Miriam Coleman lit a candle in honor of Arthur.

April 30 at 10:11 AM





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Caroline Beard sent a virtual gift in honor of Arthur.



April 30 at 9:48 AM



Sheila Kidd May 6 at 8:24 AM
Last of the real hustlers. Truly missed



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Arthur by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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