



## Reverend Anita Whitted Gaines

April 17, 1950 - January 19, 2024

Reverend Anita Gaines was born on April 17, 1950, to her loving parents, Deacon Stanley "Brother" Henry Whitted, Jr. and Deaconess "Mother" Christine Carswell Whitted. She was a among five children born to this union. She was born and raised in Narcoossee, FL in a loving Christian home.

Anita attended Kissimmee High School and continued her education in the Job Corps where she studied to be a teacher's Aide. Upon getting her certificate, she began working at Ross Jeffries Elementary for 6 years where she developed a love for children. After this time, she was employed by Mercury Marine, in St. Cloud, FL. She quickly moved up as a line leaders and eventually supervisor. She was employed for 38 years.

On September 20, 1985, she was joined in Holy matrimony to Mr. Roosevelt Gaines, the love of her life. They were together for many years, but after many years of love and dedication to one another, they solidified their union. Roosevelt was dutiful in caring for Anita even before her health started to decline. When she needed additional support, he was there around the clock to provide care, love, cook meals and make sure Anita didn't want or need anything. He did all he could with the help of the Lord, family, and friends. They shared 38 wonderful, loving years together and raised 6 children.

Early in her life, being brought up in a Christian home, God placed an anointing

on her life. She was a faithful and dutiful member of St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Narcoossee, FL for her entire life. She served in many capacities throughout they years, but the calling on her life was God's goas. She began a a MC. Then progressed to a speaker of the gospel. She then attended New Covenant Baptist Church in Orlando, FL for her theology certification. She was ordained as a Minister on September 9, 2001, at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church. She was a faithful servant, teaches and Woman of God, even after her health started to decline. She was well known in the community as a giver with a loving heart. She had a passion for youth and was a role model and mentor for countless people throughout the community. She was a member of the Eastern Star; Chat-n-Chew and a beacon for the community. She loved to cook and bake cakes; this was another of her passions.

When the heavenly Father says, "Well done, thy good and faithful servant, come now and take your rest," we must only believe that it leads to a glorious home that is free from sickness, pain , and suffering. Reverend Anita Gaines made the transition from this earthly home to her eternal home on Friday, January 19, 2024, while surrounded by her loving husband and family. She is now walking around heaven with her parents.

She was preceded in death by her sisters Ella Mae Paul, Lorraine Whitted, her daughter Tracy Gaines, her parents and grandparents.

She leaves to cherish her memories:

A loving and Devoted Husband: Roosevelt Gaines; Caring and Loving Son: Terry Whitted and Connie "Hank" Landry; A Loving Niece Like a Daughter/Sister: Tracy Paul-Reed (Elder Williams W.); Loving Daughters: Kimberly Gaines, Terra Gaines, Catrina Gaines; Honorary Daughter: Beverlee Bailey; Adoring and Loving Brothers: Stanley Whitted III and Johnny Whitted; Adopted Grandchildren: Jarvis Fulton and Danielle Giaquinto; Like A Brother :

Robert Brown (Vernita) and Johnny Burks (Lavonne); Dear Friends: Gussie Brown, Minnie Brown, and Darlene Sippio; God Children: Angeliena Brown Ebere and Spe'-Chaelle Brown; and a host of other grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Arthur Fell Coves Cemetery

5359 Rambling Road  
St. Cloud , FL 34771

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 27. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Altar Saint Cloud Vineyard Church  
1215 Old Hickory Tree Road  
St Cloud, FL 34771

## Service

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LF

“ *May God comfort you at this time of sorrow.*

Lisa Liu & Narcoossee History friends - February 08, 2024 at 07:22 AM

LF

“ *Sincere condolences to you and your family, Tracy (Paul-Reed) on the loss of Anita. Narcoossee has lost one of its finest. May God confirm you at this time of sorrow.*

Lisa Liu & Narcoossee History friends - February 08, 2024 at 07:20 AM

BB

“ *To my dear sisters/friends Jackie and Eunice. I am so sorry for the loss of your dear Aunt/sister. Keeping you both and the family in my thoughts and prayers. Love Beth (Bebe) Bronson*



Beth Bronson - January 27, 2024 at 12:44 PM

MK

“ *Sister Anita Gaines was a member of "Women of Distinction Chat and Chew Club Osceola County. She was the Secretary and did a great job in that position. "Well done thy good and faithful Secretary". You will be greatly missed. The family is in our prayers 🙏🙏🙏.*



*With Love and Deepest Sympathy  
"Chat Chew Club"  
Mamie L. Kelly, President*

Mamie Long Kelly - January 27, 2024 at 07:01 AM

CH

“ Cynthia Jackson Hughes lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anita Whitted Gaines



Cynthia Jackson Hughes - January 27, 2024 at 06:44 AM

MB

“ Mary L Brown lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anita Whitted Gaines



Mary Brown - January 27, 2024 at 06:07 AM

JL

“ Memories of growing up as we all attended Kissimmee High School and our exchange, of phone numbers and our Lesesne & Whitted Families' input and heritage as St. Cloud/Narcoossee/Osceola County History goes, all run deep. Those memories I will always cherish.

*I pray that your Soul's Journey is blessed by the Almighty with Eternal Peace, as you are welcomed by the Ancestors.*

*I also pray for comfort, peace and strength for your family and all who loved you and mourn your passing.*

*Rest in Power, "Nita Whitted"💜*

Juanita Lesesne - January 26, 2024 at 07:53 PM

LL

“ *Latrice Lewis lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anita Whitted Gaines*



Latrice Lewis - January 25, 2024 at 05:51 PM



“ *Missing you will be an understatement. Loving you was easy. You were my sister in Jesus Christ, my sounding board, my prayer warrior, my riding partner and confidant. Tears my flow but smiles sneak in. A lifetime of friendship and guidance you gave to me is more than enough to carry me through till I see you again. And I will see you again.*

Darlene Sippio - January 25, 2024 at 05:53 AM

SP

“ *Rev. Anita always offered words of encouragement to everyone she met. She walked in faith despite her own painful fight. She was the spiritual mother to the Whitted Historic community. Your beautiful soul will be greatly missed. Rest well My sister Anita.*



Sonya Paul - January 24, 2024 at 06:43 PM

TP

“ *Tracy Paul-Reed lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anita Whitted Gaines*



Tracy Paul-Reed - January 24, 2024 at 10:54 AM

SH

“ From the first time I met Rev. Gaines I could tell she was a beautiful soul. Even in the midst of her struggle, she was still able to say, " glad to finally meet you" and gave me a smile that lit up the room. I will always remember her. To the family, when we all get to heaven what a day of rejoicing that will be. What a day that will be to see Rev. Gaines again.

Shekinah Haygood - January 23, 2024 at 04:33 PM

MB

“ Grandma you will always be missed, I just want to say thank you for all the love you showed me, thank you for all the advice & thank you for all the wisdom you enlightened me, Thank you.



Malcum Brown - January 23, 2024 at 04:01 PM

WS

“ Willie Coleman Smith lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anita Whitted Gaines



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KP

“ I will forever cherish the memories of your sermon many years ago, 'What To Do When You Don't Know What To Do'. Final Answer: Pray and ask the Savior to help you, comfort, strengthen and keep you. HE is willing to aid you, HE will carry US through this. You're be missed my sister, friend and mentor to many.

Karen Starke Paul - January 23, 2024 at 06:37 AM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Anita Whitted Gaines*



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**MONICA DENISE SCOTT** - January 22, 2024 at 10:13 PM

MS

“ *MONICA DENISE SCOTT lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anita Whitted Gaines*



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**MONICA DENISE SCOTT** - January 22, 2024 at 10:09 PM

MS

“ *Minnie Long Scott sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Anita Whitted Gaines*



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**Minnie Long Scott** - January 22, 2024 at 10:07 PM

DT

“ *Rev. Gaines will always be an inspiration to me as a sterling example of a Woman in Ministry who gracefully walked in her calling. Let her works praise her at the gates.*

*Until We Meet Again,  
Evangelist Sandra Nixon Tynes, Ph.D.  
The Welcome Table Ministries*

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**Dr. Sandra Nixon Tynes** - January 22, 2024 at 08:00 PM

MB

“ *Minnie Brown lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anita Whitted Gaines*



Minnie Brown - January 22, 2024 at 07:51 PM

TD

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anita Whitted Gaines*



Terric Durden - January 22, 2024 at 06:46 PM

KP

“ *Karen Starke Paul lit a candle in memory of Reverend Anita Whitted Gaines*



Karen Starke Paul - January 22, 2024 at 05:26 PM

MK

“ *Mamie Long Kelly sent a virtual gift in memory of Reverend Anita Whitted Gaines*



Mamie Long Kelly - January 22, 2024 at 05:25 PM