



Anita L. Sims

July 14, 1959 - April 19, 2026

Ms. Anita Loretta Sims, 66, of Tinton Falls, departed this life on Sunday, April 19, 2026 at HMH Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy, NJ.

Anita was a 1977 graduate of Monmouth Regional High School in Tinton Falls and graduated in 1981 with a bachelor's degree from Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ.

At Rider, Anita was a founder in 1980 of the Nu Eta chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. After graduation, Anita built a career as a computer science consultant for several large corporations, including Johnson & Johnson and Morgan Stanley.

Anita is survived by her parents, Marvin Sims Jr. and Doris Sims of Tinton Falls; two sisters, Rhonda Sims of Tinton Falls and Theresa Griffin of Franklin Park, NJ; three aunts, Shirley Benton of Lawndale, NC, Mary Young of Greenville, SC and Janet Sims-Wood of Forest City, NC; two uncles, Frank Sims of Henrietta, NC and Thomas Sims (Rachel) of Charlotte, NC; and a host of cousins.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home
2400 Shafto Road
Tinton Falls, NJ 07712
(732) 918-6200

Burial Service

APR 27. 12:30 PM (ET)

Monmouth Memorial Park
4201 Hwy 33
Tinton Falls, NJ

Tribute Wall

DD

“ As I sit here thinking about Anita, King Solomon's Ecclesiastes 3:1 comes to mind/heart: "To everything, there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven." As the Lord would have it, my season of friendship with Anita started our junior and senior years at Monmouth Regional High School. I consider it a blessing that our friendship included getting to know her parents and sisters, being welcomed in their home. I consider it a blessing that our friendship allowed me to prepare myself for college, graduate school, and eventually becoming a college English, Education, and Religion professor, now retired.

My friendship with Anita is one I've often thought about over the years, and I'm truly thankful to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for the times we spent together. One experience I hold close to my heart is the time when Anita and I attended Ivy's church in Matawan. Ivy, to our surprise, sang a solo, piano played by Mrs. Mance, Ivy's mother. The song was, "If Anybody Asks You Where I'm Going---Goin' Up Yonder." That song blesses me every time I hear it! I see my friend, Anita, sitting next to me and our friend, Ivy, ministering in song a message of Eternity! I thank God for.....Seasons of Friendship! I thank God for precious memories, too numerous to share, of my friend, Anita!

David "Daryl" Duncan - May 02 at 05:38 PM

JV

“ You have my sincerest condolences on the lost of your daughter an sister.....may she forever RIP.....Jimmy Vickers an family.....

James Vickers - April 27 at 10:06 AM

“Anita Loretta Sims met in elementary school (Swimming River), and soon thereafter became life-long friends. In high school we even went on double dates, depending on who could get the keys to the family car on a given night. A close knit circle of kindred spirits of color naturally coalesced at MRHS and we officially became “The Cousins”. We were a unit, and as small group of minority students in a predominantly white high school, we looked out for, and took good care of one another. Quite the unsuspecting menagerie (diverse in every way imaginable) we were a tremendous source of unconditional care and encouragement for one another. No date for the Prom? No problem! Two of us will attend with each other to ensure our unspoken moto was assured: “NO COUSIN LEFT BEHIND!” Our individual career interests and educational pursuits took all in different geographical directions, Anita attended Rider College (a private liberal arts institution) while I relocated to North Carolina to attend an HBCU, at my foster Mom’s urging. Others left for Morgan, Morehouse, some of us even studied abroad, reconnecting like Homing Pigeons, reconnecting during annual holiday visits, or class reunions. I remained intentional in maintaining a relationship with “COUSIN NEET” and her parents, as they had become my extended family of choice, visiting their home fairly recently, while in town for a celebration of life. Unfortunately, a series of tragic life events undermined Anita’s capacity to maintain the intense rigor associated with the ever-growing demands of her hugely successful career. She and her family agreed that she needed to simply CHILL, at which time she returned to Tinton Falls. Her very recent health event, and subsequent passing shortly thereafter, is still shocking and very surreal, leaving family and friends simply stunned (like deer in the headlights). I am no stranger to the power of heartfelt prayer, and am covering the Sims Family in prayers for peace, healing and comfort during this inconceivable challenge. Sincere thanks to those who have already extended loving kindness, through your words, and your generous deeds. You will no doubt have the same loving kindness find its way back to you. LOVE & LIGHT to all . . .



Ivy Hooper - April 26 at 11:38 AM

VP

“ *Many memories of growing up together in Tinton Falls. I'm so sorry for your loss...*
Virginia (Goss) Pollack

Virginia Pollack - April 25 at 06:00 AM

IH

Warm hello, Ginger. I've been engulfed in literally flood of memories . .

Ivy Hooper - April 26 at 11:44 AM

BH

“ *BongarzoneFuneral Home lit a candle in memory of Anita L. Sims*



BongarzoneFuneral Home - April 23 at 12:06 PM

LH

We are sending our condolences for the loss of your daughter Anita. We will keep you in our prayers. John & Linda Jane Cataldi Howard

Linda Howard - April 24 at 02:30 AM