



## Rita Sheel

July 9, 1946 - September 15, 2014

Myrtle Beach

Rita Sheel age 68, loving wife, mother and grandmother, died Monday, September 15, 2014 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center.

Born in Townsend, MT, she was the daughter of the late Z.J. and Eppie Whicker. Rita was a member of the Myrtle Beach Seventh-Day Adventist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years Stephen Sheel of Myrtle Beach; daughters, Tanya Sheel of Miamisburg, OH, Julianne Sheel Johnson of Miamisburg, OH, Danielle Sheel Muller of Woodstock, Ontario, Kimberly Sheel of Valparaiso, IN, and Tracy Logan Less of Myrtle Beach; grandchildren, Jack and Janie Johnson, Nolan Pichardo, and Sarah Whicker; a brother, Hodd Whicker of Coosbay, OR; sisters, Dena Birdwell of Keene, TX, and Tammy Michiff of Ithica, MI.

Services will be 2:00 PM, Friday, September 19, 2014 at Myrtle Beach Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Burial will follow at Ocean Woods Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM Thursday, September 18, 2014 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries)  
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Celebration Center  
11528 Hwy 17 Bypass  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29588  
(843) 651-3295  
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

## Service

SEP **19.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Seventh Day Adventist Church  
900 67th Ave. N  
Myrtle Beach, SC 29572-3740

# Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Rita Sheel



Goldfinch Funeral Home - September 18, 2014 at 07:45 AM

LC

*A beautiful tribute to a beautiful lady...inside and out! The tears were streaming. Rita's passing is a tremendous loss to so many people. She was a very special, loving woman, a true daughter of a King. She will be sorely missed. Our hearts and prayers are with you all. In His Love, Leanne & Pastor Ken*

Leanne Crawley - September 18, 2014 at 06:31 PM

CW

*Mama*

Chewby do wah - June 02, 2015 at 07:44 PM

CW

*I sure do luv you*

chewby do wah - May 22, 2016 at 12:19 PM

JJ

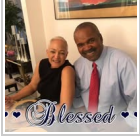
*Always thinking of you 🥹*

Julie Johnson - March 06, 2019 at 10:52 PM

BC

*Mamacita Rrrrrita 🥹*

Baby Chewey - September 15, 2023 at 12:26 AM



“ Steve & Rita and the girls, that's all I have ever known. My heart aches with you for the loss of Rita, your wife, mother, and aunt (Tracy). She brought fun to life. I remember fun times shopping together at Marshall Field's in Chicago. We had many enjoyable nights visiting together with the both of you in your apartment at Broadview Academy when I would sneak over from my basement room! May you enjoy wonderful memories of her and may God give you His peace in the midst of this storm. With love, Janice Lindsey Willis

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**Janice Willis** - September 20, 2014 at 02:39 PM



“ I am shocked and saddened to learn of Rita's passing. She was loved by many, and will be missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.  
Helen Lawhon-Cole

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**Helen Lawhon-Cole** - September 19, 2014 at 04:56 PM



“ Bible Readings for the Home, copyright 1967, page 416, the note references Christian Courtsey and says, "Genuine Christian courtsey is the out-growth of love, and manifests itself in thoughtful consideration for others". Rita's love for others exemplified Genuine Christian courtsey. Shirley Whicker Dodd



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**Shirley Dodd** - September 19, 2014 at 02:16 PM

SG

“ I continue to pray for the Sheel family during their difficult time. I pray that they have comfort and love from Jesus. I will always remember Rita and the family. They are very special people!! I can't wait for heaven! We will reunite with our loved ones again!!  
With Love, Suzanne Gariepy ❤️

Suzanne Gariepy - September 19, 2014 at 05:44 AM

KM

“ Karen Mullis, Dianne Stakes, Gary Mullis purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Rita Sheel.



Karen Mullis, Dianne Stakes, Gary Mullis - September 19, 2014 at 03:52 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Rita Sheel.



September 18, 2014 at 09:42 PM

 Karen Mullis

“ Love you mamacita Rita. You will forever be in my heart.

Karen Mullis - September 18, 2014 at 09:20 PM

BP

“ Tanya,  
I'm so sorry. Please know you are in my prayers. Love, Bev

Beverly A. Page - September 18, 2014 at 09:13 PM

ML

“ Mary Locke purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet  
for the family of Rita Sheel.



Mary Locke - September 18, 2014 at 08:37 PM

LD

“ I love you all so much. You all are in my every  
thought and prayer. I will miss you and your  
kind words and messages Ms. Rita.



Laura DeCoteau - September 18, 2014 at 08:19 PM

 Kathy  
McCrary-  
Rash

“ I love you Mamacita Rita...❤️

Kathy McCrary-Rash - September 18, 2014 at 07:35 PM

LR

“ Lori & Wayne Rogers lit a candle in memory  
of Rita Sheel



Lori & Wayne Rogers - September 18, 2014 at 06:27 PM

SS

“ To the Professor & Sheel Family, please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. No epitaph can deeply express the enduring love and joy that Rita has brought to many lives. Not only will her memory be cherished by family and friends, but her spirit will live on in the lives of her children, grandchildren, and people she touched.

*With great love and prayers,*

*Surponesay S.*

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**Surponesay S.** - September 18, 2014 at 05:29 PM

SS

“ *Surponesay Smith purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rita Sheel.*



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**Surponesay Smith** - September 18, 2014 at 05:09 PM

BB

“ *Tanya, Julie, Danielle and Kimberly,  
I'm so sorry for your loss! May The Lord be with you during this difficult time. Although I didn't have the pleasure of meeting her, Your Mother had to have been a wonderful woman to have created such a wonderful family! You will be in our prayers!  
All our love,  
Benita, Mike, Christopher and Lauren Bivens*

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**Benita Bivens** - September 18, 2014 at 03:46 PM



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



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September 18, 2014 at 02:50 PM



“ *Dena Leader purchased the Sweet Tenderness* for the family of Rita Sheel.



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**Dena Leader** - September 18, 2014 at 02:36 PM



“ *Ed and Susan (Smith) Christiansen purchased the Fairest of All* for the family of Rita Sheel.



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**Ed and Susan (Smith) Christiansen** - September 18, 2014 at 07:47 AM



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



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September 18, 2014 at 06:39 AM

SD

“ Rita was funny, gracious, kind, loving and deeply loved. I have loved Rita since 1966. When we were young we almost had a double wedding but it turned out to be days apart (good call Steve). It just doesn't seem so long ago that we were newly weds, one following the other to Adnrews University and along came babies. Rita's Tanya, Juliann, Danielle and Kimberly and my James and Matthew. Then we became proud grandmothers. Now I'm saying goodbye and my heart is breaking even though I know God has a plan and we will be together again. Love to each one of you. Shirley Whicker Dodd

Shirley Dodd - September 17, 2014 at 10:17 PM

LM

“ Love: Tracy, Brennen, Bailey and Jacob Muller. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rita Sheel.



Love: Tracy, Brennen, Bailey and Jacob Muller. - September 17, 2014 at 06:14 PM

AB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as God's word the bible. Why do people we love die? Romans 5:12 says: "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

A. Bell - September 17, 2014 at 04:00 PM

RL

“ *Ruth L. purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Rita Sheel.*



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**Ruth L.** - September 17, 2014 at 02:48 PM

JS

“ *John and Betty Samaras purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Rita Sheel.*



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**John and Betty Samaras** - September 17, 2014 at 01:13 PM

DS

“ *Dawn Sarte lit a candle in memory of Rita Sheel*



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**Dawn Sarte** - September 17, 2014 at 08:12 AM

LT

“ My heart is broken today. I have had the pleasure of working with Rita for many years. She was such a lovely lady. In a high pressured and sometimes highly emotional business, she was always the voice of calm. While she took her job seriously and was good at it, she had priorities and she put real estate closings where they should be(not at the top). She Always took a moment to thank me for my efforts. She will be missed. Godspeed sweet lady.

Lisa Thompson  
Conway SC

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Lisa THompson - September 17, 2014 at 07:37 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Sheel.



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September 17, 2014 at 07:20 AM

MI

“ our family is heartbroken by the loss of rita. she radiated love to us when we were far from family, and never failed to greet us with a hug and smile and contagious laugh. even after we moved, her cheerful and loving facebook messages were a constant reminder of the amazing, giving person that she is. our thoughts and prayers are with you, steve, and with your beautiful girls and their families as you grieve. heaven just can't come soon enough.

with our love,  
kirk and mindy burgin  
landon, micah & austin

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mindy - September 17, 2014 at 06:58 AM

PD

“ Dear Sheel family; we are sorry for your loss. Our Creator will soon return the earth back to a paradise and Mrs Sheel will be able to live on earth eternally. Rev 21:3,4

P Dixon - September 17, 2014 at 06:49 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rita Sheel.



September 16, 2014 at 10:13 PM



“ Steve and Family,  
We were shocked and saddened to hear of the passing of Rita. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
Jeannie & Denny French

Jeannie French - September 16, 2014 at 10:02 PM

PC

“ Pamela Cox lit a candle in memory of Rita Sheel



Pamela Cox - September 16, 2014 at 09:36 PM

DL

“ *Diane Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Rita Sheel*



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**Diane Lawrence** - September 16, 2014 at 08:44 PM

DL

*I am so sorry for your loss..Rita was a sweet, wonderful person to me my years in Myrtle Beach..Know that I will be with you in spirit and prayer*

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**Diane Lawrence** - September 16, 2014 at 08:45 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Rita Sheel.*



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September 16, 2014 at 07:00 PM