



Anita Mize

June 3, 1938 - May 11, 2014

Anita Mize-LaFollette " Grandma Angel" , 75, received her wings when she passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Mother's Day at the Alexander Cohen Hospice House.

Born in Olivehurst, CA to Albert and Lena Wood. She spent most of her life in Turlock, CA raising her daughter and five step-sons with her loving husband Waymon "Mike" Mize.

Being in the presence of her friends and family is what brought her the most joy in life. Anita was active with her RV club (Free 'N Easy) and playing cards with her ladies.

Anita was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, one daughter, one step-son, and husbands, Waymon Mize and Everette LaFollette.

She is survived by her daughter Leanne Inahara of Fresno, four step-sons, two brothers, three sisters and many loving grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 14 from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Turlock Funeral Home, 425 N. Soderquist Rd., in Turlock. The funeral service will follow on Thursday, May 15, at 1:00p.m., also at Turlock Funeral Home, and

immediately followed by a dinner at Mitchell Community Church. The burial will be private for immediate family members only.

Remembrances may be sent to Turlock Funeral Home and any donations may be directed to Alexander Cohen Hospice House in Anita's name.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Anita Mize*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *I love you*

Kristi - May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“AHH KNEE TAH”

No, it is not from the Klingon language on Star Trek)

I would like to explain to those, who at one time or another, may have overheard how I traditionally greeted Anita and why.

Understandably there may even be some folks out there under the impression I have a severe speech impediment or other cognitive difficulty (the later may be up for grabs after this contribution) but I can assure you that was never the intent.

The Onstar communication system in my pickup is a hands free voice activated satellite telephone service. There is no alpha/numeric keypad or rotary dial so everything must be clearly spoken and pronounced for the voice activated software to recognize, program, and execute the auto dial.

Once connected to the service a female computer voice prompts the caller for the purpose of the call. I say “STORE” and the voice asks for the number. I slowly, and clearly state the numbers and after confirming the information is correct the voice asks for the “NAME TAG”. If any mistakes are made during this process I must start over. Sometimes the computer gets the numbers wrong, REPEAT. Sometimes the name is not understood REPEAT, or a background noise interrupts the recording... REPEAT. Often the NAME TAG is too similar to another STORED NAME TAG --- REPEAT.

Such was the problem when I tried to store “Anita Home” and her other number, “Anita Cell” --- they sounded too similar to the computer.

I repeatedly tried to pronounce the second word of the NAME TAG differently to distinguish it from the first but it was rejected every time and I was required to try again.

*Out of desperation to get the second number successfully stored I, for unknown reasons other than panic, quickly stated in a fairly loud, very deep, slow monotone voice with exaggerated pronunciation....
“AHH KNEE TAH”*

The calm mechanical female voice accepted the offering and played back the recording asking if it sounded OK. Repeatedly I responded YES but was also simultaneously laughing and “THE VOICE” could not understand the response.

Finally my impromptu recording was accepted and from that time forward if I wanted to call Anita’s cell phone I would have to say (in that peculiar voice) “AHH KNEE TAH” to be recognized and the number dialed.

I told Leanne and her Mother about the NAME TAG listing and they thought it humorous also so it became my regular greeting to her Mom --- both on the telephone and in person. Even when meeting out in public for lunch or something, others within earshot might have heard the unusual vocalization.

Although I knew Anita for only about six years I was never-the-less blessed with an abundance of wonderful memories - many involving her beautiful voice and extensive repertoire of songs. She was a devout Christian and dearly loved her family and friends.

Anita demonstrated dignity, strength and faith during the many months preceding her earthly release. She was/is an inspiration to anyone fortunate enough to know her.

No matter how you pronounce it, Anita or “AHH KNEE TAH”, she will be greatly missed here but there is little doubt Heaven’s choir got just a little bit better last Sunday.

Rejoice in the good memories.

My best to you and yours,

Lew Richardson

Lew Richardson - May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I have always dreaded the day I would be without my mom and thought I would not go on. The pain is so great and yet I have comfort knowing she is in heaven with all of her loved ones past before her and having a great reunion! Seeing my sister who passed at age 2 is one of many she will be happy to see again is of great comfort. She is loved by many and Will always be thought of and missed so very much. I MISS YOU AND LOVE YOU MOM.*

Leanne - May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *There was magic in grandma's touch, and sunshine in her smile. There was love in everything she did to make our lives worthwhile. We found both hope and courage just by looking in her eyes. Her laughter was a source of joy, her words warm and wise. There was a kindness and compassion found in her face, and shining down from Heaven above we feel the warmth of Grandma's embrace.*

Timothy A. Turnham - May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I will miss grandma angel so much. I am so thankful to have had her as my grandma and that my kids were able to know her also. She had a sweet smile and comforting hug. Heaven gained a beautiful angel.*

Amber McElroy - May 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM