



Arlete Natividad Camara Rhicard

September 8, 1927 - January 13, 2013

Arlete Natividad Camara Rhicard, known as "Nita", died in Loveland, Colorado on January 13, 2013. She was born September 8, 1927 on Madeira Island, off the coast of Portugal. She was one of 11 children, and she and the family immigrated to Brazil when she was a child. Both of her parents died when she was about 12 years of age, and she then went to live with the Lambeths, an American missionary family. When the Lambeth family returned to the United States on furlough, they brought her with them and at the age of 17 she had to learn English as she started college here. She attended Atlantic Union College in Massachusetts and graduated with a degree in nursing. She married Aubrey Rhicard in 1951 in Corpus Christy, Texas while he was in military training in Texas. Aubrey went by "Buddy", and shortly after their wedding he was sent to Korea where he served for a year. After he served in the military they moved to Stoneham, Massachusetts where Buddy and Nita were employed at New England Sanitarium. While they were there, both of their daughters, Vickie and Patty were born. The whole family moved to Chicago in 1959, where Nita and Buddy were employed at Hinsdale Sanitarium. Nita held several positions in the hospital, starting first in the maternity ward and eventually in surgery. They both retired in 1990, and retired to Orlando, FL. Their retirement years were spent traveling across the country in their motor home, visiting family and friends. In 2007 they relocated to a retirement community in Fletcher, North Carolina. In 2008 they moved to Bristol, Tennessee to be near their daughter, Patty. Following Buddy's death in

2010, Nita relocated to Loveland, Colorado to be near her daughter, Vickie. Nita was preceded in death by her parents, 10 siblings, and her husband, Buddy. She is survived by her daughter, Vickie and husband, Daryl Bohlender of Loveland, as well as her daughter, Patty and husband, David Stufflestreet of Bristol, Tennessee. She has 3 grandchildren, and 3 step-grandchildren. Nita was a life-long member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and died with the faith and assurance that her salvation was secure. A remembrance service is being planned for 4:30 p.m. on January 26, 2013 at Bethel Lutheran Church, 328 Walnut, Windsor, CO, 80550. In lieu of flowers the family has suggested contributions may be made to Pathways Hospice in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, CO 80524 www.pathways-care.org.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Our love and sympathy to you and your families. Nita and Buddy were so special to us and we cherish the memories of the wonderful times we had together over the years. Dona and Guy

Dona Stewart - January 30, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Our deepest sympathies. She was a wonderful lady and I know she will be missed by many. The fond memories from Hinsdale will stay with me. I am happy to have known her.

Chris Timothy & Family - January 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Nita was such a blessing in my life. The time I was able to spend with her will always be with me. I loved her like my own mother. Playing cards, dominos, and doing crafts with her was always such enjoying moments. My most laughable moment with her was at Campion when she put her medicine in the offering plate. What a laugh the two of us had over that. I teased her about finding such a way not to have to take them. Nita it is only a matter of time before Jesus returns and you are able to be with Buddy again. Thank you my dear for our precious moments. Heavenly father be with Arletes family, and friends through this trying time. Nurish them father, guide them through this time in their lives and thank you father for the time you allowed me to have with Nita.

Pearl Smith - January 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ So sorry to hear of Nita's death. She was a fine Christian lady and a good friend.

Mac Fivash - January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Patty & Vicki and family: Please accept our expressions of sympathy at this difficult time. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. Respectfully, Drs. Armstrong, Bradley, Bunning, Hicks, and Staff*

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“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Ken & Pat Hoehn - January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Its hard to think that both of your folks are now gone. We have a lot of good memories - from Hinsdale as well as Orlando.*

Mardian/Joan Blair - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *When we fall into that final sleep and though we can walk this earth many a year; It can bring a sorrow for those left behind . What promise we have that will give us courage but that our salvation is assured and we will be together again.*

Bob & Cecile Whitlock - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ A lovely, compassionate and beautiful lady is no longer with us. She will be greatly missed and know her family is grieving from their loss. Her home was always open to friends and she delighted in entertaining. May God send peace to those who are mourning her loss, replacing the present sorrow with pleasant memories of this delightful individual.

Gwen and Harold Howard - January 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Nita was like an Aunt to me. There so so many visits to their house while I was growing up. I remember her always making my sister and I clean our plates before we could get up from Sabbath Lunch. I also remember all the trips Buddy & Nita took with my mom and dad. I was so jealous. My fondest memory though is the help she gave my mom to create my wedding dress from a drawing I had made. She will always be part of my family and she will be missed.
Love, Janna

Janna FitzGerald - January 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ I can't remember Arlete personally I was too young, but I have admired her beautiful face in our family picture albums many times.
Condolences and best wishes to her family.

Gwendolyn Lambeth Long - January 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Ron remembers Arlete appearing in his life from time to time, both in family conversation and visits. She always was spirited and upbeat. Ann got to know her in the visits later in life. Such as the trip she & Buddy took with us to Cape Kennedy. The stops along the way showed a person who was fascinated with life. We hope for more visiting time when God chooses.

Ron & Ann Lambeth - January 22, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ We want to send our sympathies to you and just to know that she is at peace now is a blessing. We loved her very much and have so many very fond memories of working together and traveling together from Hawaii to Greece. What a blessing we had just from knowing her, she will always be in our thoughts and minds as will both of you girls. Our love to you LaVonne and Bob

LaVonne Engelkemier - January 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ We are so sorry to hear about your mom. She was a great lady and will be missed by all. Love to your family.

Melody and Terry Deutsch - January 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Nita was a special sole. She will be missed by all who knew her. May peace always follow her family and friends.

Donna Brown - January 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Dear Vickie and Daryl, I am so very sorry to her of the loss of your Mother. We have something in common, our Mothers passed on the same day, so Heaven will be a better place now. Barb Gregerson*

Barb Gregerson - January 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM