



Rita A. Hitzeman

December 5, 1948 - February 17, 2025

Rita A. Hitzeman, aged 76, passed away on February 17, 2025, in Joplin, MO.

On December 5, 1948, Rita was born to Raymond and Joann (Leach) Wesbrooks in Winfield, KS. She grew up and graduated from high school in Augusta, Kansas.

Rita married David Hitzeman on July 28, 1966, in Augusta, KS. Early in their marriage, Rita worked and supported the couple so that David could pursue his life's calling, to become a doctor.

Rita and David's enduring marriage was filled with shared joys and adventures, notably their love for boating and embracing the lake life, which became a significant part of their family's happiest memories.

A quintessential homemaker and a gracious host, Rita was often described as the mother to many beyond her own family. Her home was a hub of activity and warmth, driven by her vibrant energy and contagious laughter. She had a unique ability to make everyone feel special, a trait that extended beyond her family circles to her friends and anyone that crossed her path.

Her life revolved around her three sons and their families, Rita embodied the role of a loving wife, adoring mother and doting grandma. Her quick wit and

fun-loving nature ensured that her presence was always a source of joy and comfort.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, James Wesbrooks and husband, Dr. David Hitzeman.

Left to cherish Rita's memory, sons, Troy Hitzeman (Tammy) of Oklahoma City, OK, Tate Hitzeman of The Colony, TX, and Travis Hitzeman (Courtnei) Carrollton, TX; sister, Judy Dullea of Broomfield, CO, sister-in-law Chris Wesbrooks of Augusta, KS, grandchildren: Gage, Savannah, Presley, Logan, Reagan, Tucker and Dalton.

Memorial service will be at 1pm Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Tulsa, OK.

Celebration of Life will be Thursday, Feb 27 from 6-8PM at Big Shots. 29975 S 566 Road, Afton, OK 74331.

The family request Donations in Rita's memory be made to to:

Home of Hope

P.O. Box 903

Vinita, OK 74301

Or online at: www.homeofhope.com

*Please note your donation is for the "Mary Moore Family Endowment"

Arrangements entrusted to Nichols Stephens Funeral & Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 1. 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Savior Lutheran Church
146 S. Sheridan Road
Tulsa, OK

Tribute Wall

AB

“ Rita was one of a kind. Her boys will miss her dearly. She got me through a real tragedy in my life. Prayers for the family

Anette Bedford Burris - March 01, 2025 at 07:12 PM

DG

“ Don & Amy Gore purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



Don & Amy Gore - February 28, 2025 at 05:43 PM

DG

“ Don & Amy Gore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita A. Hitzeman.

Don & Amy Gore - February 28, 2025 at 05:43 PM

MS

“ Mike & Judy Showalter purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



Mike & Judy Showalter - February 28, 2025 at 05:06 PM

MS

“ Mike & Judy Showalter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita A. Hitzeman.

Mike & Judy Showalter - February 28, 2025 at 05:06 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.*



February 28, 2025 at 03:52 PM



“ *Coty Ivey and Kent Rohrs purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.*



Coty Ivey and Kent Rohrs - February 28, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ *Coty Ivey and Kent Rohrs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita A. Hitzeman.*

Coty Ivey and Kent Rohrs - February 28, 2025 at 01:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.*



February 28, 2025 at 12:36 PM



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

February 28, 2025 at 12:36 PM

MK

“ Micah Preston, Sam and all the kiddos purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



Micah Preston, Sam and all the kiddos - February 27, 2025 at 12:33 PM

MK

“ Micah Preston, Sam and all the kiddos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita A. Hitzeman.

Micah Preston, Sam and all the kiddos - February 27, 2025 at 12:33 PM

YF

“ Your Victaulic Friends purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



Your Victaulic Friends - February 27, 2025 at 09:27 AM

YF

“ Your Victaulic Friends planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita A. Hitzeman.

Your Victaulic Friends - February 27, 2025 at 09:27 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



February 27, 2025 at 01:01 AM



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

February 27, 2025 at 01:01 AM



“ Love Shawn, Paige, and Cassady purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



Love Shawn, Paige, and Cassady - February 26, 2025 at 09:34 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



February 26, 2025 at 04:37 PM

SC

“ Stacey C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita A. Hitzeman.

Stacey C. - February 26, 2025 at 01:20 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



February 26, 2025 at 11:48 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



February 25, 2025 at 05:09 PM

BS

“ Bud Shipman purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



Bud Shipman - February 24, 2025 at 08:55 PM

BS

“ Bud Shipman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita A. Hitzeman.

Bud Shipman - February 24, 2025 at 08:55 PM

LM

“ At one point in my career, I was the Executive Director for Tulsa Regional Medical Center Foundation and in that capacity, was lucky enough to work with Dr. Hitzeman and Rita. Mainly through fundraising efforts for the hospital, including Winterset and a capital campaign. They were great to work with and will be missed by so many people. They were both very dear to me. Over the last couple of years or so, it was great being able to hear from Rita through FB. When I first met their sons, they were just small kids.....anyway, the Hitzeman's were good friends and I'll always remember them.

Larry Miller - February 24, 2025 at 03:29 PM

TS

“ Toby & Alicia Schroeder purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



Toby & Alicia Schroeder - February 24, 2025 at 02:10 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



February 24, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



February 23, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ Rita you were the best friend anyone could ever wish for and I miss you dearly. Your long struggle is finally over. Your children are at peace with that even though their hearts are broken. Knowing you are with David, together once again makes us all happy. Keep the pool warm, the wine flowing for those of us who will see you once again. I love you girl. ❤️😘😊

Lee and Duane - February 22, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ Danny & Tricia Anderson purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



Danny & Tricia Anderson - February 22, 2025 at 04:44 AM



“ Danny & Tricia Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita A. Hitzeman.

Danny & Tricia Anderson - February 22, 2025 at 04:44 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



February 21, 2025 at 07:31 PM



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

February 21, 2025 at 07:31 PM



“ From your Friends at Tapatio Springs purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



From your Friends at Tapatio Springs - February 21, 2025 at 06:05 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



February 21, 2025 at 04:06 PM

DP

“ *Diamondback Fire Protection purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.*



Diamondback Fire Protection - February 21, 2025 at 02:03 PM

RF

“ *Ray and Chelsea Ortiz and family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.*



Ray and Chelsea Ortiz and family - February 21, 2025 at 12:24 PM

RF

“ *Ray and Chelsea Ortiz and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita A. Hitzeman.*

Ray and Chelsea Ortiz and family - February 21, 2025 at 12:24 PM

RG

“ To the family.

I wanted to say I am sorry for your loss. I was a resident in FP from 1999-2001. Your Father was one of the best doctors I have ever come across. He was obviously a medical genius and I will always cherish my 2 months of rotations. But his wit was unmatched to anyone I ever trained with! Years after I moved to Cushing we would talk about a patient I would send to Tulsa Regional and he would be taking care of them. He always asked how I and my family was doing. Truly interested in me as a person. I met your mother once and she was very sweet. Thank you all for allowing me to enjoy your parents. Thank you for the great memories and lessons your father shared with me.

May God richly bless you and your families. Your family has blessed mine!

Randy Grellner Cushing Oklahoma

Randy Grellner - February 20, 2025 at 10:56 PM

UG

“ Uncle Chuck and Glenda purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



Uncle Chuck and Glenda - February 20, 2025 at 06:30 PM

CU

“ Chris Mitchell and Chief Underground purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



Chris Mitchell and Chief Underground - February 20, 2025 at 04:28 PM

CU

“ Chris Mitchell and Chief Underground planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita A. Hitzeman.

Chris Mitchell and Chief Underground - February 20, 2025 at 04:28 PM

TF

“ The Susan Linn Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



The Susan Linn Family - February 20, 2025 at 02:03 PM

NB

“ NFSA Texas Chapter Board planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita A. Hitzeman.

NFSA Texas Chapter Board - February 20, 2025 at 10:19 AM

JM

“ My best memories are all those hours we spent in the pool talking about EVERYTHING. I don't think there is anything we didn't know about each other. She was one of the dearest friends I ever had.

Jackie Moore - February 20, 2025 at 09:51 AM

LM

“ Augusta (Ks) High School Class of 1966 sends our love and condolences to the family and friends of this beautiful lady. Til we meet again.....💜🕊️🙏

Linda Maddox Mann - February 20, 2025 at 08:57 AM

GD

“ George & Mary DiMatteo purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



George & Mary DiMatteo - February 20, 2025 at 05:15 AM



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

February 19, 2025 at 09:28 PM

DM

“ So sorry to lose such an amazing lady. David & Rita were such great neighbors at the lake and she and I spoke often while attending church at COS. She always had a smile and was concerned about others and how they were doing. Our prayers are with her family. She loved her boys so much. Rest in peace my friend. DeAnne McAbee

DeAnne McAbee - February 19, 2025 at 08:11 PM

AT

“ All your friends at GFS Texas purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



All your friends at GFS Texas - February 19, 2025 at 06:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.*



February 19, 2025 at 05:27 PM



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

February 19, 2025 at 05:27 PM



“ *Ferguson Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.*



Ferguson Family - February 19, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ *Ferguson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita A. Hitzeman.*

Ferguson Family - February 19, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ *Jimmy and Sandy purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.*



Jimmy and Sandy - February 19, 2025 at 05:12 PM

JS

“ Jimmy and Sandy planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rita A. Hitzeman.

Jimmy and Sandy - February 19, 2025 at 05:12 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



February 19, 2025 at 04:50 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rita A. Hitzeman.



February 19, 2025 at 04:43 PM



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

February 19, 2025 at 04:43 PM