



Anita Green

March 2, 1926 - August 28, 2017

Anita Newell Green, a native Texan born on the anniversary of Texas Independence, March 2, 1926 was received into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior August 28, 2017. She was the youngest daughter of Virgil “Merle” and Jesse “Pearl” Newell.

She graduated from Reagan High School before attending The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas. While she did not graduate from UMHB, she was an honorary member of the class of ‘47 and enjoyed celebrating yearly homecoming events until recently. In 1945, Anita married the love of her life, Thomas Stuart Green in Temple, Texas and they were married until Tom’s death on April 10, 1999. Anita went on to graduate with a BA from Howard Payne University (‘49) in Brownsville, Texas and later received her M.Ed from the University of Houston (‘69).

After nine years of teaching, raising children, and serving as the pastor’s wife for several Baptist Churches, Tom and Anita were called to serve as missionaries for what was then known as the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. After language school in Costa Rica, the family moved to Paraguay in 1959. While in Paraguay, Anita was the director (principal) of Colegio Bautista de Villa Morra, the president of the Women’s Organization of the National Baptist Convention, and a member of the Board of Trustees for the Baptist Hospital.

Upon their return to the United States in 1970, Tom and Anita settled in Houston, Texas where Anita was an educator in the Houston Independent School District. As they settled into their new life in Houston they found a tumultuous and divided city along racial lines. As an educator, she was one of the first teachers in HISD to participate in “cross over” integration in support of equal education for all. She continued her career as a Magnet Coordinator at Davis High School where she worked tirelessly to provide a quality education for all students. Her last assignment was teaching High School English at Waltrip High School until her retirement in 1989.

In 1992, Tom and Anita moved to Huntsville, Texas and were active members of University Heights Baptist Church. As an active member of UHBC, Anita ministered in various ways. Whether one needed wise counsel, a friendly smile, or a compassionate hug. Anita touched many members of the church and the community. She led the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) and encouraged women of all ages to take an active part in missions. She demonstrated that faith as a member and leader of UHBC's Widows' group, Circle of Friends. She also touched the lives of many young college girls who needed the quiet respite of a home atmosphere and a home cooked meal.

Anita is preceded in death by her parents Virgil “Merle” (1979) and Jesse “Pearl” Newell (1984); her husband, Thomas Stuart Green (1999); son, Thomas “Skipper” Stuart Green Jr. (1970); her sister, UnaVee Newell Yeatts (2011); her brother, Alvin Newell (1928); great-granddaughter, Bethanne Miller (2002); as well as several other precious great-grandbabies who were also welcomed into the Lord's loving arms.

Anita is survived by son David Allen Green and wife Linda; son Jon Dale Green and wife Carolyn; daughter, Annesta Green Lunde and husband Gary; as well as Rosa “Rosie” Elizabeth Elgueta. She is also survived by her

grandchildren: Travis and his wife Sarah; Dale and his wife Melissa “Missy”; April and her husband Anthony; Rachel and her husband Matt; Benjamin “Ben” and his wife Echo; Amy and her husband Joshua; Aleece and her husband Matthew; as well as 14 dearly loved great-grandchildren. She is also survived by Gordon Yeatts and family; Harriet Yeatts Sweatt and family; and Paula Saraceno and family.

Her light brightened so many of our lives and we can not help but mourn. The world seems quite a bit dimmer without her, but those of us who knew and loved her know that the light she shared with us was a reflection of the True Light. Therefore, we rejoice that she is in the presence of Christ, at home with God and has joined that great cloud of witnesses cheering us on as we live and love through faith by the power of the Spirit. She will most be remembered giving her whole life in service of her Lord, Jesus Christ. Her faith has inspired her family. She will be missed.

Ms.Green will lie in state Thursday, September 7, 2017 from 8am to 5pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home.

The service celebrating Anita’s life will be held:

Friday, September 8, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

University Heights Baptist Church

2400 Sycamore Ave.

Huntsville, Texas 77340

(936)295-2996

Visitation will be held prior to the service at:

University Heights Baptist Church beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Interment will be held at 3:00 on the same day at:

Earthman Resthaven

13102 North Fwy, Houston, Texas 77060

(281) 443-0063

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that those who wish to honor Anita's memory continue her life's work by making a donation to University Height Baptist Church's Missions Fund: 2400 Sycamore Ave, Huntsville, TX 77340, (936)295-2996.

Full obituary may be viewed and memorial condolences made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church of Huntsville
2400 Sycamore Avenue
Huntsville, TX

Service

SEP 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

University Heights Baptist Church of Huntsville
2400 Sycamore Avenue
Huntsville, TX

Graveside

SEP 8. 3:00 PM (CT)

Earthman Resthaven Cemetery - Houston
13102 North Fwy
Houston, TX 77060

Tribute Wall



“ *Anita Green*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Anita is one in a million, a Baptist stateswomen that showed how elegant and intelligent a Baptist women could be. She was always mission minded and made missions a priority.As part of the Paraguay and Argentine mission her labor of love is still remembered. Her foot steps will be very hard to fill.*
Pam Donaldson

Pam - September 08, 2017 at 02:23 AM



Thank you Pam. Mom certainly held you in high esteem and prayed fervently for you.

annesta - September 11, 2017 at 07:17 PM



“ *i REMEMBER ANITA AS OUR PASTOR'S WIFE AT FIRST BAPTIST, MONT BELVIEU. I HAVE KEPT UP WITH HER THROUGH THE YEARS, ALWAYS REMEMBERING HER ON HER BIRTHDAY. IN THE LAST FEW YEARS WE HAVE CORRESPONDED. SHE AND I HAD MUCH IN COMMON AS TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AT U OF H WHEN WE STUDIED AT THE SAME TIME. SHE WAS A LOVELY LADY.*
ELIZABETH GILL

Elizabeth Gill - September 05, 2017 at 09:55 AM

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Thank you so much Elizabeth.

annesta - September 11, 2017 at 07:18 PM

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“ *There are so many things I could say about Anita. She and Tom welcomed our family when we moved to Huntsville and became an important part of our lives. We connected immediately through our mutual love for missions. Anita was a mentor and a friend. My parents became acquainted with her over the years when they visited Huntsville, and I got to know Annesta, Amy and other family members when they were in town visiting Anita. Anita epitomized a true woman of God, and whenever she smiled, which was often, her love for the Lord and for me radiated. Her home on Water's Edge became a place of comfort and refuge during some dark days in my life, and we would enjoy afternoon tea and long chats. Her influence on my life cannot be measured, nor my love. Carol Cooper*

Carol Cooper - September 03, 2017 at 06:11 PM

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*Thank you Carol. I can tell you that you meant a lot to mom as well. She would enjoy seeing FB post from you and share with me what was going on in your life. She cherished your friendship.
Annesta*

annesta lunde - September 03, 2017 at 10:23 PM

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“ *M. Hyvl*



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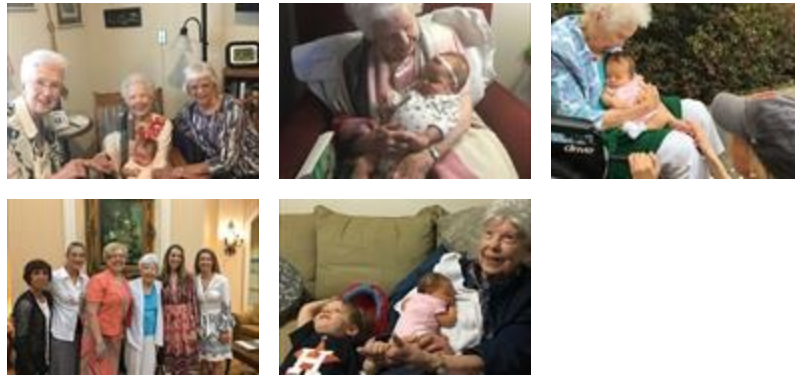
“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Anita Green.*



September 02, 2017 at 02:30 PM



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annesta lunde - September 01, 2017 at 04:58 PM



“ *Members and friends of Oakwood Presbyterian Church (PCA) send their sincere condolences to the Green family. May you feel God's presence in a special way at this time.*

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