



## Anita Saunders Townsend

September 4, 1919 - April 6, 2013

Anita Saunders Townsend died on Saturday, April 6, 2013, at home, in Crawfordville, FL.

She is predeceased by her husband: C.L. Townsend, Sr.; two infant sons; her parents: Bill and Mattie Sanders of Sopchoppy; and brothers: W.T. Sanders and J.D. Saunders.

Anita was born on September 4, 1919 in Brunswick, GA. She graduated from Sopchoppy High School in 1937 and took her nursing training at Chattahoochee State Hospital, becoming an RN in 1941. She had a varied and successful nursing career. Her greatest accomplishment was being the Public Health Nurse for Wakulla County from 1951 until 1989.

Under her guidance, many improvements and programs were implemented for the citizens of Wakulla County. Her leadership in professional, church and community activities was recognized and appreciated by many in Wakulla County and the surrounding area. She loved Wakulla County and it loved her.

Anita is survived by her sister: Juanita S. Roddenberry of Sopchoppy, FL; sons: C.L. Townsend, Jr. of Plant City, FL and Jack Light Townsend, Sr. of Temple Terrace, FL, their wives: Ione and Helen; eight grandsons and four great-grandsons; and a multitude of nieces, nephews and "adopted daughters

and sons”.

Pallbearers for Anita are her grandsons: Jack Light Townsend, Jr.; James Austin “Jake” Townsend; Barrett McCoy “Bear” Townsend; Nathan Leroy Townsend; Aaron Leroy Townsend; David Leroy Townsend; Heath Harlan Campbell and Jarrod Allen Campbell.

Honorary pallbearers are: Thurman Roddenberry; Billy Roddenberry; Lagran Saunders; Jack Henderson; Dennis Tucker; Johnny Daniels; Ken “Stoney” Burke; Don Davis; Jayson Kirk; John Townsend; Dale Townsend; Ralph Coleman; Doug Townsend and Lyn Townsend.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to either; The Anita Townsend Nursing Scholarship at Wakulla Academic Boosters, 3042 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327; Big Bend Hospice, 1723 Mahan Center Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32308 or Benevolence Fund, First Baptist, 3086 Crawfordville Highway, Crawfordville, FL 32327

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, Crawfordville, FL.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, Crawfordville, FL. Graveside services will follow at West Sopchoppy Cemetery, Sopchoppy, FL. Bevis Funeral Home, Harvey-Young Chapel, Crawfordville, FL is assisting the family with arrangements. (850-926-3333 or [www.bevisfh.com](http://www.bevisfh.com))

# Cemetery Details

## West Sopchoppy Cemetery

Sopchoppy, FL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Crawfordville First Baptist  
3086 Crawfordville Hwy.  
Crawfordville, FL 32327

## Service

APR 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ god called two angles home on april 6th my dad James G Taylor and Ms Anita,they were good freinds, both did great things for Wakulla County they will be missed but not forgotten.

Delano Taylor,Taylor family - April 10, 2013 at 05:01 AM

JW

“ Ms. Anita will always be remembered for her love of people & making them feel better just by being around her you never saw her without a smile for just you, you didn't have to be sick to stop in & see her she always made time for everyone, I know our family will Greatly miss her & we send all our love & sympathy to her family, we love her & will never forget what a wonderful heart she had for all she came in contact with, God bless and keep her family and Ms. Anita your work on earth is done, now you rest sweet lady! We love you, Jean, Lester, Sarah Whaley & families



Jean and Lester Whaley - April 09, 2013 at 05:02 PM

EP

“ Edwards & Ragatz, P.A. purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Anita Saunders Townsend.



Edwards & Ragatz, P.A. - April 09, 2013 at 10:19 AM

TF

“ *Tom and Julie Edwards and Family purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Anita Saunders Townsend.*



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**Tom and Julie Edwards and Family** - April 09, 2013 at 10:11 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Anita Saunders Townsend.*



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April 09, 2013 at 09:02 AM

MS

“ *Ms. Anita was a kind and caring woman and a role model for all to follow. She will live on in my memory and she touched so many lives. She cured my ground itch and gave me all my school shots and loved to talk local politics. She was a mover and a shaker and we will dearly miss her. God has a wonderful lady in his kingdom.*  
*Mike Stewart*

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**Mike Stewart** - April 08, 2013 at 03:26 PM