



## Danita "Nita" Mae Boothe

June 6, 1963 - April 13, 2025

Danita "Nita" Mae Boothe, beloved daughter, sister, aunt, niece, cousin, and friend, passed away on April 13, 2025, in Roanoke, Virginia, after a short illness. She was 61 years old.

Born on June 6, 1963, Danita was the cherished daughter of Margaret Mullins Boothe of North Tazewell, Virginia and the late John "Johnny" Howard Boothe, Sr.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her loving brother, John Howard Boothe, "Jr." and her devoted sister, Melett Boothe Smith and husband Jerry, all of Tazewell, VA.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, James and Pearl Brown Mullins of Tazewell and paternal grandparents George and Carrie Little Boothe, along with several paternal aunts and uncles and her maternal aunt, Blanche Puckett Mullins.

Danita's love extended deeply to her family. She was a loving "Sissy Nita" to her siblings and their children, including her nephew, John Howard Boothe III "Trey" and his wife Kaitlyn of Spanishburg, WV; her niece, Raquel Smith Large and her husband Mark of Tazewell, VA; her great-nieces, Everleigh Mae Boothe and Lillian Jane Boothe; her great-nephew, Beauen Everett Boothe.

She is survived by her uncle, Ralph “Moon” Mullins of Richlands, VA and her aunts Dorothy Boothe Rasnick and Glenna Boothe Myers, both of Tazewell. She also leaves behind countless first cousins, including her first cousin ReaZhonda, who once said Danita would have “fought a bear for her sister and Goony (John Jr.)”

A proud 1981 graduate of Tazewell High, Danita had a heart bigger than life itself. Known for her Chef Boyardee pizzas, her obsession with pocketbooks, her lifelong love for Lionel Richie and the Commodores, and that unforgettable Pontiac red Fiero, she filled every room with warmth, humor, and joy. She was a sun-chaser, happiest when floating in Melett’s pool until the last ray of summer sun was gone or lounging on the beach from sunrise to sunset, taking great pride in both her tan and in loving Travis Kelce long before Taylor Swift did.

Danita leaves behind her fur baby Gracie, a rescue mutt who is much like Nita, loyal to family and friends and a little temperamental. Her love for animals, especially dogs, was who she was and she was known to greet the family dog before the family. She believed every dog deserved kindness, a family to love, and a place in heaven. It brings us comfort to imagine her now reunited with her beloved Noel and Dobby, tails wagging and hearts full, in a place where every dog is welcome and every soul is met with joy.

With a ten-year age gap between her and her sister Melett, Danita wore the badge of “believer in Santa Claus until age 20” with pride. Gift-giving was her love language—always thinking of others and finding joy in bringing happiness to the people she loved.

She was a dedicated Pittsburgh Steelers fan like her siblings, and the only person who respected her sister’s firm rule not to call her during a game. One of her favorite trips was to see the Steelers play in 2019 where she was only

steps away from her favorite player, Jerome “The Bus” Bettis. She now has the best seat in the house to watch every game and wave that Terrible Towel.

Danita’s laughter, her loyalty, her generosity, and her fierce love for her family will be remembered forever. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, sunshine, and the kind of love that stays with you always. She was a retired LPN and spent the last few years caring for our mother, oftentimes ignoring her own wellbeing and health. She often joked that they were Mama and Eunice from the “Carol Burnett Show.” Her “endless love” for others made her soul the most beautiful part of her.

A special thank you to her friend Vicky Thompson for never giving up on her and being a friend even when Nita Mae wasn’t having it. Tammy Phillips, she enjoyed talking with you more than you will ever know. Thank you for taking care of Mama and Eunice.

The family asks that you honor Danita’s memory by playing your favorite Commodores song, taking a long float in the sun, rescuing a dog or two, or simply doing something kind for someone else—just like Danita would. Nita is now “Easy like Sunday morning,” and we will miss her forever.

Memorial services for Danita Boothe will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Chapel in Tazewell, Virginia, with the Rev. Barry Absher officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m on Thursday prior to the memorial service. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Tazewell, VA is in charge of arrangements and those wishing to express sympathy online may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Llife

APR 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Hurst- Scott Funeral Home of Tazewell  
870 Main Street  
Tazewell, VA 24651  
(276) 988-7579  
hsfhtaz@outlook.com

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

KC

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. We loved Danita! Prayers for all of you.  
Kristie (Asbury) Cook and family

Kristie Cook - April 17, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Danita "Nita" Mae Boothe.

April 17, 2025 at 09:56 AM

TJ

“ I am honored and thankful that I got to be a friend to this special family. I have loved every member of this family. Danita always had a smile on her face, and a giggle from her heart. The world would be a far better place if we all had Danita's love for the world. When she became a nurse, I thought how fitting, as she felt the call to serve. Rest in peace and love dear friend, until we meet and laugh again.

Teresa Stutso Jewell - April 16, 2025 at 12:17 PM

AW

“ Prayers for the family. I worked with her years ago and she was a very sweet lady.



Alfred Wicks - April 16, 2025 at 08:50 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Danita "Nita" Mae Boothe.*



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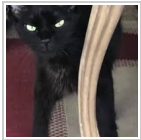
April 16, 2025 at 07:42 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Danita's passing. She was such a sweet and happy person. Love and prayers for her family.*

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**Donna Parton** - April 16, 2025 at 07:07 AM



“ *Davie Horton lit a candle in memory of Danita "Nita" Boothe*



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**Davie Horton** - April 16, 2025 at 12:02 AM



“ *Melett Boothe Smith I'm so sorry for your lost of your sister if I can do anything for you please let me know*



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**james white** - April 15, 2025 at 10:15 PM

TW

“ Sissy Nita my Gemini sister. You will be missed so much. I hope you are working on your beautiful tan. No summer day will ever be the same. The sun will be dimmer with you gone. I will forever hold the memories we all made together close to my heart. You will be missed everyday. Love Trisha Gayle

Trish Whitman - April 15, 2025 at 08:50 PM

MM

“ I hadn't known Danita long but we love her nephew. She was always smiling and so caring the times I met her. She was a very sweet lady.

Maynard Meadows - April 15, 2025 at 06:02 PM

TF

“ The Meadows Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Danita "Nita" Mae Boothe.

The Meadows Family - April 15, 2025 at 05:58 PM

TF

“ The Meadows Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Danita "Nita" Mae Boothe.



The Meadows Family - April 15, 2025 at 05:58 PM

VT

“ ‘Nita Mae I’m sure missing you already. First thing I thought of these past two mornings was that I needed to call and check on you... we’ve shared secrets, lots of ideas and dreams, oh and lots of laughter was thrown in for good measure. We always found something to remember and laugh about my dear friend. Always remember that Momma, Macky and I loved you to the moon and back a gazillion times and more..Rest easy and fly high sweet ‘Nita Mae, your worries, pain and sufferings are over....  
I love you my dear friend...



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**Vicki Anderson Thompson** - April 15, 2025 at 05:54 PM

BS

“ Beth McCormick Stout planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Danita "Nita" Mae Boothe.

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**Beth McCormick Stout** - April 15, 2025 at 04:49 PM

BS

“ Beth McCormick Stout purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Danita "Nita" Mae Boothe.



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**Beth McCormick Stout** - April 15, 2025 at 04:49 PM



“ John H Boothe JR purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Danita "Nita" Mae Boothe.



John H Boothe JR - April 15, 2025 at 04:34 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Danita "Nita" Mae Boothe.



April 15, 2025 at 03:03 PM



“ TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Danita "Nita" Boothe



TonyanEdgar Wicks - April 15, 2025 at 02:50 PM