



Laquita J. Hanik

October 30, 1932 - March 2, 2020

Laquita Hanik, 87, of Norman, Oklahoma passed away on Monday, March 2, 2020 at Grace Living Center.

Laquita was born on a chilly evening on October 30, 1932 to Byance and Luther H. James. She attended Hartman public schools until her graduation in 1950. She was married to Andrew Hanik on April 11, 1953. They had two children, Andrea Kay in 1959 and Mark Eric in 1961.

The family moved to Hartman from Detroit in 1973. Where Laquita purchase a Combs Home and had it delivered to Hartman.

She was employed by Wal-Mart 1974. She was the first woman to ever be promoted by Wal-Mart to supervise and train new cashier's in new store locations.

In 1980 she was employed by Cessna Aircraft, Wichita, Kansas. She returned to the Clarksville area in 1984 and purchased a convenience store called Snappy Snacks where she remained until her retirement 1990.

Laquita was an avid fisherman and fished the Arkansas river almost on a daily basis and became known for her expertise navigating the sand bars, currents and her knowledge of the best fishing holes on the river.

On Mother's Day 1994 she had a severe car accident that nearly took her life. She was told she would never walk again. It took 2 years to recover; however she did walk again but with the assistance of a crutch.

She purchased a small home in Clarksville in 1996 where she spent many, many happy years gardening and visiting her grandchildren in Norman. She

loved her home and built a screened-in porch on her house all by herself with just a small bit of assistance from a neighbor.

Like all of us, Laquita faced many adversities and challenges in her lifetime.

She met each one with tremendous inner strength and a very strong will.

Laquita spent the last two and a half years in a nursing facility in Norman very close to her children. Her handicaps and disabilities from her accident in 1994 had taken a toll on her body and she required additional help and care. Thank you to all of her caregivers in Arkansas and in Oklahoma. You are the reason she lived a long and full life.

On March 2nd Laquita was called home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Her strong will and quick wit will be missed by all who loved and cared for her.

Laquita was preceded in death by her parents, Luther H. James and her Mother, Byance Phelps James. Siblings: sister Reesie Patterson, brothers; Paul, W.L., Fred, Rob and Coyle James. Her husband, Andrew Hanik and a granddaughter, Catherine Hanik.

Survivors include her daughter, Andrea Hanik Carter & her husband Randall D. Carter of Norman, Oklahoma, Mark Eric Hanik and his wife Martha also of Norman. Four grandchildren, Dr. Lawrence Carter and wife Meghan of Norman, Eric Andrew Carter of Norman and his fiancé Dr. Whitney Potter of Columbia, Missouri, Noah Andrew Hanik of Norman, Natalie Helen Hanik of Norman and a great-granddaughter, Amelia Sue Emery Carter also of Norman. Niece Molly McClain and her husband Carl of Clarksville and nephew Luke James and his wife Kathy of Kansas City, Missouri and many, many more nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be held 2:00 PM Monday, March 9, 2020 at Hartman Cemetery with Pastor Darrell Bridges officiating under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home.

To leave online condolences visit: www.shafferfuneralhomeozark.com

Cemetery Details

Hartman Cemetery

Hartman Cemetery Road
Hartman, AR 72840

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 9. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Laquita J. Hanik*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *Andrea,
So sorry for the loss of your mother. She was a wonderful person. I always enjoyed going over to your house growing up and talking to her. She would always make me laugh. You are in my prayers.
Cindy McKinney McCollum*

Cindy McKinney McCollum - March 12, 2020 at 10:12 PM



“ *What can I say about this wonderful lady. I first knew her when I worked at Walmart with her. Everyone was scared of her. She only had to tell someone what to do once. I left Wal-Mart and went back to work at the Courthouse but we remained friends. She would come in to see me and visit. She definitely loved her family and would fill me in about all of them. When Rosalie was alive we would get together and what stories we could tell. Prayers to all your family and to Laquita I would say Fly high with the Angels. Love you.*

Kathy Pitts - March 09, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ *Such a wonderful lady. So sorry for your loss. Praying for your family.*

Craig Hodge - March 08, 2020 at 03:16 PM

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“ Andrea and Mark, I am so sorry to hear of Laquita’s death. She is my second cousin. She, along with our other cousins, grew up playing together in Hartman. I remember very vividly playing “jungle” and, Laquita, being the oldest, always got to be queen! We all moved away at various times to find work, but our family bond has always been strong even though we might not be able to see each other. Again, so sorry.

Phyllis Johnson Jones

Phyllis Johnson Jones - March 08, 2020 at 03:00 PM